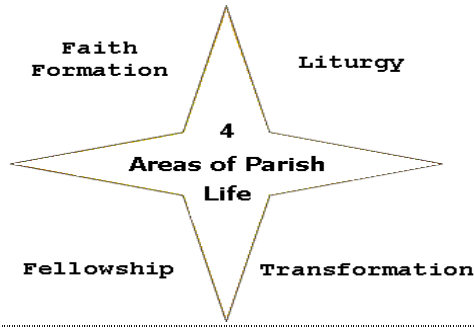





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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7 – JANUARY 8, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM	Celebration of the Eucharist	Saturday 7:00 PM
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reading 1 Isaiah 60.1-6
Responsorial Psalm Lord, every nation on earth will adore you
Reading II Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
Gospel Matthew 2.1-12

As Jesus' life begins to unfold for us, the gospel writers underline that Jesus was excluded: born outside, in a stable, acclaimed as a king but immediately under the threat from those who held the political power.

The three wise men were also outsiders; they are our spiritual forebears; through them we are invited to approach the Messiah.

Lord, teach me to recognize God's children and welcome them.

MASSES

Thursday	Jan. 12 th	OLV	NO MASS
Saturday	Jan. 14 th	St. Malachy @7:00 pm	All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
Sunday	Jan. 15 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Joan Teske by Ken & Monique Mary Elizabeth Laframboise by The Estate May & Gordon Findlay by The Carriere & Findlay Families

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Dec. 31, 2016 - Jan. 1, 2017 - Sunday	\$357.00	
Dec. 31, 2016 - Jan. 1, 2017 - Support	181.00	
Dec. 31, 2016 - Jan. 1, 2017 - New Year's Offering	242.00	

The Archbishop's Monthly Intentions: January 2017

"That all Christians faithful to the teachings of the Lord, commit themselves, through prayer and charity, join forces in meeting the challenges faced by today's humanity. "

Social Reflection: The current challenges humanity faces are large and diverse. We are confronted to promote justice, peace and respect for creation so that all may have good living conditions. "But the task seems unrealistic and even impossible". We will have to look for partners and join forces. In great catastrophes, we experience solidarity. The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Quebec, through the Church and Society Council, produced a document to initiate a reflection process on the necessity and demands of solidarity.

Answering our Faith: As Christians we have an important role to play in making solidarity a beacon of hope for all mankind. We draw from the Gospel, the Word of Life that inspires and motivates our actions in order to be like Jesus in our relationships. Jesus did say, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." *John 10, verse 10*. The unity of Christians can only strengthen this solidarity to brave the challenges that mankind is facing while safeguarding its environment in order to support human life.

Questioning ourselves Sunday, January 8, 2017: Epiphany of the Lord: Companion of our journey. The Wise Men came from far away to see Jesus, but also returned home to announce the birth of the Messiah to their companions. On the path of life, we should recognize ourselves as companions of our brothers and sisters. The Eucharist is a stop on our journey to share the Bread of Life with others so we can be able to accompany each other on the path that opens up to us. Like the Wise Men, let us be men and women who always search God and are "light" for one another.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Welcome: We welcome Father Jean de Dieu Ntbeshya and thank him for leading us into prayer during Father Albanus' absence.

Thursday Mass: There will be no Thursday masses from December 22nd to February 2nd. Will begin again on February 9th, 2017.

Cereal Bar Drive at OLV: Basket will be available next Sunday for your donations.

Religious Articles and Old Bibles:

Several individuals have contacted the Parishes regarding what to do with religious articles and old Bibles that have been stored away for years. In some instances, inquiries have been made about the possibility of presenting/donating them to the Parishes. This is a non-starter, as the Parishes have more than their share of articles and are not prepared to accept more.

So, the question remains – what to do? According to our research, a common pious custom is to dispose of blessed objects by either burning them (if they are flammable) or burying them (if they are not). In the former case, the object is destroyed and the ashes (or other remains) can simply be thrown away. In the case of objects that were never blessed, they can simply be thrown away like any other non-blessed object.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Mass Time Change: The mass on Sunday, January 22nd will be at **10:00 am** and **not 9:00 am** followed by a brunch to celebrate OLV's 75th Anniversary.

75th Anniversary Celebration - OLV

On January 22nd 2017, a commemorative mass will be celebrated by **Archbishop Paul-André Durocher** at **10:00 am**. The mass will be followed by a brunch in the church hall.

In order for us to plan for the brunch, we need your cooperation in reserving your tickets so your presence is confirmed and brunch is ordered for the number of attendees.

Tickets are limited, please call the church office at 819-986-3763 (can leave a voice message) or Mike Legault at 819-281-1405 to register.

Also, following mass on January 8th & 15th we will be accepting requests for tickets to attend the brunch. **Tickets will be mandatory to attend.** Don't be disappointed.

HISTORY OF OLV

Every month there will be an historical write up of the founding of our church. We thank Dorothy Ann Casey for providing us with this information.

Birth of O.L.V.

It all began when Father John Brady, a missionary from Ireland, arrived in the area. Because he liked the settlement so much, he decided in 1840 to ask the Bishop if he could build a church here. Upon receiving permission, the church was built and it became known as St. Gregoire de Nazianze. The entire French and English Catholic community participated in the growth of their parish. For several years the English-speaking parishioners were anxious to have their own church. After many requests to the Diocese, the decree was granted for Our Lady of Victory Parish, on January 22, 1942. Father E. F. Bambrick was named the first pastor. Three days later, on January 25, 1942, the first Mass was celebrated in the building known as the Cameron Store (which later became the Haspect Bowling Alley) located at the corner of Lefebvre Street and Avenue de Buckingham (formerly Market and Main Street).

As this occurred during World War II, the name of Our Lady of Victory was chosen because all Christians were hoping and praying for peace and a victorious end to the war (Throughout history countries that have asked Our Lady for protection during time of war have been victorious).

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! We would appreciate it if you could identify yourself to Fr. Albanus 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 weekly collection envelope is the principal source of revenue for both parishes.