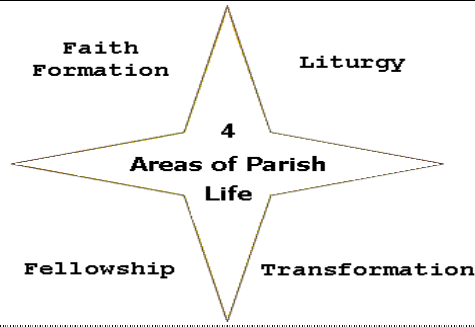




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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**December 7/8, 2013**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**FOOD FOR THE WEEK**

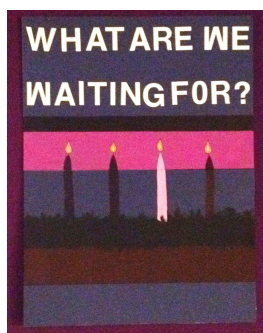
**Reading I** Isaiah 11.1 - 10  
**Responsorial Psalm** In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound forever  
**Reading II** Romans 15.4 - 9  
**Gospel** Matthew 3.1 – 12

Isn't it extraordinary how a mortified, man draws people. We admire one whose needs are minimal, who is the master of his own appetites, who has a deep interior freedom. John the Baptist, with minimal clothes and minimal food, was a magnet. People trusted him because clearly he could not be bought.

Where are the chains on me, the appetites that I have not mastered, and that pull me in ways I do not want? Help me towards a freer heart and body, Lord.

**MASSES**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 14- 2013</b>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving by a parishioner. James Miller (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by the family.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 15- 2013</b>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	James Austin Martin by the family Bertha Laframboise by Tom and Isabel Laframboise



As we approach the wonderful feast of Christmas, the peace that is part of our Christmas prayer often seems only a dream. Even in today's Gospel, John the Baptist, announcing the coming Messiah, speaks of destructive fire and the wrath that is to come. John is trying to prepare his listeners for the one who is coming, and reminds the crowd that we are known by our lives and actions. He calls on his listeners to look at their lives and repent, to make the changes needed to welcome the Christ.

The kind of life John encourages his audience to live is seen in the first reading, which sounds a more positive note. Isaiah looks to a time when there will be peace, when all creatures will live in harmony and what we call paradise will reign. How this will come about is not clear, but Isaiah tells us it will happen when truth prevails and integrity rules. This places the responsibility for peace at the feet of each one of us. Isaiah calls us to live in truth and integrity, to be true children of God, people who make God visible to others.

This is the **Advent** preparation that will bring the peace of Christ to the world. It is living our baptismal faith, recognizing that each of us is responsible for building community, for bringing God to birth in our world.

*(Reflection by Sr. Barbara Bozak in Living with Christ)*



Today's Gospel shows John the Baptist clashing with the Jewish religious authorities. John's message was about justice, about social change. He challenged the people of Israel to get down to the root causes of problems, to uproot unfruitful trees.

In the fall of 2011, after consultation with partners in the Global South, **Development and Peace** launched a 5-year program to promote integral human development consistent with ecological justice. The partners of **Development and Peace** want Canadians to know that the precious minerals and metals found in their countries are being extracted and imported 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.

The action we are taking together this year is to renew the call for an effective ombudsman in Canada that would have the power to investigate complaints, make its findings public and make recommendations to remedy any violations. Recent newspaper clippings on this subject can be found on the board with the **Development and Peace** posters. The insert with this week's bulletin describes injustices faced by some communities as well as the **Development and Peace** action we are being asked to take. Action cards and a petition will be available next week.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Victory
	9:00 PM	St. Malachy
Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Our Lady of Victory
Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 AM	Our Lady of Victory

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Penitential Service on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Victory church.

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:** Your prayers are requested for Michelle Beauchamp Flynn, daughter of Jean & Pierre Beauchamp and wife of James Flynn, whose funeral took place on Saturday December 07 at St. Malachy Parish. Our sympathy is with the family.

**SUNDAY MISSALS** as well as the Missals for Young Catholics are available at both churches this weekend. The cost is \$6.00.

**St. Andrew's United Church** will be hosting an evening of Christmas Caroling on Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. A choice of carols will be presented and those in attendance can choose what they would like to sing. This is a family event – all age groups are welcome.

**THE CHANTERELLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** will be held at Our Lady of Victory church on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

### OLV NEWS

#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Parishioners may not have noticed that Greg is playing a new organ. This organ was donated to OLV by Daniel Lafleur who is the musical director of La Chanterelle and the Heart and Soul Gospel Choirs. Thank you to Daniel.

#### DOES ANYONE WANT AN OLD ORGAN?

Wardens are looking for someone to take away the old organ. If you know of anyone who would be willing to take it away, please advise the Secretary. We need your help!

#### CANDLES

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, the cost of small votive candles will be increased to \$1.00 and the large candles to \$3.00

#### OLV GRIEF SESSIONS

The next Grief Session will be held on Tuesday December 10 at 1:30 pm at OLV Church hall. Everyone is welcome.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Nov. 30-Dec.01(Sunday)	\$479.50	
Nov. 30-Dec.01(Support)	\$401.00	