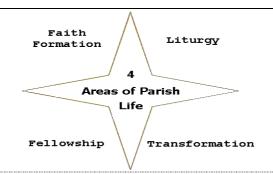


Our Lady of Victory 490 Charles Street Gatineau, Québec J8L 2K5



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 4-5, 2014



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Sunday 9:00 AM Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday 7:00 PM

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#### FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading I Isaiah 60. 1 – 6

Responsorial Psalm Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

**Reading II** Ephesians 3. 2 -3a, 5 - 6 **Gospel** Matthew 2. 1 - 12

- As Jesus' life begins to unfold for us, the gospel writers underline that Jesus was excluded: born outside, in a stable, acclaimed as a king but immediately under the threat from those who held the political power.
- The three wise men were also outsiders; they are our spiritual forebears; through them we are invited to approach the Messiah.
- Lord, teach me to recognize God's children and welcome them.

## **MASSES**

Saturday	Jan.11, 2014	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Michael Butler by Shirley
Sunday	Jan.12, 2014	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	J.P Robitaille by Friends of the kitchen. Betty McGee, by her son for a special intention.



## **Have You Had Your Own Epiphany?**

The essential human desire is to experience God. With such an experience firmly embedded in our hearts, we go through life with an inner peace and surety – God is with us. Without such an experience, whether we know it or not, we are unsettled and always searching.

Epiphany is the feast of finding God. The long trek of the Magi is a symbol of the human search for the divine. When they finally found Jesus, God with us, "they were overjoyed."

Now is the time to look at our own lives. Do we have a solid, inner assurance that God is with us? If not, begin the Magi's trek, searching for God in the here and now. Ask God to reveal the divine self to you.

If you have already experienced your own Epiphany, give thanks to God for such a great gift. Finding the Lord, the Magi bowed down and worshipped.

Reflection by Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti

# **Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions**

**Living Faith** provides brief daily Catholic devotions based on one of the Mass readings of the day. Published new each quarter, these reflections are written by women and men from a variety of backgrounds – lay people as well as clergy and religious. Living Faith writers include such well-known Catholic authors as Amy Welborn, Sr. Joyce Rupp and Msgr. Stephen Rossetti.

We have recently subscribed to 15 copies of *Living* Faith, which will be left on tables at the entrance of our churches (5 copies at St. Malachy and 10 copies at OLV). Please feel free to take a copy home with you – first come/first served.



# Activities in full swing thanks to your generosity

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has increased support to relief efforts in the Philippines thanks to the outpouring of generosity from across the country in response to Typhoon Haiyan.

In the aftermath of the disaster, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE immediately began to collaborate with Caritas Philippines-NASSA, which is distributing food, water and other essential items in areas that were hardest hit by the storm. These include remote parts of the islands of Palawan and Panay, which have received less attention than other islands, yet still suffered enormous devastation. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has just contributed an additional \$1 million to the efforts of Caritas Philippines-Nassa as it continues to bring aid to the most vulnerable affected by this disaster.

All of this was made possible by the nearly \$5 million in donations that have been received so far in solidarity with the victims of this natural disaster. Our two parishes sent a total of \$1,405 (\$430 from St. Malachy and \$975 from OLV) – two very generous parishes indeed!

## A Voice for Justice

The Actions Cards and petition for the Fall Campaign will be delivered to the Diocesan Council next week. The Transformation Committee thanks all those who participated in this very important campaign.



The Lions Club annual telethon held on Sunday, December 1st raised over \$70,000 – another successful activity!

The funds raised helped in the distribution of Christmas baskets to the needy, distribution of gifts to children, distribution of gifts to seniors in CHSLD Papineau & private residences and patients at the hospital, as well as various donations to social organizations in L'Ange-Gardien, Masson-Angers and Buckingham.

Thank you to all who participated in our parish collections (a total of \$470 was presented to the Lions Club during the Telethon) as well as all those who made pledges during the Telethon. Thank you also to the Lions Club for organizing this fund-raising activity and to all their volunteers who made the distribution of baskets and gifts, as well as the members of La Chanterelle who provided their talents at various stops during the distributions.

#### **OLV UPDATE**

#### **OLV VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT**

The annual OLV volunteer appreciation night will be held in the church basement on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> on the number of people who plan to attend.

#### **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

## JUST IN CASE

Just a reminder that Our Lady of Victory parish is a charity that is recognized by Revenue Canada and thus enables the parish to provide tax receipts. Recently, Revenue Canada has increased the tax credit for charitable donations. Therefore, your tax credits on a charitable donation to the parish under the present regulations could be as much as 50% of your charitable donations.

## INCIDENT AT OLV CHURCH

Recently, the Gatineau Fire Department responded to a call from the church regarding a "burning smell" that was quite intense. Many people saw the fire trucks in front of the church and all kinds of questions and rumours were circulating. The firemen on site undertook a detailed inspection and found everything with respect to wiring, etc. was in order and that the smell was likely from burning plastic inside one of the large candles.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
December 25, (Christmas Collection)	\$3, 660.00	

### ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! You may have come from other places. You may have been "away for a while". Be assured that we love to have you among us. We would appreciate it very much if you identified yourself at Mass. It would also help if you would take the time to contact the Secretary for a registration form. The next time you are with us, you may leave this form in the collection basket. Welcome!