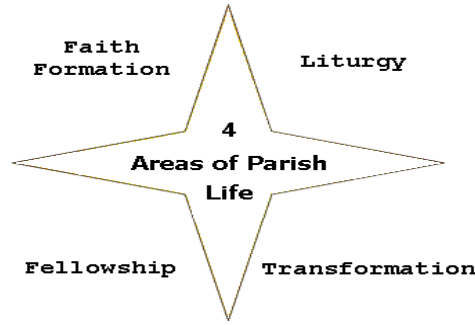




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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4 - 5, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading I Isaiah 58.6-10
Responsorial Psalm Light rises in the darkness for the upright
Reading II 1 Corinthians 2.1-5
Gospel Matthew 5.13-16

The word "salt" pervades the English language and its phrases; it is found in most parts of the human body; it is essential to the health of the planet and its creatures. It is vital and everywhere.

Jesus sets the bar high. As his followers, we are called to draw others to the love of God, to stay alert despite the distractions and even opposition of those around us. Lord, keep me refreshed.

MASSES

Thursday	Feb. 9 th	OLV	Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by The Estate
Saturday	Feb. 11 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Pearl French by The Family
Sunday	Feb. 12 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Joan Teske by The Community Mary Elizabeth Laframboise by The Estate Marian Teske Conroy by Tom and Isabel Roger Laurin by The Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Jan 28 - Jan 29, 2017 - Sunday	\$327.00	\$282.00
Initial Offering for Sunday Envelopes	190.00	

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions February 2017

“For the people who are going through some very difficult situations such as: illness, mourning or unemployment. May they find welcoming, support and comfort in our communities.”

Social Reflection: Every human being goes through ups and downs in their lives. However, there are situations, heard and seen that particularly touch us, and are edifying, even inspiring. Where does it come from, this resilience and this desire to fully live these precarious lives? “These last few months, a certain topic often comes up in the news: assisted dying with dignity. I would like to hear more about assisted living with dignity”¹. And what about the high rate of suicide amongst young people? In our contemporary society, a question needs to be asked: have we lost our bearings, our values?

Answering our Faith: “A conviction inhabits me : these young people don't really want to die, they just want to stop suffering. Just like people requesting medical assistance in dying. Maybe we could invest more time, energy and love in adequately supporting the living; then maybe dying will become a less attractive option.”

For us Christians, life is a “gift from God”. The Quebec Catholic Bishops have written a document on: “End-of-Life Care in the Light of the Word of God.”² The Word of God invites us to surrender our burden into the hands of our God: Song of the Emmanuel (M. Wittal) “Come, all of you who suffer, and I will offer you relief.”³

Questioning ourselves, Sunday, February 5th: I will take a moment today to pray for the young people who are looking for meaning in their lives.

¹Living with Christ, January 2017, *Living with Christ: no longer suffering*, article written by François Gloutnay. ² A.Q.C.B., *Pastoral letter to Quebec Catholics proposing a course of reflection on end-of-life care in the light of the Word of God*, December 8th, 2015, interview with Msgr. Lortie in February 2016. <http://www.eveques.qc.ca/interventions/findevie.html>. ³ Song of the Emmanuel “Com

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Blessing of Throats: February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise, the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. Father Albanus will be offering the blessing of throats after our weekend Masses on February 11th at St. Malachy and Sunday, February 12th at Our Lady of Victory.

The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Prayer said as Father places the candles on the throat is:

*Through the prayers of St. Blaise,
May God free you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

OLV Wardens Meeting: Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 pm.

OLV is in urgent need of Servers and Ushers.

Time to step Up (OLV):

The health of our community is based on volunteers coming forward to support our activities.

As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, it is worthwhile to remember that throughout the history of our parish, we always had enough volunteers to ensure activities were well supported. Over the past few years, we seem to have lost that volunteer spirit.

If you are interested in joining our parish team, please contact the parish secretary at 819-986-3763.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Father Lomer J. Rooney February 11, 2017 Forever in our hearts. Please join us to celebrate his life on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 3:30 pm at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, 189 Archambault Street, Gatineau (Hull Sector).

Immediately after the Liturgy, everyone is invited to join parishioners and friends for our annual Valentine's Pot Luck Dinner and to share stories and remember a life lived to serve our Lord.

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.

Now that we had our Church, you can just imagine how this long anticipated news of finally having our own Church was received by everyone as they lived through the hardships of the war!

And so it was that the first Parish Priest, Rev E. F. Bambrick celebrated our first Mass on January 25, 1942 in the newly founded parish of OLV, located in the building on the corner of Avenue de Buckingham and Lefebvre St. (formerly Market and Main St.).

This building housed Cameron's Store (later to become the Haspect Bowling Alley). The room that became their place of worship had been used to store animal hides, imagine the cleaning and deodorizing that had to be done! With great enthusiasm and a lot of hard work, the parishioners readied the site.

As these were the War years, money and supplies were scarce. The first altar came from St. Malachy's Church in Mayo. Pews were bought from a Presbyterian Church in Stittsville. Kneeling benches and confessionals were built by parishioners with lumber obtained from the local lumber store. The organ was donated by the Cosgrove sisters, who would be active in the choir for many years.

Overseeing all this activity were the first wardens, William Gorman, Alan McMillan and Leo McDonnell. It should be noted that Mr. McDonnell played an active role in OLV's 50th Anniversary celebrations!

Father Bambrick lived at the homes of various parishioners until the rectory was built.

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.