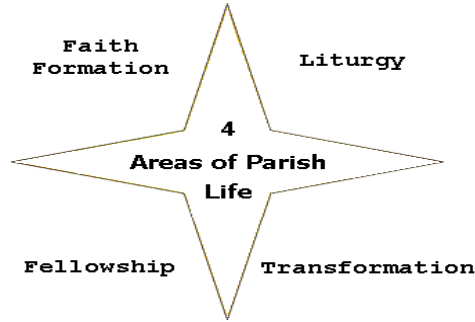




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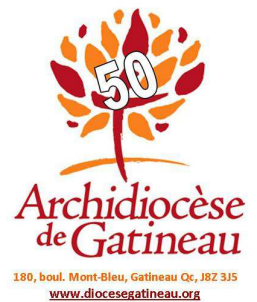
NATIVITY OF THE LORD
December 25, 2013

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading I Isaiah 9.2 -4.6 - 7
Responsorial Psalm Today is born Our Saviour, Christ the Lord
Reading II Titus 2.11-14
Gospel Luke 2.1– 6

1. If you want to find God today, where might you start looking?
2. Do you think the shepherds were the same after their experience?
3. Did they understand what the angels said when they went and found Mary and Joseph and the baby in the stable?
4. What enables you to see the divine in the ordinary?

MASSES

Saturday	Dec. 28 2013	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. Malachy and Our Lady of Victory Parishes
Sunday	Dec. 29 2013	OLV @ 9:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Kelly, Martin, and Weir families by the family Norah Renwick by the Estate Vincent Butler by his wife Mabel
Wednesday	Jan.01 2014	OLV @ 9:00 am	All Parishioners of St. Malachy and Our Lady of Victory Parishes
Saturday	Jan. 04 2013	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Kay & Jack Roos by Ginny
Sunday	Jan. 05 2013	OLV @9:00 a.m.	Norah Renwick by the Estate



Christmas Message from Archbishop Paul-André Durocher

The annual Christmas message from Archbishop Paul-André Durocher is included with this bulletin as an insert.

Reflection on readings from Mass during the Night

(Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7; Titus 2.11-14; and Luke 2.1-16)

If one purchases a laser pointer, there are warnings on the box and in the directions and on the pointer itself: do not look directly into the beam. The laser can do great damage to the eyes. It is a light into which one cannot stare. The readings for this Christmas Mass, on the contrary, ask us to peer into light—to see a great light that dispels darkness and gloom and to identify with the shepherds who were struck with fear by the “glory of the Lord [that] shown around them”.

This Light that engages us, into which we are to peer, is far greater than any laser beam. It is a far greater power than any decree by an emperor. It leads to far more divine destinations than Bethlehem, the city of David. This Light is “Christ and Lord,” the Savior come into the world.

When we hear in this gospel that Jesus was laid in a manger “because there was no room for them in the inn,” we might think ill of the innkeeper. Surely he saw that Mary was far along, about to give birth. Could he not find at least a small room? Could he not make her comfortable in just a corner of the inn, at least where it was warm? Perhaps there were already so many visitors that every corner of the inn was full. But he acted in the light of this Light. He offered Mary and Joseph what he had, poor as it was. He invited them to use his stable with warmth coming from the animals and comfort coming from a bed of straw.

Christmas tends to bring out the best in us, as that first Christmas perhaps brought out the best in the innkeeper: we hear God’s revelation of salvation and we respond in light of this Light. This response is made concrete in actions of kindness, no matter how small. Christmas is always a time of the year that brings out the generosity of people; everyone tries to make room for someone else in their inn. Truly, this birth is like no other. The incarnation is not simply what happens to the divine Son; his taking on human flesh brings all God’s creatures to sing a chorus of endless “Glory to God in the highest.” The Good News and glad tidings includes our own response to God’s wondrous deeds of salvation, to the wondrous Light that shines among us. We are to act in the light of this Light.

Further, the real challenge of this gospel is to carry generosity forth beyond Christmas into our whole year. Each time we respond to God and conform our own will to the divine will, Christmas happens. Each time we reach out to those in need, Christmas happens. Each time we take time to be present to another, Christmas happens. In all these and in countless other simple acts of putting others ahead of ourselves, we lift ourselves to join in the song of the heavenly host, that unceasing chorus of praise and glory. Glory to God in the highest! In all these ways of acting in the light of this Light, we extend the glory of Christmas into every day. May the Light shine!

Reflection from Living Liturgy

Sacramental Preparation

There is still time to register for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Please contact either Linda Cameron at 819-986-8901 or Ellen Butler at 819-986-3860 as soon as possible.

OLV UPDATE

WARDENS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all parishioners a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We would also like to thank all parishioners for your support throughout the year, with a special thanks to all those wonderful volunteers who give so much of their time in support of our faith community.

OLV VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

The annual OLV volunteer appreciation night will be held in the church basement on Friday, January 24th at 7:00 PM. This is a very special evening, as it presents an opportunity to say thanks to all those individuals who contribute to the success of our community. Coordinators are asked to contact their team members and advise the Secretary by January 14th on the number of people who plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual OLV/La Chanterelle Christmas concert was held on December 11th – it was an excellent evening! Profits from the evening are divided evenly between the parish and the Choir. OLV's share of the profits is \$650. Thanks to all who came out and supported this event.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Recently, the OLV Society presented the Wardens with a cheque in the amount of \$2,900. On behalf of all parishioners, the Wardens would like to thank the Society for their continuous support for our community. Well done!

ANONYMOUS CHRISTMAS GIFT

The Wardens would like to thank one of our parishioners who anonymously donated an amount of \$1,000 in support of our parish.

CANDLES

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

2014 Sunday Envelopes

Boxes of Sunday envelopes are now available at the back of the church.

If you are new to our parish and you wish to obtain your own envelopes, please get in touch with the Secretary.