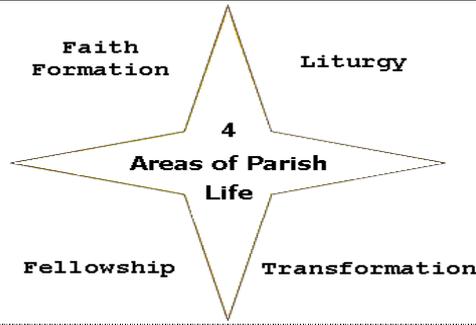




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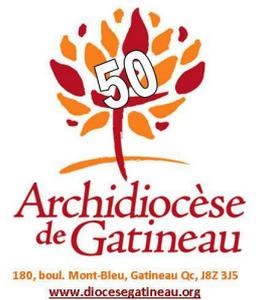
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 18-19, 2014

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading I Isaiah 49. 3, 5-6
Responsorial Psalm Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.
Reading II 1 Corinthians 1.1-3
Gospel John 1.29-34

- Somehow John the Baptist realized that this Jesus is the one to come. In the guidance of the Spirit, John has come to make Jesus known, and in Jesus' baptism John realized – he knew in his deepest being – that this was the Son of God.
- What we know and discover in prayer, in our hearts, is often difficult to share or prove to another. Today, allow yourself to open your heart to what the Spirit of God teaches in prayer.

MASSES

Wednesday	Jan. 22	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	Hugh McFaul by the OLV Society
Saturday	Jan. 25	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Michael Butler by Shirley Alice Brazeau Corrigan (15 Anniversary) by the Corrigan family
Sunday	Jan. 26	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Hugh McFaul by Thomas & Isabel Laframboise

Things are back to “Ordinary” in the Church

We are now into “Ordinary Time”, as it is called in church language. The calendar that the Church follows is very much as in life itself; we have our high and low points, and a lot of grey and ordinary areas in between. In all of it, Jesus Christ is the one who leads the way for us and in whom God graces us.

Easter is late this year, April 20th and that means that we will be in Ordinary Time until Lent which begins on March 5th.

Thanks to those who contributed to making the Advent-Christmas season with its celebrations significant for our ongoing faith journey.

Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25. Pope John XXIII had a special sensitivity to the disunity in Christianity, and he himself brought much healing to those long alienated from the Roman Catholic Church. It was on January 25 that he announced the convocation of Vatican II. The Decree of Ecumenism of Vatican II opens with the statement, "The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council". During this week, let us pray that all Christians might one day be united in the one church of Christ.

New Schedule for Fr. Gyan

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, the following will be Fr. Gyan's schedule on Wednesdays:

10:00 Mass

10:30 to noon – meetings with committees of both parishes

PM – meetings with parishioners

To set up a meeting with Fr. Gyan, please contact the parish Secretary.

The Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), participated in the November 2013 pilgrimage and meeting in Mexico, "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization in the American Continent". Archbishop Durocher was part of a panel on the "Continental Mission", giving his personal perspective on the priorities and importance of mission and evangelization for the Church in Canada.

Over the next few weeks, we will be publishing Archbishop Durocher's presentation in the bulletin – Part 2 of 4 can be found this weekend:

THE SPECIAL PRIORITIES AND EMPHASES OF THE 'CONTINENTAL MISSION' FOR THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Our Rural Communities

The second Canadian reality I want to present is that of rural Canada, where 20 percent of our total population lives. This includes not only the vast prairies of Western Canada, but also the agricultural areas throughout our country that used to be characterized by many small family farms. These old family farms are practically disappearing, being replaced by large, industrial farming operations that are highly mechanized and computerized, leading to a loss of employment. Rural Canada also includes our vast forestlands. Unfortunately, a slowdown in the demand for paper products and construction lumber has led to the closure of many paper mills and sawmills, again resulting in the loss of employment. The one rural sector which is growing economically is the extractive sector: mining, oil and natural gas. However, new modes of exploitation often bring workers to the site for long periods of time, separating them from their families, creating artificial communities where social problems abound. The traditional villages and small cities of rural Canada are slowly declining as young people leave to study and find work in the cities.

