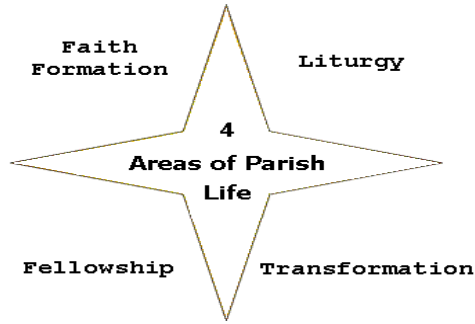




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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 5 - 6, 2015**

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| <b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>   | <b>Celebration of the Eucharist</b> | <b>Saturday 7:00 PM</b>  |
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**THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

- Reading 1** Baruch 5.1-9  
**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.  
**Reading II** Philippians 1.3-6, 8 - 11  
**Gospel** Luke 3.1-6

Advent is a season of joyful expectation. It has a twofold nature: it prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us; and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of ages.

When the church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.



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| Thursday | Dec. 10th | OLV @ 10:00 am        | <b>Leo Giroux</b> by Marc, Nathalie, Angelina & Anthony Théorét   |
| Saturday | Dec. 12th | St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm | <b>Edgar Conroy (1<sup>st</sup> ann) &amp; Gaetan Brunet</b> by Johanne Brunet<br><b>Rupert McCoy &amp; Deceased Members of the McCoy Family</b> by the Estate                          |
| Sunday   | Dec. 13th | OLV @ 9:00 am         | <b>Molly Laframboise</b> by Tom & Isabel Laframboise<br><b>Lawrence, Alice &amp; Irene Monaghan</b> by Lynda Ferriter<br><b>James Austin Martin (49<sup>th</sup> ann)</b> by the Family |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS                           | OLV      | ST. MALACHY |
|---|----------|-------------|
| Nov. 28 & Nov. 29, 2015 - Sunday Offering | \$525.00 | \$259.00    |

## THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

During the mass celebration on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Archbishop Durocher will bless the door that has been designated as the Holy Door for the year. Pope Francis has asked that a door be identified in each cathedral of the world to serve as a symbol of mercy for the whole year and that it be inaugurated on the third Sunday of Advent.

All the faithful of the diocese are invited to this celebration to launch this year of mercy as expressed by our Holy Father. It will certainly be a time of renewal and commitment for our Diocesan Church.

### BISHOP'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS – DECEMBER 2015

**“That we may all experience God’s mercy - He who never grows weary of offering forgiveness.”**

**Social reflection:** The year 2015 has been eventful internationally. In January and November, Paris was the target of terrorist attacks. Many countries are going through repression, either internally or from external forces. Right now, Syria is going through the worst emigration crisis on earth since the end of WW II. Has society lost its humanity? Can we still hope of one day living in a society where people love each other?

**Answering our faith:** Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Pope Francis has decreed this upcoming year as the Year of Mercy, recognized by all religious faiths: Muslims, Jews and Christians. We as Catholics believe in a merciful God who always forgives and who asks us to do the same towards our sisters and brothers. May this period be one of reflection, both personal and community based. How can we show mercy? As a community, how can we show mercy towards other people, or other communities who do not think exactly like us?

**Questioning ourselves:** In preparing our hearts for the coming of the Lord, let us take a moment to reflect on all the violence that may live inside us. Then let us ask ourselves how to become an instrument of peace that will lead us to true forgiveness.

### OUR LADY OF VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

**OLV Cereal Bars: No donations for this month.**

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Pray for the repose of the soul of **Rupert Murphy** whose funeral was on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Malachy. Also for **Rose Weatherdon** whose funeral will be at OLV Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Our sympathy and prayers are with the families and friends during this time of loss.

**A Heartfelt Thank You:** The OLV Wardens, on behalf of our parishioners, would like to thank and acknowledge the family of Regis Butler for a generous donation of \$5,000 made on behalf of Regis. The donation was in compliance with his desire to provide a final gesture of support to the parish.

Regis was a well-respected member of our parish who, over the years, devoted countless hours of his time and support. Many of his fellow parishioners have commented on how much they miss him. He greeted everyone at the church entrance with a warm smile sometimes a joke or good golf story while holding the door open. He was a great role model in enjoying life to the fullest. He will continue to be missed. God Bless!

OLV Wardens

**A Tranquil Place:** The Inter-Parish Planning Committee thanks all volunteers who contributed to transforming the conference room into a tranquil place for our church activities. The room, while not considered a chapel, is now a quiet room that can serve the needs of both parishes. As an example, the coordinators for sacramental preparation are using it to prepare our candidates for First Communion and Reconciliation. All committees from both parishes can use the room for liturgical and planning meetings and future faith formation activities.

**Reminder:** St. Malachy is looking for names for their election of wardens. Submit names by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, to a member of the Fabrique or call the office at 819-986-3763. If an election is necessary it will be held after mass on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Vacation:** Father Albanus will be leaving on December 28<sup>th</sup> to enjoy time with his family in Nigeria. From December 28 to February 4<sup>th</sup>, Father Andrew Boyer will be celebrating with Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy parishioners. Happy holidays Father Albanus!

During Father Albanus' holidays, the following Mass changes will take place: Our Lady of Victory - **NO Thursday Mass** from December 28 to February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, inclusive. St. Malachy - Weekend Mass will be on **SUNDAY** at **11:00 am** starting January 3<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, inclusive.

### **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:

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| <i>Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> | <i>Our Lady of Victory</i> |
| <i>Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>9:00 pm</i> | <i>St. Malachy</i>         |
| <i>Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup></i>   | <i>9:00 am</i> | <i>Our Lady of Victory</i> |
| <i>Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> | <i>St. Malachy</i>         |
| <i>Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup></i>   | <i>9:00 am</i> | <i>Our Lady of Victory</i> |
| <i>Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup></i>     | <i>9:00 am</i> | <i>Our Lady of Victory</i> |
| <i>Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup></i>   | <i>7:00 pm</i> | <i>St. Malachy</i>         |
| <i>Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup></i>     | <i>9:00 am</i> | <i>Our Lady of Victory</i> |

Reconciliation/Penitential Service will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Heart & Soul Christmas Concert:** Thursday, December 10, 7:30 pm at OLV. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door & children under 12 – free. Coffee, tea & desserts will follow in Church Hall. See Ethel Pearson & Virginia Sellers for tickets or call Virginia at 819-281-6490.

**La Chanterelle Christmas Concert:** Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at OLV, 7:30 pm. Cost \$20.00. Contact Sandra at 819-986-1185 for tickets.

**St. Andrew's United Church:** Carol Sing-A-Long on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!