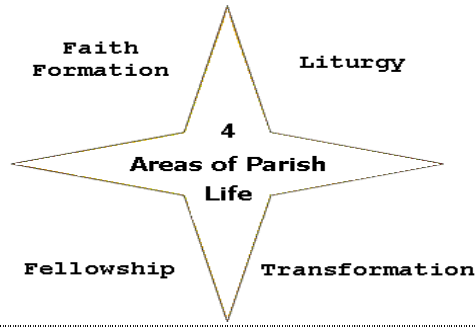




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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6-7, 2014

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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Food for Thought

Reading I Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm *Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation*
Reading II 2 Peter 3.8-14
Gospel Mark 1.1-8

John the Baptist preached forgiveness. This is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. We are a forgiven people, and we welcome the forgiveness of God in our repentance.

This means we are firstly grateful for forgiveness – that we do not have to carry forever the burden of our sin, meanness, faults and failings. God covers them over in mercy.

The second step of welcoming forgiveness is to try to do better in life – to move on from this sinfulness and meanness to a life of care, compassion, love and joy, and to make steps to forgive others.

MASSES

Thursday	Dec. 11th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Lena & Hugh McFaul by the Estate
Saturday	Dec.13th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Dennis Butler by Patricia & Greg Lavell Reginald Lavell by Ellen & Alvin Butler & Family
Sunday	Dec. 14th	OLV @ 9:00 am	James Austin Martin by the Family Lena & Hugh McFaul by the Estate

Confessions at Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy Parishes

Fr. Albanus will be available for confessions on a regular basis on the following days:

Thursday from 9:15 to 9:30 am at Our Lady of Victory

Saturday from 6:20 to 6:50 pm at St. Malachy

Sunday from 8:15 to 8:45 am at Our Lady of Victory or by appointment.

Parishioners are also invited to join in praying the Rosary before all Masses.

ADVENT: A TIME OF JOYFUL ANTICIPATION

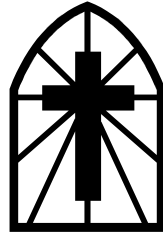
Advent is a time that reflects the joy of anticipation, and the expectation, of Jesus' first coming when he appeared on earth. Advent is a time of preparation, and as such becomes a time of desire, longing and expectancy.

The Church prepares for the coming of Jesus in many ways:

- Through the Old Testament – the banner at the front of the Church, on the left, shows Lady Wisdom in the center surrounded by four Old Testament prophets from whom the first Scripture readings at Mass are taken in the season of Advent;
- Through John the Baptist who shows us that Advent is a time of conversion;
- Through Mary – the banner on the right holds an image of Mary. The Holy Spirit hovers over her and thus she conceives the Saviour of the world. If there is one who knows what it is to wait and to live Advent, it is obviously Mary.

Until the last Sunday of Advent, the emphasis is on the coming of Jesus at the end of time. The theme then switches to the coming of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem – *now is the time to set out the nativity scenes*. Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

MASS SCHEDULE – CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S



The following is the Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule for Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy Parishes:

Wednesday	December 24 th	7:00 pm	Mass at Our Lady of Victory
Wednesday	December 24 th	9:00 pm	Mass at St. Malachy
Thursday	December 25 th	9:00 am	Mass at Our Lady of Victory
Thursday	January 1 st	9:00 am	Mass at Our Lady of Victory

The Penitential Service will be held on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Victory.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

As was announced last week, Alma (Parish secretary for both parishes) will be retiring at the end of December. If you are interested in applying for the position of secretary, please contact Bill Cameron at (819) 986-8901, prior to December 17th, to find out more about the position.

ST. MALACHY NEWS

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Edgar Conroy whose funeral was on Saturday. Our prayers and sympathy are with his family during this difficult time.

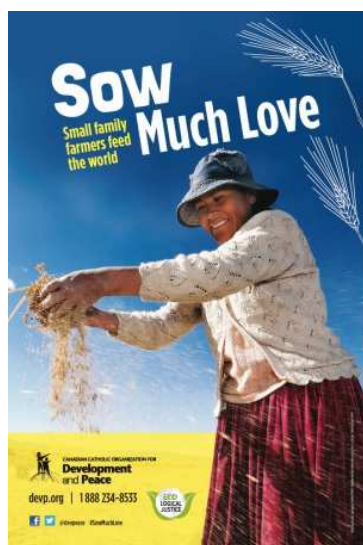


Our handout this week is a **sticker** - a great way to bring more visibility to the campaign. Also we have a brochure "**One Human Family Food for All**".

http://www.devp.org/sites/www.devp.org/files/documents/materials/devpeace_sharelent2014_magazine.pdf

In this brochure we find out 1 out of every 8 of God's children suffers from hunger. To die of hunger in our world of plenty is a scandal and denies the most basic human right.

Read about the realities of living in countries such as Colombia, Peru, Haiti, etc.



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS

Christmas Concert with La Chanterelle

On Wednesday, December 17th, La Chanterelle will be holding its annual Christmas Concert. The profits from this event are shared equally with OLV, so it is important that we support this activity. Ticket prices are \$12 each or 2 for \$20.

Desserts and coffee will be served after the concert and anyone wishing to donate a dessert should contact Susan Lemieux at 819-281-5487.

Tickets can be obtained from the secretary or the wardens.

Praise the Lord with Flowers

In today's bulletin, you will find an envelope. The objective of this envelope is to encourage parishioners to donate funds to purchase flowers for Christmas, while at the same time permitting the parish to provide tax refunds for these donations. Help us beautify our Church for Christmas and thanks to all our parishioners for their ongoing support.

Place These Dates on Your Calendar

On Friday, January 16th, we will be holding our annual Volunteer Appreciation Night. More information to follow.

On Saturday, February 14th, we will be holding a Valentines Dance. Something new this year, the dance will be held at Charlie's Ranch, 1361 Route 315. Music will be provided by Lorne Daly and the Ricochet Riders. More information to follow.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
November 29-30, 2014 - Sunday Offering	\$592.00	\$240.00