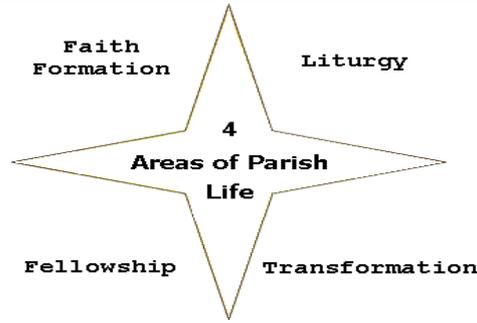




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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 18 - 19, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM	Celebration of the Eucharist	Saturday 7:00 PM
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MASSES

Thursday	Nov. 23 rd	OLV @ 10:00 am	Alma Miller by Family & Friends James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Nov. 25 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Marguerite & Bert Murphy by The Family Esther & John Lavell by Greg & Pat Lavell
Sunday	Nov. 26 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bride Martin by Maureen Dunning Mary Doherty by Isabel & Tom Laframboise Evelyn Robitaille by Nicole Charbonneau Christopher Farnand by Granny Julia Martin by The Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
November 11 - 12, 2017	\$484.00	\$229.00
Missionary Bishops & Societies		85.00

Christmas Mass Schedule for OLV & St. Malachy

Saturday, December 23rd: Mass at 7pm St.Malachy

Sunday December 24th: *Christmas Eve*
 No morning mass at OLV
 Mass at 7 pm OLV
 Mass at 9 pm St. Malachy

Monday December 25th: *Christmas Day:* Mass at 9 am OLV

Father Bill will be saying Christmas Eve masses at OLV & St. Malachy, as well as Christmas morning mass at OLV

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

As expected, the readings of this Sunday continue to remind us not only of the end of the Liturgical Year, but also of the end of all things. They invite us to live in such a way that we make best use of our God-given talents as we await our last moment. In the **first reading** we have a beautiful praise of a woman. A perfect woman, it says, is of incalculable value. She is a good wife who keeps peace and harmony in the home; she is a great worker who is never idle and who does not lose time in useless chatter but occupies herself with making sure nothing is missing in the home and extends her care beyond her immediate family. She is a woman of generous heart moved by needs of the poor and the needy; she is very religious and keeps the commandments of God. The ideal woman does not give importance to appearances but is mostly interested in the essential things of life. Are there many women like that? We are called to be as diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife in the use of our God-given talents with fear of the Lord.

In the **second reading** St. Paul advises us as he did the Thessalonians to keep awake and be sober, encouraging and building each other up as we wait for the "Day of the Lord." Paul challenges the Thessalonians to turn their fears of the Lord into positive, constructive and life-affirming action. The Thessalonians were concerned about the time for the return of the Lord. Paul tells them and us that it is not possible to know the time as the action of God is unforeseeable and takes place when we least expect it. It is not important to know the day or the hour. It is important rather to avoid being overtaken by the darkness of evil. Thanks to our baptism, we Christians have become children of light and of the day; so we ought not to be taken by surprise like those living in darkness and those asleep. **The Gospel** continues the theme of a state of 'red-light' for the coming of Lord, stressing accountability. In the parable of the talents, the first two servants were rewarded, and the one who had shown no initiative was sternly dealt with. The parable serves to remind us that the 'talents' we have are for the glory of God and the service of the community.

The rich master symbolizes Christ who before going into glory entrusted all his 'goods' to His disciples. Talents symbolize all that Jesus gave us: the Gospel, the sacraments, the power to heal, to console, His love for the poor and the suffering etc. These talents also correspond to the various ministries exercised in our communities. It is up to us now to act in such a way that what He has entrusted to us may produce abundant fruit. God has risked everything in the person of Jesus Christ for the sake of our salvation, and so expects us to do more than cling to safety as the third servant did. The talents are allotted to persons, some more, others less according to abilities. While talents (gifts and charisms) may vary in proportion in their allocation to persons, everyone is expected to act responsibly. Every gift has a deeper purpose and a higher goal. No single treasure of Christ should be allowed to remain unused. Thus, Jesus is encouraging us not to be afraid, but trusting in His help, to take chances in using our talents for the glory of God and the service of neighbors. A take-no-chance policy is not Christian. There is no 'safe' position in life. Christian living is strenuous business involving occasional risk-taking. God expects us to use our every talent for personal growth, community service and religious witness. As we wait for the final Day, we are reminded that we will be judged, not by how much each of us possesses but by our readiness to serve and expand ourselves for others. **Happy Sunday!**

The Archbishop's Monthly Intentions: November 2017

Questioning ourselves Sunday, November 19, 2017: The Church Council on Justice and Corrections suggests a moment of personal reflection: try to recall a time when you were granted mercy. How did you feel? How did you react? (Pause) "Go, and do the same yourself" (Lk10, 37).

