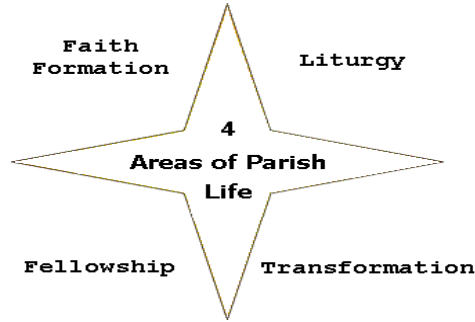




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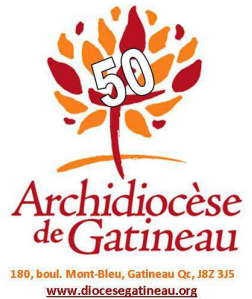
**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**November 30/December 1, 2013**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**FOOD FOR THE WEEK**

**Reading I** Isaiah 2.1-5  
**Responsorial Psalm** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.  
**Reading II** Romans 13.11-14  
**Gospel** Matthew 24.37-44

Jesus is not asking us to stay awake all night, but to live in the present, so that I can recognize the Lord when he appears in my life. He shows himself in the unrehearsed moments, but interruptions and accidents can throw me off balance.

Teach me, Lord to recognize you wherever I encounter you.

**MASSES**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 07- 2013</b>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Special intention by a Parishioner.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 08- 2013</b>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Paul Andre Lanthier by Tom & Isabel Laframboise Norah Renwick by the Estate

**ADVENT**

A cartoon once showed two people in a deep dungeon without windows or doors. The two men were manacled to the wall, chained by hands and feet as well as necks. In this impossible position, one leans over to the other and says, "Here's my plan..."

During Advent, we may feel manacled to the wall because, even though we are gearing ourselves toward Christmas, it is a time in our culture when more money, more energy, more frazzle and hassle are required just to get through. While the churches are preaching gift and peace and hope, inside us are often panic, anxiety

and a sense that we will not have the resources needed to make it through the season. When we feel manacled to the wall during Advent, Christians must lean over to one another and say, “Here’s my plan...”

### WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

The Church prepares for Christmas by **really** preparing for it instead of jumping the gun on it. This preparation takes the form of the Advent Season. A proper observance of Advent may go a long way in helping us maintain the specifically Christian meaning of Christmas. In fact, it will also show up aspects of the Christmas Mystery that the secular observance of Christmas keeps “safely buried”.

If the coming of Christ (not of Santa) is the focus for us as Christians, then we need to be aware of what Jesus Christ has come for and, in many ways, still needs to come for: **a world that cries out for justice, for peace, for light**. The prophets of the Old Testament – whom we hear in the first readings at Mass – keep insisting on that.

#### Advent Banners

We are fortunate to have a set of Advent Banners that are very much in tune with the basic orientation of the Advent Season and with how the Church understands that season as expressed in one of its official documents: “*Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation.*”

One banner depicts Mary upon whom the Spirit of God rested having thus conceived her Son Jesus. The other banner is Lady Wisdom, surrounded by four Old Testament prophets who, in striking images, spell out what the promised Messiah is coming for – something we hear proclaimed in the first reading of the Advent Season: a new kind of world that Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of, but that is still to be constructed in many ways.

#### Advent Wreath

We also have the Advent Wreath with four candles representing the four weeks of Advent. The lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding Our Lord’s first coming into the world and the light signifies Christ, the Light of the world.

#### Advent Literature

To assist us in preparing for Christmas, we have various reflection literatures available, which can be found at the entrance – feel free to take a copy home.



**“The Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour”** (Matthew 24.44). That is a frightening prospect. What if Jesus comes: when there are still about 40,000 people dying every day from hunger? When one fifth of the human race still does not have decent housing? Or when communities from Madagascar to Peru to the Philippines document how the land, water, and health of their communities have been changing since the arrival of Canadian mining companies.

These communities and church leaders are sending an urgent call to **Development and Peace**. They want Canadians to know that the precious minerals and metals under their feet are being extracted and exported, with the promise that the required investment will bring development to their region. However, the revenues from mining are not leading to long-term development for communities, and in many instances, communities are also facing gross injustices. Their voices need to be heard.

The **Development and Peace** fall campaign is asking Canadians to make a difference by joining the campaign. Inserted with the bulletin this week is a Theological Backgrounder: A Voice for Justice. In next week’s bulletin will be another document which spells out exactly how we will be asked to take action.



**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – DIOCESE OF GATINEAU**

At last weekend’s masses, parishioners received a bookmark with a Covenant Pledge – a personal pledge to commit ourselves to continue our growth as a faith community. If you were not in attendance last week, there are extra copies of the Pledge which will be left on the table at the back of the church.

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY:**

Your Prayers are requested for Bertha Laframboise (mother of Colleen and Douglas). Her funeral will be held on Saturday December 07, 11:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Victory Church. Our sympathies are with the Laframboise family.

**SUNDAY MISSALS** as well as the Missals for young Catholics are available at both churches this weekend. The cost is \$6:00.

**HEART AND SOUL CHRISTMAS CONCERT REMINDER:**

Heart and Soul Singers will be performing their Christmas Concert at OLV Church on Thursday Nov 28th at 7:30 pm. The Friday Night Faith Buddies children’s choir will also be part of the evening entertainment. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$8.00 at the door. Coffee and desserts will be served downstairs following the concert.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY TEA:** Our annual Christmas Tea will be held this year on December 7th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. If you have not been called to donate to our Christmas Tea, please consider this your invitation. The Church doors will be opened to receive your goodies as follows:

Friday, December 6 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 am.

This is a time for all of us to enjoy the company of family and friends in a festive atmosphere and a chance to get a start on our Christmas shopping. See you at the Tea!

*OLV Society*

**ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH** is hosting an evening of Christmas carolling for the whole family on Sunday, December 1, at 6:30 pm. Please come, choose your favourite carols, and sing them together with us.

**ST. ALOYSIUS CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE/LUNCH:** Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Bake Sale, Craft Tables, Games and Lunch. This will be held in the Church Hall at 300 rue de l’Abbe-Murray, Gatineau. Everyone welcome.

**THE CHANTERELLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Church hall.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Nov. 23-24 (Sunday)	\$627.00	\$235.00
Nov. 23-24 (Fuel)	\$407.00	\$155:00