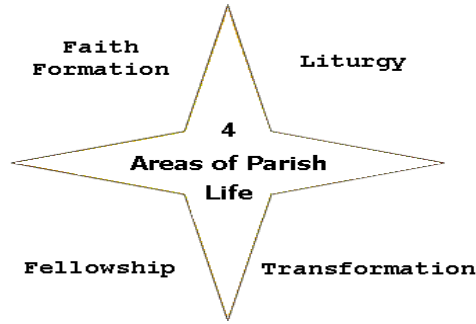





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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 12-13, 2015

Sunday 9:00 AM	Celebration of the Eucharist	Saturday 7:00 PM
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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Reading 1 Zephaniah 3.14-18a
Responsorial Psalm Shout aloud and sing for joy; great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Reading II Philippians 4.4-7
Gospel Luke 3.10-18

For all the austerity in his life, John spoke to people in words they could grasp. It was his austerity that drew people's respect and trust. Here was a man who cared nothing for comfort, money or fame, who could not be bought and who could speak the truth without fear.

What is my reaction? Where does this lead me?



Thursday	Dec. 17th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Rupert McCoy & Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Saturday	Dec. 19th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Rupert McCoy & Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Sunday	Dec. 20th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Christopher Farnand (3 rd ann) by Mike, Joanne & Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Dec 5 & Dec 6, 2015 - Sunday Offering	\$538.00	\$366.00
Dec 5 & Dec 6, 2015 - Support	295.00	190.00

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:

<i>Thursday, December 24th</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Our Lady of Victory</i>
<i>Thursday, December 24th</i>	<i>9:00 pm</i>	<i>St. Malachy</i>
<i>Friday, December 25th</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Our Lady of Victory</i>
<i>Saturday, December 26th</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>St. Malachy</i>
<i>Sunday, December 27th</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Our Lady of Victory</i>
<i>Friday, January 1st</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Our Lady of Victory</i>
<i>Sunday, January 3rd</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Our Lady of Victory</i>
<i>Sunday, January 3rd</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>St. Malachy</i>

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP – DECEMBER, 2015

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

Sunday, December 13th, 2015: “What must we do?” St. John the Baptist gives us advice on how not to do wrong or violence towards people we encounter. I look at my actions, my words and my thoughts, so I can really see how I behave towards others.

Can I adopt a more merciful attitude?

THIS IS WHAT WE CELEBRATE AT CHRISTMAS!

Against the expectations of her family, a teenage girl finds herself pregnant. The laws of the state force her to follow her fiancé to another province, where she does not know anyone. She gives birth to her child in the most abject poverty. Facing persecution, she is forced to exile herself to a foreign land, where she raises her son among refugees...

The media are full of stories like this one, day after day, to the point that we do not notice them anymore, except when the photo of a dead child who has just been washed up on a beach comes along to upset us. Then it is no longer just a story. For here is a child just like mine. His family, too, is just like mine, even as they struggle through a terribly, cruel tragedy.

And the story of the pregnant teenager is not just a story, either. Her name was Myriam. Her fiancé was called Yosef. She named her son Yeshuwah. We know them better under their anglicized names: Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Yes, Jesus was a real child with two flesh-and-blood parents, victims of the politics and the wars of his time, suffering exclusion, poverty and exile. Surrounding his family we find a few simple shepherds, some astrologers from foreign lands, two elderly people at the Temple. In the lives of this couple and this child who resemble us so much, Christians from every age have recognized the Hand of God at work - God tracing a new path for our history; God opening up a future that promises, beyond all violence and war, a reign of justice, peace and joy. This is what we celebrate at Christmas - the memory of these people; the inauguration of a new era in our history; the arrival in our world of a God who, wonder of wonders, makes himself as small and as fragile as a newborn babe.

How can we celebrate Christmas, therefore, without thinking of the thousands of families who, even today, endure tragedies similar to those endured by that family from Nazareth?

May Christmas open our hearts and our homes to lost teenagers, to desperate young couples, to refugees without hope, to exiles without friends, to all those who feel as small and as vulnerable as a newborn child. Just like Jesus.

† Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau

OUR LADY OF VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Reconciliation/Penitential Service: Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm at OLV.

Thank you: To all for making our Christmas Tea a **\$1,469.00** success. May you enjoy the holidays with all those around you. Be safe.
The OLV Society

OLV Wardens: Meeting will be Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 pm in Church hall Conference Room.

Vacation: Father Albanus will be leaving on December 28th to enjoy time with his family in Nigeria. From December 28 to February 4, Father Andre Boyer will be celebrating with Our Lady of Victory and 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 4th, 2016 inclusively.

St. Malachy - Weekend Mass will be on **SUNDAY at 11:00 am** starting January 3rd to 31st, 2016 inclusively.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Free Christmas Get Together: The 8th annual "At Christmas We Get Together" celebration will once again be held at the Bowling Alley, 210 Sauve Street at 5:00 pm on Christmas Day. This community event brings local organizations and families together to provide a traditional Christmas celebration for families who cannot afford a Christmas, those individuals who find themselves alone, perhaps grieving over a loss, or those individuals simply wishing to join in on a Christmas celebration.

In addition to a traditional Christmas supper (buffet style), the evening will be filled with entertainment, games and gifts. For those who have no transportation, free transportation to the site will be available upon request. In order to participate in this wonderful event, simply call 819-775-1735 to confirm your presence and request transportation if required.



The Lions Club Annual Telethon held last Sunday, December 6th at the Knights of Columbus Hall was once again a success, with approximately \$75,000 raised - there is a possibility of more funds to come.

A total of \$700 was presented to the Lions Club during the Telethon on behalf of Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy parishes. Lions Club members expressed their appreciation for our parishes' continued generosity in the telethon and asked that this thanks be conveyed to all parishioners concerned. **Many thanks!**