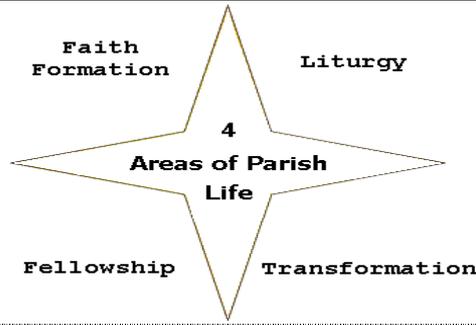




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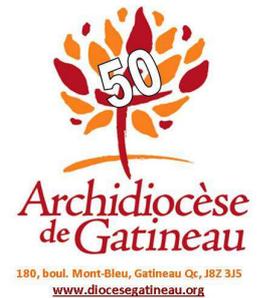
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
 December 14/15, 2013**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

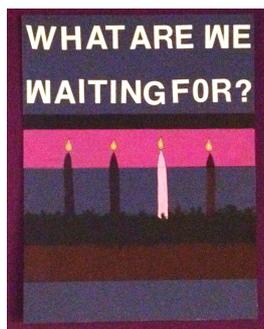
Reading I Isaiah 35.1 – 6a, 10
Responsorial Psalm Lord, come and save us.
Reading II James 5.7 - 10
Gospel Matthew 11.2 - 11

For all the austerity of his life, John spoke to people in words that they could grasp. It was his austerity that drew people's respect and trust. He was a man who cared nothing for comfort, money, or fame, who could not be bought, and who could speak the truth without fear.

What is my reaction? Where does this lead me?

MASSES

Saturday	Dec. 21- 2013	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Frances & James Gaspar by Cheryl & Peter Cameron All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV.
Sunday	Dec. 22- 2013	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Christopher Farnand by Mike Farnand & family



Today, we light a rose-coloured candle in the Advent wreath, a mark of Gaudete (“rejoice”) Sunday. As we have now passed the mid-point of this penitential season, we breathe a little easier and our anticipation rises as we await the coming of our Lord at Christmas.

And who is this One we await? Remember the bumper sticker, “Jesus is the reason for the season”? Banal and vaguely irritating, perhaps, yet on the mark nonetheless. On this particular Sunday, the insistent cheerfulness of the rose candle reinforces the message: He is coming!

In the lives we lead at work or home, we begin to feel a certain intensity to this season. The grind lessens, the daily tasks seem somewhat beside the point. Almost unconsciously, people are kinder to one another. The mood lightens noticeably. We feel that Christmas is just around the corner. At the same time, our seasonal anxiety gets more intense. For many, the season holds only grim reminders of what they do not have, of relationships soured, of old grievances that have eluded resolution.

We are no more immune to the trials and tribulations of the human condition than anyone else. There is nothing about our beliefs that guarantees we will be wiser or better behaved than anyone else. But what we have is a belief in a God who cares so much for us that he gave us his only Son.

“O come, O come Emmanuel,” we sing in Advent – and this week with just a little more gusto.

(Reflection from Word Made Flesh)



In today’s Gospel, we hear that people came to John the Baptist, and his message was a simple one that seems to transcend time and place. It hits us with as powerful an impact as it did the people of his time. The soldiers came and they said, “What should we do?” and he said, “Don’t exploit the people, don’t push them around, don’t manipulate.”

The Baptist is concerned about justice. In Advent we wait. We wait for the Child to be born, and the Child is a Child of justice.

The **Development and Peace** campaign - **A Voice for Justice** - calls on the Government of Canada to establish an independent ombudsman for the Canadian extractive sector that can investigate complaints brought by communities overseas where companies operate. Literature on the campaign has been distributed to parishioners for the past two weeks. This weekend, Action Cards and a Petition will be distributed and parishioners are encouraged to sign both the Action Card and the Petition in order that **Development and Peace** can present the cards to the respective MPs in Ottawa.

Extra copies of the Action Cards and the Petition will be left at the entrance until after Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY MISSALS and Missals for Young Catholics are on sale at a cost of \$6.00.

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 1st 2014, the cost of small votive candles will be increased to \$1.00 and the large candles to \$3.00

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: A basket will be at the back of the Church for your flower donations. Thank You.

WARDENS MEETING will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 PM in Rectory.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Nov. 30 - Dec. 01 - 2013 (Sunday)	\$479.00	\$197.00
Nov. 30 - Dec. 01 - 2013 (Support)	\$401.00	\$154.00
Dec. 07 - 08 - 2013 (Sunday)	\$442.00	\$202.00
Dec. 07 - 08 - 2013 (Christmas Flowers)		\$95.00