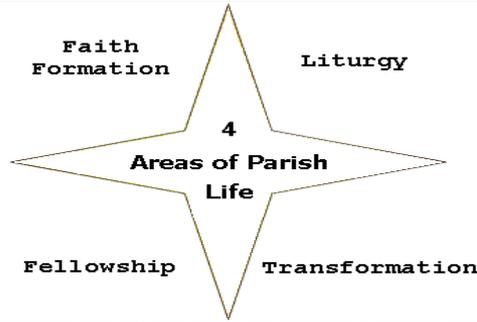




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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 19-20, 2015

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reading 1 Micah 5.2-5a
Responsorial Psalm Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Reading II Hebrews 10.5-10
Gospel Luke 1.39-45

Micah spoke out passionately on behalf of the poor against their exploitation by the rich and corrupt. Alone among the prophets he names Bethlehem as the place the Messiah will be born; he will come from among the poorest to represent their cause.

Let me sit and think about the poverty, the vulnerability of the Christ child and what it means for my life, today.



Thursday	Dec 24th	OLV @ 7:00 pm	All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy
Thursday	Dec 24th	St. Malachy 9:00 pm	All Parishioners of St. Malachy and OLV
Friday	Dec 25th	OLV @ 9:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy
Saturday	Dec 26th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Jim and Frances Gaspar by Cheryl and Peter Cameron Rupert McCoy and deceased members of the McCoy family by the Estate
Sunday	Dec 27th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Raymond Peck (1 st ann) by Beatrice Bonin
Friday	Jan 1st	OLV @ 9:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy
Sunday	Jan 3rd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Isabelle Bouchard by Phil and Dorothy Ann Casey
Sunday	Jan 3rd	St. Malachy @ 11:00 am	Rupert Murphy by Doris Berndt Rupert McCoy and Deceased members of the McCoy family by the Estate
Sunday	Jan 10th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Gladys French by George and Gail Burns Lawrence, Alice and Irene Monaghan by Lynda Ferriter
Sunday	Jan 10th	St. Malachy @ 11:00 am	Francesca Miller Roos and Philip Roos by Ginny Roos Rupert McCoy and Deceased members of the McCoy family by the Estate

REMINDERS:

There will be no mass celebrations on Thursdays while Fr. Albanus is away, from December 28th to February 4th.

The weekend masses at St. Malachy's will be held on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am - no Saturday evening celebrations until February 6th.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Dec. 13, 2015 - Sunday Offering	\$588.00	\$237.00
- Christmas Flowers		130.00

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 20th: As Christians, do we shudder on hearing the Word of God, concerning those who are despairing? How can we show mercy, just like Jesus did?

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

Christmas Message from Fr. Albanus

I want to use this opportunity to wish all our parishioners a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May Jesus, our Emmanuel, be with you all and your families. May we be worthy to bring Jesus – *Immanu'el (God-with-us)* to the lives and situations of the people we encounter during this period and beyond.

As you all know, I will be travelling home (Nigeria) on December 28th to visit and celebrate with my family, relatives and friends. We pray for one another. We pray for safe travels. Thank you for your good wishes and gifts. Thanks for your prayers.

Fr. Albanus

OUR LADY OF VICTORY and ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Pray for the repose of the soul of **Rose McNamara Lorrain**. Our sympathy and prayers are with the families and friends during this time.

Praise the Lord with Flowers: In today's bulletin, OLV parishioners will find an envelope. The objective of this envelope is to encourage parishioners to once again donate funds to purchase flowers for Christmas, while at the same time permitting the parish to provide tax receipts for these donations. Help us beautify our lovely church during Christmas time.

Message from the Wardens: The Wardens of Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy would like to wish all our Parishioners 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 communities. We remain grateful for your support.

St. Malachy: Christmas decorating at St. Malachy's church will take place Tuesday, December 22nd at 10 a.m. All helpers will be welcomed.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.