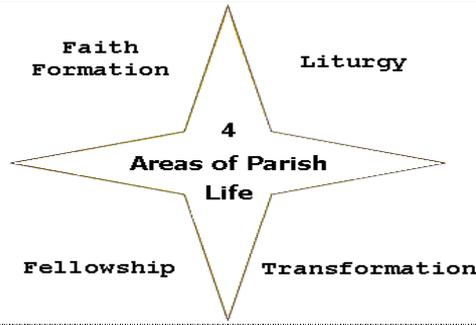




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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
February 1-2, 2014

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading I Malachi 3.1-4
Responsorial Psalm The lord of hosts, he is king of glory!
Reading II Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18
Gospel Luke 2.22-40

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Because Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Savior even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, he was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory to your people Israel."

We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord.

MASSES

Wednesday	Feb. 05	OLV @10:00 a.m.	All parishioners of Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy
Saturday	Feb. 08	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Pearl (3 rd Ann.) & Benjamin French (21 st . Ann.) by the family
Sunday	Feb. 09	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Mavis Burke Hurley by Peter & Marjorie Burke

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.

New Schedule for Parish Secretary

As a result of Fr. Gyan's new schedule, the Parish Secretary will be in the office at different hours on Wednesdays, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), 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.

This week, we are publishing the last part of Archbishop Durocher's presentation, on Quebec, as well as his concluding remarks:

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

Quebec

Finally, the fourth reality I want to name today is French Canada, particularly Quebec. I am sure you have heard of the great changes that have characterized Quebec society in the past 60 to 70 years. These changes started before the Second Vatican Council. However, the Council coincided with a social revolution in Quebec that led to an unprecedented wave of secularization which has not finished running its course. In many ways, Quebec society can no longer be considered Christian. The popular support for laws authorizing euthanasia and excluding religion from the public sphere is a symptom of this fact. The impact on the Church has been huge. The Church has been barred from our schools. Often, we only see children or youth when there is a Baptism, a First Communion or a Confirmation. Many parishes are closing. Religious orders are simply fading away. Dioceses are cutting staff and programs as they try to adjust to falling revenues.

To which pastoral conversion are we being called in this context? The word that comes to mind for me is "renewal". Archbishop Charles Chaput reminded us of the words of the risen Christ in the Book of Revelation (21.5): "See, I am making all things new." In Quebec, the pastoral conversion we are called to embrace is to accept the newness the Spirit wants to breathe into our lives. We are learning to articulate a new meaning to our past history which is neither the "épopée" ("heroic song") of the Canadian national anthem, nor the "grande noirceur" ("the great darkness") of a certain school of Quebec historical analysis. In doing this, we are discovering a new sense of our place within the broad society in Quebec, and of the gifts and vision we can bring to this people. We are moving beyond the patrimony of buildings and statues, into a new sense of the patrimony of the Spirit which we have received and which we must nurture and pass on to future generations. We are exploring new ways of living our Baptism and Confirmation as witnesses to the faith and as missionary disciples of the Lord. We are developing new ways of catechizing both children and adults.

There are many signs of hope. New movements and new forms of religious life such as Marie-Jeunesse and the annual Montée-Jeunesse ("Youth Summit") are helping young people discover a vibrant, committed Church. Events such as the International Eucharistic Congress of 2008, and the upcoming 350th anniversary in 2014 of the founding in Québec City of the first parish north of the Spanish Colonies, help reanimate a sense of vitality. Our sanctuaries continue to be centres of worship and prayer, even as walking pilgrimages become ever more popular. The Bishops of Quebec have written a number of documents over the years concerning the new reality we must embrace. Our catechetical office, the Office de catéchèse du Québec, has been responding to this new situation with resources adapted for today. Many people remain committed, even as we worry about the future. I believe we are truly embracing the newness of the Spirit, as a new way of gathering in community and going into mission is slowly being birthed in Quebec.

In conclusion

Thus do I complete my tour of the Canadian reality. Though I have stressed the challenging situation which is ours, I would not want to end without speaking of the signs of hope. I think one of the greatest of these is the commitment and high degree of competence of so many lay men and women in our dioceses and movements. They take seriously the task of evangelizing and catechizing, of bringing the Good News to the poor as they walk in solidarity and reach out to foster greater social justice in our country. Many of them are involved in adult faith formation, in theology, in leadership roles. For me, this is a fruit of the Council, and one for which we must give thanks to God.

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

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.

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.

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.

We will also require a Convenor for the Christmas Tea. Our Craft ladies have started to plan, and in some cases make their items for the Christmas Tea. All items are donated 100%. (No fees charged).

The total of their donations is between \$300.00 to \$500.00 for this event .If no one comes forward, we will not only lose the revenue from the entrance and food table **BUT** also from these dedicated ladies and fellow parishioners. The hall and kitchen have been reserved for these two events. Would anyone please consider and step forward.

Thanks. The Society

The Importance of Singing

Last fall, the choir at OLV began singing communion hymns from our new song book "Breaking Bread". In December, the Parish purchased extra copies of "Breaking Bread" for the congregation, so that we could sing these new hymns together. In order to get better acquainted with these new hymns, we have set aside a little time each Wednesday, before the 10:00 a.m. mass, to begin learning new hymns – from 9:30 a.m. until the mass begins at 10:00 a.m. Everybody is welcome.

Printing Costs

The wardens of both parishes are always looking for ways to reduce costs. One area of concern is photocopier/fax expenses. We have decided to keep track of the number of copies that are being produced in order to do an analysis to determine if we have the right equipment. In order to do this, a record sheet will be developed to track the number of copies being printed or faxed. Starting February 1st to April 30th 2014, a sheet will be posted on the wall near the photocopier to track this information. We are asking your cooperation in completing the form with the required information. Thank you.

Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, February 22nd, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 54 will host its annual Pancake Breakfast, in partnership with OLV. Breakfast will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 AM at the Legion Hall. The menu will include pancakes, sausages and beans. Starting on January 26th, tickets will go on sale prior to mass. Tickets can also be obtained from the Parish Secretary. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12 years old. This event will be the only fund raising activity this winter, as there will be no Valentine's dance this year. So, we need your support. Profits from this event will go to OLV.

Grief Session: The next Grief Session will be held on Tuesday February 11 at 1:30 p.m., at Our Lady Victory Church hall.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
January 25-26-2014 (Sunday)	\$387.00	
January 25-26-2014 (Fuel)	\$273.00	