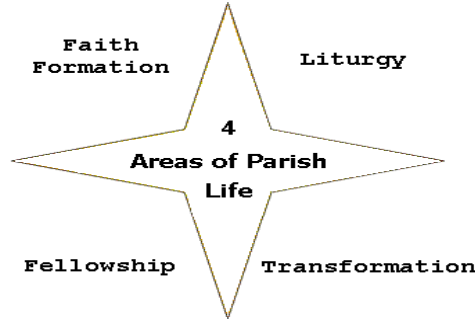




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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 JANUARY 9-10, 2016**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reading I Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7
Responsorial Psalm The Lord will bless his people with peace
Reading II Acts 10. 34-38
Gospel Luke 3.15-16,21-22

At any Baptism there is a prayer and anointing to protect from evil. Baptism was Jesus immersing himself in the call of the Baptist to walk with his people on the way of God through the evil and sinfulness of the world.

The oil of Baptism gives strength and protects us from evil like suntan oil protects the body from the sun; the water of God gives life like the water of a well or a river gives life to the body. Protect me, Lord, from anything that leads me away.



Thursday	Jan. 14th	OLV @ 10:00 am	NO MASS
Sunday	Jan. 17th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Isabelle Bouchard by Maureen Dunning Gordon & May Findlay (38 ann) by The Carriere & Findlay families
Sunday	Jan. 17th	St. Malachy @ 11:00 am	Rupert McCoy & Deceased members of the McCoy Family by the estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Dec. 20, 2015 - Sunday Offering	\$876.00	\$292.00
Dec. 25, 2015 - Christmas Collection	2,444.00	1,256.00
Dec. 27, 2015 - Sunday offering	368.00	270.00
Dec. 27, 2015 - Support	55.00	
Dec. 27, 2015 - Fuel	292.00	245.00
Dec. 27, 2015 - Christmas Flowers	195.00	
Jan. 1, 2016 – New Year’s Collection	318.00	95.00
Jan. 3, 2016 - Sunday Offering	415.00	193.00
Jan. 3, 2016 – Support	248.00	95.00

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP - January, 2016

“That sincere dialogue between men and women of different religions brings about peace and justice; and that, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, all Christians become concrete examples of true charity.”

Social conscience: We live in a multicultural society: many cultures, languages, and religions interact daily at school, at work, in our leisure activities, etc. How do we enter into a respectful dialogue with others? Sometimes the difference scares us, with our pre-conceived notions, our fear of the unknown, and our judgement of others. As an individual or a community, how can I learn to live with others?

Our faith response: Our Saviour invites us, on this *Extraordinary Year of Mercy*, to practice the latter by Christian charity with our brother and sister humans. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are invited to defend human justice and solidarity. We must work with the rest of humanity, in order to promote the common good. The *Compendium of the Church’s Social Doctrine* asserts that: “Finally, this text is proposed in order to encourage dialogue with all those who sincerely work for the common good of humanity.”[1]

[1] Pontifical Council “Justice and Peace”, *Compendium of the Church’s Social Doctrine*, Ed. CCCB, Ottawa, 2006, no 10, p. 4.

Reflection: Sunday, January 10th, 2016: **THE BAPTISM OF JESUS/THE MISSION OF JESUS.** “A gift to welcome: The Holy Spirit”: I reflect on how the Holy Spirit leads me to strive for the common good and to be merciful towards other.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Cereal Bars: Collection basket will be out for Sunday, January 17, 2016

Heart and Soul Singers: Thanks once again this year to the Heart and Soul Singers for the Christmas donation of \$400.00 to Our Lady of Victory Parish. Their support is greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Appreciation Night: On Friday, January 15th at 7 pm, OLV will be holding its annual Volunteer Appreciation Night. This evening provides an opportunity to say thank you to those who have contributed to the well-being of our faith community. All those individuals who volunteered to support the various church ministries and church social and fund-raising events are invited to attend. Spouses are welcome as well. In addition to Parish volunteers, parishioners from St. Malachy who participate in inter-parish activities are also invited (Liturgy, Faith Formation, Transformation, Planning, etc.). If you are planning to attend, please advise the Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763.

The OLV Society- Is This the End of a Long Standing Tradition?

Recently, Clare Flynn and Monique Simpson tendered their respective resignations from the executive of the OLV Society. Over the years, the Society has played a key role in supporting both the financial and social activities of the Parish and now, unfortunately, its future is in serious doubt. For a number of years, the executive has requested that parishioners come forward and join the Society. These requests have fallen on deaf ears leaving the Executive with the heavy responsibility of managing and co-ordinating the various Society events. So one may ask, what does the Society contribute to the Parish?

- ✓ Convenes or requests conveners for the St. Patrick and Christmas teas
- ✓ Over the years, purchased and stocked the kitchen with supplies that support our teas, suppers and other social events
- ✓ Managed the church kitchen, by purchasing supplies, ensuring the cleanliness of both the kitchen and fridges, as well as taking inventory of supplies on a regular basis
- ✓ Organizes one or two garage sales per year
- ✓ Prepares receptions for First Communion and Confirmation candidates
- ✓ Has masses said for deceased parishioners

Over the years, the Society has not only raised thousands of dollars in support of the Parish and its activities but its support for activities such as the teas were and are essential for connecting individuals and families with their fellow Parishioners. Parish life needs to be more than simply attending mass for 45 minutes on Sunday; supporting a re-constituted Society would be a positive move towards rejuvenating our parish life.

With this in mind, the Wardens will be looking at options and proposals with respect to the Society and will be seeking feedback and input from parishioners. The Wardens would also like to take the opportunity to thank Clare, Monique and Evelyn Robitaille for their years of dedication, devotion and contribution to the success of the Society.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! We would appreciate it if you identified yourself to Father at mass. If you would like to become a regular parishioner feel free to contact the office at 819-986-3763 to obtain a Registration Form. Note: The principal source of revenue for the church is church envelopes. If used a receipt for income tax purposes is issued at the end of each year.