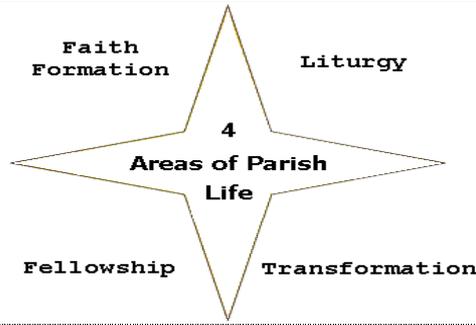




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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17-18, 2015

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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Food for Thought

Reading 1 1 Samuel 3-3b-10, 19
Responsorial Psalm Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will
Reading II 1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel John 1.35-42

Jesus looked hard at the disciples – looked right into them – and called them. They were affirmed and loved in that look. Prayer can start with you looking at Good looking at you. Take in the look; allow the look to warm you and invite you. The look of Jesus says in its own way, “Come and see.”

Prayer is time to come and see who the Lord is, and who we are ourselves.

MASSES

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| Thursday | January 22nd | OLV @ 10:00 am | All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy |
| Saturday | January 24th | St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm | Reginald Lavell by Shirley Ellement & Family |
| Sunday | January 25th | OLV @ 9:00 am | Jean Paul Robitaille by Dorothy and Claude Carriere & Family |

WE ARE BACK IN ORDINARY TIME

The first period of Ordinary Time (from after the Christmas season until the beginning of Lent) focuses on the early events of Jesus' public life, especially the call of the disciples and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. These weeks at the beginning of the new year might be a good time for each of us to assess how well we hear God's relentless call to be faithful followers of Jesus. Each of us can probably recall times when we have turned deaf ears to God; if we remember that God's call is relentless, (see the first reading), then we might be encouraged to listen more carefully and sooner. God won't let go!

WE NEED YOU – OUR LADY OF VICTORY AND ST. MALACHY

Maintaining the health of our faith communities, both parishes, takes both financial and liturgical participation on the part of all parishioners. Recently, particularly at OLV, the focus has been on the financial well-being of our community and less so on Liturgy and its supporting ministries.

There is now a need to refocus our efforts on the health of our ministries. The Inter-Parish Planning Committee and Father Albanus have been developing workshops for the various ministries. In the immediate term, the focus will be on Eucharistic Ministers and then with other ministries such as Servers and Lectors.

A workshop for Eucharistic Ministers from both parishes will be held at OLV (in the Church) on Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 pm. The challenge we are now facing is that we need more parishioners to step forward and commit to participating in a Ministry. We are inviting not only existing ministers' participation in this workshop, but also those who are not ministers. We are not asking parishioners to commit by attending this workshop, but simply to participate and find out more about the ministry and then make a decision. No pressure will be exerted on those attending.

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:

How, as Christians, do we become peacemakers with people who confess another faith? How can we denounce the escalation of violence by extremists from different backgrounds and offer the peace of Christ?

OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS

Thank You to the OLV Society

The OLV Society continues to contribute to the financial well-being of our Parish through its various activities. The Society sponsors two teas, two garage sales and provides catering for sacramental receptions. These activities take a lot of time, effort and dedication and the Wardens, on behalf of all Parishioners, would like to take this opportunity to thank the Society for their on-going commitment.

As a result of these activities, the Society was able to present the Parish with a donation of \$2,357.00 in 2014. Once again, thank you to the Society.

Heart and Soul Gospel Choir

Thank you to the choir for a Christmas donation of \$350.00. OLV is pleased to partner with and support the choir.

Valentine's Dance

This year, our Valentine's Dance will be held on Saturday, February 14th at 8:00 pm at Charlie's Ranch located at 1361 Route 315. Entertainment will be provided by Lorne Daly, Peter Dawson and the Ricochet Riders. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available prior to Mass (OLV), at the door or by calling the Parish office at 819-986-3763. Tea/coffee and sweets will be served following the dance.

St. Patrick's Tea

The Society is looking for a convener. Please let Clare or Monique know by mid- February. **If no one is interested tea will be cancelled.**

ST. MALACHY NEWS

The next wardens' meeting will be Wednesday, January 26th, at 7:00 pm in the sacristy.

Parishioners, family and friends commented on the beauty of our Church during the Christmas season. **Thank you** to all volunteers who undertook this decorating task. Congratulations on a job well done!

OUR LADY OF KNOCK SHRINE

There will be a Shrine meeting at St. Malachy's Church on Monday, January 19th at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS | OLV | ST. MALACHY |
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| January 10-11, 2015 – Sunday Offering | \$550.00 | \$172.00 |
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