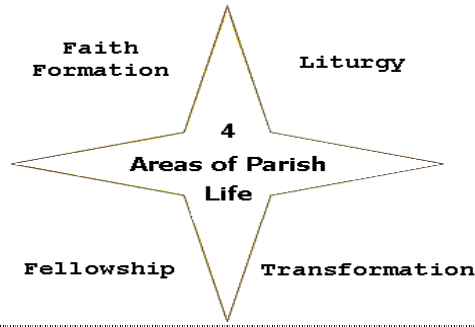




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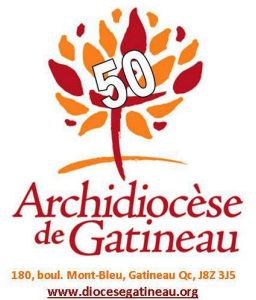
**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 22-23, 2014**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading I Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm The Lord is merciful and gracious.
Reading II 1 Corinthians 3.16-23
Gospel Matthew 5.38-48

How do I respond to these teachings in the Sermon on the Mount? Dismiss them as idealistic, impractical, too radical? How do I face the challenge they offer?
Here is the lesson of the Cross in front of me. When I see things in the transforming light of Jesus, lifted up on the Cross, some things are reversed, but all things are different.

MASSES

Wednesday	Feb. 26	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy Parishes
Saturday	March 01	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Mavis Burke Hurley by Gregory & Pat Lavell
Sunday	March 02	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Muriel Preston (6 th anniversary) by Gail & Neil Norah Renwick (1st anniversary) by Nicole

A Sunday Reflection from Loyola Press – a Jesuit Ministry
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Matthew 5:38 – 48
But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

The last two contrasts offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth.

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as “complete”. We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

Ash Wednesday Alert

A reminder to parishioners that the Ash Wednesday celebration for OLV and St. Malachy will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm at OLV.

St. Malachy Wardens’ Meeting

There will be a Wardens’ Meeting at St. Malachy parish next Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 pm in the church sacristy.

Our Two Parishes Working Together

The wardens of both parishes have agreed to the formation of an Inter-Parish Planning Committee to strengthen support for Fr. Gyan and parishioners. The role of the committee is defined below:

Inter – Parish Planning Committee for Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy Parishes

Overview

There has been an identified need to provide more consultative support for Father Gyan, as well as a need for overall coordination of Parish activities within the four poles of church life: liturgy, faith formation, fellowship and transformation. This proposal will be considered a pilot project and will be evaluated following one year of activity. In addition, there is a need to improve our communication capabilities to better inform parishioners on various issues. Key areas of responsibility will be to:

1. Provide leadership, information sharing and content planning in the area of the 4 poles
2. Provide oversight and coordination of the content in the weekly Parish bulletin
3. Respond to specific requests from the Diocese
4. Develop, in conjunction with the Wardens, special projects as required (i.e. training, education, retreats, etc.)
5. Develop an approach for sacramental preparation
6. Seek, in partnership with the Wardens, to recruit more volunteers in support of liturgical celebrations and other parish activities

Committee Structure

The Committee will be comprised of Fr. Gyan and two representatives from each Parish. The Chairpersons of the Fabriques can also participate. Representatives for OLV: Paul Jeffrey and Linda Cameron; St. Malachy: Ellen Butler and a yet to be named second representative.

Committee’s Relationship with the Wardens

The Wardens are responsible for the administration and financial management of the Parishes. Any proposals around administration, expenses or infrastructure changes require Warden’s approval.

Prepared by two Fabrique Chairpersons

February 3, 2014

NOTE: In response to questions raised by parishioners, this new Committee does not replace any existing committees.

OLV News

Tax Receipts

If you wish to receive a receipt for your donations please put a self-addressed and stamped envelope in the collection basket or at the office, to the attention of the Secretary. Receipts will be mailed or you may call to pick them up (819-986-3763.) There are still envelopes for 2014 available. If you are new to the Parish or wish to begin using envelopes, you may call the office at the number above.

Our Lady of Knock Shrine

This year, we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the Shrine. It would be appreciated if anyone has any pictures or other information of historical note to share. Pictures from the last ten years would be most helpful. Please contact Jean Dunnigan at 819-986-8763. Anyone who would like to sit on a sub-committee re the planning of this event could also contact Jean.

OLV Society

1. Ann Poirier has accepted to be Convenor for the St. Patrick's Tea and will be helped by Clare Flynn. Circle your calendars for Saturday, March 15 and come enjoy an afternoon of friendship and good food. The Christmas Tea will also be convened by Ann with the help of Monique. So ladies, continue with your craft making and we will have your tables set up to sell your wares. Thanks ladies for saving our teas.
2. On Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Monique and Ann will be holding a Garage Sale, Craft Sale, etc. Anyone interested in purchasing a table for \$15.00 can call Monique at 986-3166 or Ann at 986-3813. We furnish the table – YOU bring in your goodies for sale and YOU take home whatever was not sold at your table. Coffee, tea and sandwiches will also be sold.

All monies raised will go to the Church.

Tax Clinic

The Centre Action Générations des Aînés (Seniors Centre) is offering a Tax Clinic to seniors (55+ years of age) with a gross annual income of \$25,000 or less, or couples whose combined annual income is \$35,000 or less. See poster at the entrance.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
February 15-16-2014 (Sunday)	\$433.00	\$264.00

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!