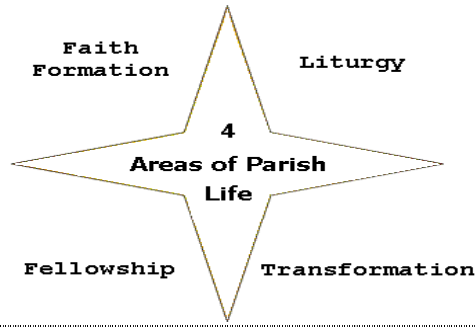




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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

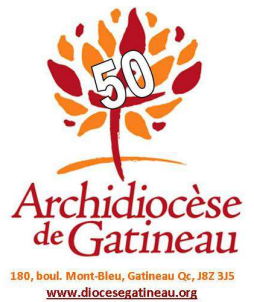
January 10-11, 2015

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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Food for Thought

Reading 1 Isaiah 55.1-11
Responsorial Psalm *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation*
Reading II 1 John 5.1-9
Gospel Mark 1.7-11

- Image yourself there standing in the shallows. The water flowing around your ankles. Allow the story to unfold.
- The young man from Nazareth joins the queue waiting for John's baptism: a symbol of purifying, but also of birth – coming in out of the waters of the womb into a new life as God's beloved child.
- Lord, when I realize that you love me and are well pleased with me, it is like the start of a new life, as I hear your voice, I know that I have a purpose and a destiny.

MASSES

Saturday	Jan. 10th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Lisa Fournier by Leslie & Terry Brennan
Sunday	Jan. 11th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Jerry Lawlis by the Community
Thursday	Jan. 15th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Special Intention by Parishioner
Saturday	Jan. 17th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Gladys Miller by Alvin Miller
Sunday	Jan. 18th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Mary Elizabeth Laframboise by Thomas & Isabel Laframboise Deceased Members of the Findlay and Carriere Families by Dorothy, Claude & Melissa Carriere

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:

Our Lady of Victory	Thursday	9:15 am to 9:30 am
St. Malachy	Saturday	6:20 pm to 6:50 pm
Our Lady of Victory	Sunday	8:15 am to 8:45 am

or by appointment.

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

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This feast concludes the Christmas season, so Monday begins the first part of the season of Ordinary Time. Since the poinsettia flower is so closely associated with the Christmas season, they should now be removed from our sacred space - on Monday the space must clearly reflect that it is Ordinary Time. Next week, our church decoration will be changed to reflect Ordinary Time, up to the first day of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP JANUARY, 2015 – “THE PROMOTION OF PEACE”

For all those who come from different religious traditions and for those government organizations responsible for promoting peace; that they collaborate in the promotion of peace, especially in their decision-making.

Social Reflection:

Quebec and Canada are known as calm, peaceful and welcoming places where life is good. Many people have dreamed of settling here. However, for the last decade, Canada's image on the international stage has faded and our policies have become tougher. The events of the last months show us that we are not immune to the rise of violence in our country. How as citizens can we, in this context, work to promote peace?

Answer for Our Faith:

We have just celebrated the feast of Christmas which reminds us of the birth of our Savior. For us, Jesus Christ is "the Prince of Peace" (Is 9.5). In Luke's Gospel after his baptism, Jesus quotes Isaiah by saying that he will come to release those who are marginalized and bring peace to their hearts. "The Beatitudes" in Matthew announce happiness by attitudes of peace. Following Jesus, Christianity promotes values of peace, justice and freedom. How as Christian communities can we be carriers of the peace of Christ?

Reflection & Questions I Need to Ask This Week:

To reflect my attitudes of peace, I will take time to read Pope Francis' letter of January 1st on this peace message. We often live through situations of violence, slavery and submissiveness. How do I remove myself from such a situation and discover the inner peace of Christ?

ST. MALACHY NEWS

The Fabrique wishes to thank Peter Cameron and Shirley Ellement for accepting the position of wardens. Shirley Ellement will continue as warden until a replacement can be found. The Fabrique consists of: Wardens: Peter Cameron, Leila Corrigan, Shirley Ellement, Lorraine McDermid, Philip Miller and Jeff Sellers and Chairperson: Joan Teske.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS

A Successful Fund-Raising Campaign

This year was the first year where the Parish actually launched an annual fund-raising effort through a letter writing campaign. While fund-raising letters were forwarded to envelope holders, they were not the primary focus of our campaign and we thank all those who did respond and continue to be grateful for their continuing support.

The main focus of our campaign was really directed towards non- churchgoers who, we believe, have a connection to the Parish, in some manner. The response to our invitation to support the Parish financially has been overwhelming. It is very evident that, while many individuals do not attend Mass, the preservation of our Church is very important to them and they do indeed feel a bond with OLV and want to secure the Parish's future.

As of December 31st, we have received over \$11,000 in donations, an amount which greatly exceeds our expectations and will go a long way towards helping us balance our books. A heartfelt thank you to all those who donated!

Wardens

The Wardens would like to welcome Mike Legault to our team and thank Aggie Ducharme Cheslock, whose term ended on December 31st. Welcome Mike and thank you Aggie for your support and commitment to our Parish. There will be a wardens' meeting on Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

Secretary

As announced last week, after nine years of loyal and dedicated service, Alma Millar has retired as church secretary. Thank you, Alma, for contributing towards our community life.

At the same time, the wardens are pleased to announce that Monique Simpson has accepted the position. Welcome aboard Monique.

Cereal Bars - January 18th

Reminder that next Sunday is cereal bar Sunday. A basket will be at the entrance of the Church for your donation. These bars help to feed the children who come to Buckingham Elementary School hungry. Your generosity is appreciated.

Place These Dates on Your Calendar

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night - Friday, January 16th, 7:00 pm, in Parish hall.

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.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
December 20-21, 2014 – Sunday Offering	\$804.00	\$223.00
December 25, 2014 – Christmas	2,587.00	1,247.00
December 27-28, 2014 - Sunday Offering	750.00	335.00
December 27-28, 2014 - Fuel	478.00	205.00
December 27-28, 2014 - Support	55.00	
January 1, 2015 - New Years' Offering	382.00	80.00
January 3-4, 2015 – Sunday Offering	622.00	139.00
January 3-4, 2015 - Support	190.00	132.00