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

OLV Christmas Tea: **Date:** Saturday, December 2. **Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 pm. **Cost:** \$6.00

Craft Table: Ladies will accept your craft donations. Please leave items at the office.

St. Malachy – Election of Wardens: Each year two Church wardens are to be elected for a term of three years and can remain in office for two consecutive terms. At the present time we have wardens who have served their two terms and because no one came forward, they agreed to remain as wardens until replacements could be found. If you or someone you know, with his/her approval, would like to become a warden and help the Parish in that capacity, please submit the name to a member of the Fabrique or call the office at **819-986-3763 by December 8th**. If an election is necessary it will be held on **December 16th** after our Eucharistic celebration. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bazaar – Centre d’Accueil: Sunday, November 26 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. There will be a Turkey Bingo at 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

CLSC Flu Shot Clinics: Will be held at the Community Centre 181 Joseph St. Buckingham on these dates and times:
November 30, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
December 7, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

St. Andrew’s Christmas Tea: Will be on Saturday, November 25 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Bake Table, Novelties, Crafts.
Adults \$7.00 / Children (3-12) \$4. Free 2 and under.

Le Chanterelle Christmas Concert: Will be on December 13. More information to follow.

Heart & Soul Christmas Concert: Will be held at OLV on Thursday, December 21st at 7:30 pm. Advance Tickets Prices: \$10.00 per person or 2 for \$15.00. Cost at door - \$10.00 per person. No charge for children. Tickets are available from all members. Refreshments and desserts will be served in hall after the concert. Come and enjoy our Christmas music.

Christmas in contrast: The **Choeur Classique de l’Outaouais** concert. **When:** Saturday, December 9, 2017, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 10, 2017, at 3:30 pm. **Where:** St. François-de-Sales Church, [799 Jacques-Cartier Street](#), Gatineau. **Tickets:** Adults: \$25; students: \$10; children 12 and under: free; reserved section: \$30.

HISTORY OF OLV

In 2001, Father Bill Marreeve became our new Pastor. Father Bill was not only pastor of OLV and St. Malachy, but also St. Aloysius and St. Columban. He also taught courses at St. Paul’s University - a very busy man indeed! Father, originally from Holland, often joked about his accent. He was a very outgoing person. He enthusiastically took part in the sand bag tournaments, which took place in the parish hall. He was always ready to help with set up for various parish events. Father Bill would lead us in our spiritual journey until 2007.

Some parishioners, of OLV and St. Malachy, attended a party at St. Mark’s in Aylmer in July 2016 to celebrate Father Bill’s 80th birthday and his “retirement”. He didn’t look old enough to retire!

Father Bill’s replacement would be Father Gyanprakash Topno, otherwise known as Father Gyan. Father Gyan came to us from India. Getting used to Canada took a lot of work on Father’s part. Driving on the right hand side of the road, winter and Canadian food were just a few of the things he had to contend with. Father adapted very quickly. Father was very sociable, always smiling. Father Gyan was with us until 2014 when he returned to India.

Father Albanus Ogowuihe arrived at OLV in September 2014. Father is always happy and he often begins his sermons with a joke. He has a great voice, loves to sing and hopes that everyone in the church will join in the hymns. He has a great rapport with the younger members of our Parish, having been a teacher and principal in Nigeria. He is a deeply religious man and is very dedicated to helping us to become more aware of our faith.

As we near the end of this 75th Anniversary year, we are thankful to God and Our Lady of Victory for the many blessings received over the years. We must remember those early Parishioners, who sacrificed so much and who worked so hard to realize the dream of an English-speaking parish for Buckingham.

To all the volunteers who in the 75 years of our parish have dedicated many hours of their time to ensure the well-being of our Parish, thank you.