This has had a major impact on the Church. Our countryside used to be dotted by the bell towers of churches, calling families and friends to gather for the liturgy. Now, parishes are being twinned, grouped, fused and closed in an effort to gather and concentrate the remaining vital forces. Priests are spread thin as they try to cover greater and greater territories. The challenge of simply keeping country parishes open is monopolizing energy, to the point that there is little time or resources left for evangelizing. It is difficult to be a Church that "goes to the periphery" when the parish itself feels like it is already "on the edge" of its own survival.

In this context, I believe the pastoral conversion to which we are called is "communion": not the communion which turns us into ourselves, but the communion which opens us to the common faith shared by all members of the Church. Given the diminishing resources of our rural areas, it is becoming imperative that we break out of our traditional structures to reach out to others in collaboration. Did not Saint Paul deplore the tendency of the Corinthians to break into small cliques, each with its own claim to identity, risking the unity of the broader Church? In French, we have an expression: "L'esprit de clocher", the spirit of the bell tower, which speaks to this tendency to turn in on ourselves and cut ourselves off from the other in an unproductive climate of pride and autonomy. "L'esprit de clocher" is not "l'Esprit du Christ", the Spirit of Christ. Many dioceses are presently involved in fostering new collaboration: collaboration between priests and lay leaders, collaboration between parishes in a given area, collaboration between parishes and movements, collaboration among the Christian Churches, collaboration between generations. This collaboration must be rooted in a deep sense of communion, and is essential if the new evangelization is to take root and flourish in rural Canada. As Saint Paul appealed: "That there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose" (1 Corinthians 1.10). The pastoral conversion that confronts us in rural Canada is communion.

Next week: Our urban centres

St. Malachy News

On behalf of all parishioners, a big thank you to all volunteers who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season and to the choir who led us in songs of praise. As usual, a job well done. Also, a special thank you to parishioners, family and friends who attend our Christmas Eve Eucharistic Celebration.

Thank you to Gladys Miller whose term as warden ended on December 31, 2013. Gladys served two consecutive terms as warden. Thank you to Philip Miller who has agreed to join the Parish team and to Leila Corrigan for accepting a second term.

The Fabrique wardens are Peter Cameron, Leila Corrigan, Shirley Ellement, Philip Miller, Lorraine McDermid, Jeffrey Sellers and Joan Teske, Chairperson. On behalf of all parishioners, a heartfelt thank you for your commitment in support of our faith community and church.

St. Malachy Wardens' Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 22nd 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Empowering Mature Christian Disciples: Facilitating Adult Groups - Free course at St. Mark's

Baptized in Christ, we all have a role to play in the growth of others in their faith, whether in our homes, among friends, or within our parish community. The pastoral priorities for the diocese in the coming year call us to support lay people to participate in pastoral ministry. To help parishioners develop the needed identity, vision and skills, St. Mark's will be hosting two half-day workshops (February 1, 9:30-12:00 and March 1, 9:30-12:00) on **Empowering Mature Christian Disciples: Facilitating Adult Groups**, with Carol Kuzmochka from St. Paul University.

These workshops are relevant for all parishioners and will provide particular help for anyone in a leadership role in the parish (Parish council or wardens) or involved in one of the sacramental preparation programs, or who would like to lead activities for other adults in the parish. The workshops are free and are open to all parishioners, so we especially welcome those who are not yet involved, but who may want to reflect on their leadership role for the future. It would help us in our planning to have a general idea of how many people will participate, so if it is possible for you to RSVP, please leave a message with the parish office (819) 684-6926 or contact Julie Cool at pastoral_agent_stmark@bellnet.ca.

Prayers & Sympathy

Your prayers are requested for Mavis Burke Hurley, whose funeral took place last Wednesday. Our sympathy is with the Burke & Hurley families.

St. Patrick's Tea

The OLV Society is looking for a Convenor for the Tea which will be held on Saturday, March 15. If you are interested, please contact Clare, Evelyn or Monique, or the office at 819-986-3763.

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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!