



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
Gatineau, Québec
J8L 2K5

**THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
January 24, 2016**

St. Malachy
3889 Route 315
Mayo, Québec
J8L 3Z8

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

Pastor Father Albanus Ogowuihe
Rectory 490 Charles Street, Gatineau, Québec, J8L 2K5
Secretary Monique Simpson
Email olv@videotron.ca
Office Hours **Monday** - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Thursday - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Telephone (819) 986-3763
Fax (819) 961-3159
Website www.stmalachyolv.com

Archidiocèse
de Gatineau
180, boul. Mont-Bleu
Gatineau (QC) J8Z 3J5
www.diocesegatineau.org

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reading 1 Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm Your words, Lord, are spirit and life
Reading II 1 Corinthians 12.12-30
Gospel Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

For those few minutes, history is holding its breath. Jesus, in the synagogue of his home town, stands up to read the majestic prophecy of Isaiah. He hands back the scroll to the attendant and sits down, the posture for solemn teaching. The anointed one, the Messiah, has arrived and declared himself.

I watch the scene unfolding, the tension in Jesus as he makes his claim the breathless attention of the congregation, then the mixture of excitement and rejection. How do I react?



Thursday	Jan. 28th	OLV @ 10:00 am	NO MASS
Sunday	Jan. 31st	OLV @ 9:00 am	Rose Lorrain by Susan Lemieux
Sunday	Jan.31st	St. Malachy @ 11:00 am	Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Jan. 17, 2016 – Sunday Offering	\$504.00	\$517.00

NEWS FROM NIGERIA

Because of network congestion during the holiday season, Fr. Albanus has been unable to send us news from Orlu Nigeria until this week. He sends his greetings and wishes everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR and thanks everyone for their prayers. He ended his email with these words: "It's been fine here except that it is too hot for me."

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION 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."

Reflections: Sunday, January 24th, 2016: Jesus, by reading the words of Prophet Isaiah, recognizes himself as God's Hallowed One, with the mission to bring light to those marginalized by society. As a friend of Jesus, how can I announce to the poor the joy, the love, and the mercy of God?

SPECIAL INVITATION

Archbishop Durocher invites all parishioners of the Diocese to join him in celebrating **THE CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE** during a Eucharistic celebration of the "Feast of the Presentation of the Lord." This will be held on Tuesday, February 2 at the Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH MISSION

The Joy of the Gospel with Archbishop Paul-André Durocher

The Archbishop has invited all parishioners to a 3-evening series of discussion on the Joy of the Gospel at three different churches. Each evening is different, but stands alone. There is no need to attend the three evenings. **See poster at the entrance for more details.**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Happy Birthday: **OLV became a parish on January 25, 1942.**

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Guy Tauvette**, husband of Louise Somers. Our prayers and sympathy are with their families during this time of loss. Funeral will be held on Saturday, January 30 at St. Malachy.

Lenten Project: Sister Malinie has offered to lead a series of five sessions during Lent, one each week prior to Holy Week, on "Praying with Scripture". Each session will be a maximum of one hour. Before deciding on the timing of the sessions, i.e. which day of the week and at what time, we are asking parishioners to let the Parish Secretary know if they are interested in attending. All potential participants will be contacted regarding timing.

Volunteer Appreciation Night: On January 15th, OLV held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Night. This evening presents an opportunity for the Wardens, on behalf of all parishioners, to thank those volunteers who donate their time in support of Parish ministries, fund-raising, inter-Parish activities and social events. As everyone knows, these events don't happen on their own. Thanks to Susan Lemieux for co-ordinating the food, Gail Preston and Lyall Campbell the beverages. An enjoyable evening was had by all and once again, thanks to all our volunteers for their support and dedication to Parish life.

Christmas Eve Mass at St. Malachy: What a memorial and truly wonderful experience! On arrival at the Church, people were greeted with no lights in the parking lot and a dimly lit Church. Thanks to a full moon, car lights and flashlights, people made their way into the Church. The only lights in the Church were the altar candles, vigil light and tea light candles, battery powered lamps and flashlights. At the beginning of the celebration, Father Albanus welcomed the congregation and thanked them for coming to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. He said: "tonight is probably similar to the night that Jesus was born - no lights and cool."

A special thanks to our parishioners, former parishioners, family, friends and visitors who joined in the celebration of Jesus' birth. There was positive feedback – "a truly meaningful celebration; a peaceful environment; greeters were very helpful and friendly; suggestion that next Christmas Eve we offer a similar candle light service" May the spirit of Christmas remain in your hearts and homes all year long!

Emergency Relief for Syrian Refugees



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE welcomes the announcement by the Federal Government to extend the period to match donations for emergency relief for Syrians until February 29th, 2016.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has been responding to the crisis in Syria since the autumn of 2012 and has continued to increase its response as the situation has deteriorated. It is working in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Macedonia, which are all hosting Syrian refugees, and in Syria where millions are impacted by the war. The organization has invested \$19.2 million in humanitarian aid and local peace initiatives that have helped over 500,000 Syrians. This amount includes \$17.5 million in funding from the Canadian government.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is working in collaboration with local partner organizations, including Caritas Lebanon, Caritas Jordan and Jesuit Refugee Service. Since the launch of the matching fund in September, *DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE* has received \$2 million in donations that are admissible to be matched. The organization and its partners are grateful for the generosity of Canadians in receiving refugees here in Canada and in supporting much-needed aid in the region, and hope that Canadians will also push for a peaceful resolution to this enduring crisis.

Individual donations made to *DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE* until February 29th are eligible to be matched by the Canadian government for its Syria Emergency Relief Fund. Donations can be made at devp.org; by phone at 1 888 234-8533; or by sending a cheque to *DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE* (please indicate Syria Crisis) to 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W., 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7

COMMUNITY NEWS:

News from the Transport Committee of Buckingham, Masson and Angers

Expanded service for bus line 97

The Transport Committee of Buckingham, Masson and Angers, is composed of different community stakeholders, including the **Papineau Health and Social Services Network**. The Committee's vision is to improve access to public transportation services over the whole territory.

The STO has announced that since December 21, 2015, the route for bus 97 has been modified to better serve the needs of residents. This decision is a result of recommendations provided by the Transport Committee and a petition from residents of the sector. Bus 97 now passes on Maclaren Street instead of passing on Dollard and Church as it did previously. As a result, seniors living in the Bowman sector now have access to public transport.

