

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20-21, 2014

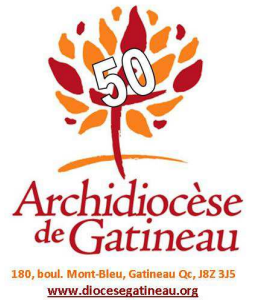
St. Malachy
3889 Route 315
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Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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Food for Thought

Reading 1 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Responsorial Psalm *Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord*
Reading II Romans 16.25-27
Gospel Luke 1.26-38

Christmas highlights the belief that God is in all of us. We can ignore that or we can help God be found in all of us. God is active through each of us for each other.

In the visit of Mary, God came close to Elizabeth in the ordinary and homely moments of every day. These Advent and Christmas days give us the space to allow the huge, eternal mystery become part of the everyday.

MASSES

Wednesday - Christmas Eve	Dec. 24th	OLV @ 7:00 pm	All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy
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Thursday – Christmas Day	Dec. 25th	OLV @ 9:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy
Saturday	Dec. 27th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Ester & John Lavell by Patricia & Greg Lavell
Sunday	Dec. 28th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Leo Teske by Isabel & Thomas Laframboise Deceased Members of the Martin & Weir Families by the Family
Thursday - New Year's Day	Jan. 1st	OLV @ 9:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy
Saturday	Jan. 3rd	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Gladys Miller by Gerald Miller
Sunday	Jan. 4th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Jerry Lawlis by the OLV Society
Thursday	Jan. 8th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Jerry Lawlis by the Community

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE WARDENS

The wardens of Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy would like to wish all our parishioners, family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those volunteers who contributed so wonderfully to the well-being of our faith community. We remain grateful for your support.

BAPTISMS

Last weekend the following three children received the Sacrament of Baptism and became members of our Christian Communities. Please remember them and their parents in your prayers.

St. Malachy - Tiana, Mia Miller - daughter of Christine Cadieux & Randal Miller
OLV - Gabriel, Yvan, Marc Lafleur - son of Aime Tassé & Marc Lafleur
- Alexia, Cecilia Patry - daughter of Catherine Barrett & Mario Patry

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP DECEMBER 2014 – “CHRISTMAS, HOPE FOR HUMANITY”

Let us pray that the birth of our Redeemer brings peace and hope to all people of good will.

Reflection on Social Issues

We live in a consumer society, a performance society, a society which values seeming before being. December is a month of over-consumption and often of indebtedness, a frantic race against the clock: parties, shopping, preparation of food, receptions; it is also a race to bring the professional year to a close. We experience this time of year as a period of stress, anxiety, agitation and even sadness. And yet, it is a time of joy, hope, love brotherhood, sharing and celebration.

Our Faith Response

As Christians, we experience Advent as a time of waiting, reflection, meditation and sharing. On Christmas Day we will celebrate the birth of our Saviour, our Redeemer, the “*Prince of Peace*” (Is. 9:5), Emmanuel “*God with us*”. This period announces peace in our hearts and hope for a better world. Our gift exchanges, are they not a sign of friendship, sharing, and joy in and towards one another? It is a time when we recall the unconditional love of Jesus for each one of us. Let us allow the Spirit to fashion us from the inside so that we are able to live out our Christmas in truth, in simplicity and in peace. : Joy is within our reach and we are the ones responsible for it. Access to it is through faith and love” (Beauchamp, Andre, Prions en eglise, Dec. 2014, page 81). With Mary, let us reiterate our “yes” to love.

Questions We Need to Ask Ourselves

Sunday 21, December 2014: I celebrate the Christmas season with family and friends. I take these opportunities to get closer to those with whom I have strained relationships.

Sunday 28, December 2014: How will I keep living within the spirit of Christmas in the coming year by my solidarity with those in need?

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

If you have not picked up your weekly envelopes they are available at the back of our Churches. If you are new to OLV Parish or would like to start using envelopes, please call the office at 819 986-3763. For St. Malachy Parish, please take an unmarked box and the first time you use the envelope, clearly mark your name and address on it so you can be entered into our records. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS

Place These Dates on Your 2015 Calendar

Friday, January 16th - Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night. More information will follow.

Saturday, February 14th - 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 will follow.



This is our "**ACTION DAY**".

We have brought a petition to sign as mentioned last week. Small family farms feed half the world's population. Farmers need access to local seeds that are adapted to their area to grow food. We need to inform our elected officials of the necessity that small family farmers have the right to continue to use the seeds that they have preserved for generations. We need to listen to the people who are feeding us now and will feed us in the future and ensure that their right to sow, conserve, sell and exchange seeds is respected

Copies of the petition will be left at the back of the Church for a few weeks, in order to give everyone a chance to sign.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
December 13-14, 2014 - Sunday Offering	\$565.00	\$278.00
Flowers	\$298.00	\$96.00

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 fill out a registration form. The next time you are with us, you may leave it in the collection basket or give it to one of the ushers or to the priest. Welcome!