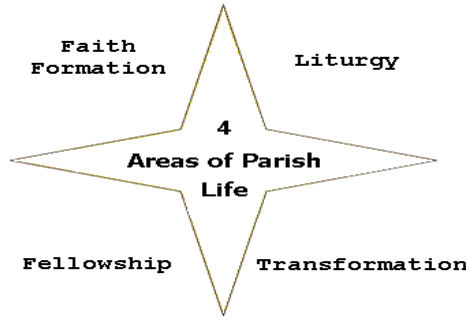




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**NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**JUNE 23 - 24, 2018**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**MASSES**

Thursday	June 28 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 10:00 AM	<b>Evelyn Robitaille</b> by Family & Friends <b>James, Margaret &amp; Tom Dorion</b> by The Estate
Saturday	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	<b>Nora Somers</b> by Annie Donovan
Sunday	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 am	<b>Bob Dunning</b> by Maureen <b>Evelyn Robitaille</b> by Family & Friends <b>Fred McDonnell</b> by Fraser, Farr & Kearan Families

<b>WEEKLY RECEIPTS</b>	<b>OLV</b>	<b>ST. MALACHY</b>
June 16 - June 17 - Sunday Collection	\$524.00	\$320.00

**BISHOP'S MONTHLY INTENTION – JUNE, 2018**

“Let us pray that the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, the mission that they received in Baptism, putting their creativity at the service of the challenges of today's world.”

**Actions to do:** I take time today to ask the Lord to speak to my heart and tell me which mission He assigns me.

## FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY

### John, the Forerunner

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist, the precursor of Jesus. John's mother, Elizabeth, was the cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was six months older than Jesus. The same Archangel, Gabriel, announced the births of both Jesus and John. The Archangel informed the childless priest, Zechariah, that a son, whom he was to name John, would be born to him and his barren, aged wife.

The **first reading** from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah describes the call of the Prophet. The Prophet's call is cited in this first reading to connect it to the Gospel which recounts the call and prenatal purification received by St. John the Baptist. The Prophet expresses a compulsion and a drive to do what God asks, once he has surrendered his will to God and accepted His call. The message of God is always transmitted with the use of strong and frequent verbs: ***The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb He named me.***

In the **second reading**, St. Peter describes the mission of John the Baptist and how he, in all humility, publicly acknowledged his role as only the herald of the Messiah. He tells the people that whatever the Holy Spirit has spoken through the prophets, including John, about Christ the Savior, has been fulfilled. The prophets of God lived before the birth of Jesus Christ, and they brought messages from God to the people. They could not understand all the things that God told them, nor did they know when these things would happen. But all that the prophets spoke about Jesus came true. The **Gospel** describes how Zechariah got the divine message in the Holy of Holies in the Temple of Jerusalem while he was offering incense. But he doubted the words of the angel and hence, was rendered mute until the words of the angel had been fulfilled.

We see some parallels and contrasts between John and Jesus in St. Luke's infancy narratives. Both births are miraculous. John was born of his aged parents and Jesus from a virgin. Their births were announced by the angel. The mission of John was to be the forerunner of the Messiah and the mission of Jesus was to be the saving Messiah. St. Luke highlights the greatness of Jesus and the subsidiary position of John as the precursor of the Messiah and the herald of God's coming kingdom. The announcement of the birth of John was treated with rejoicing and dancing by the family, relatives and neighbours. The circumcision, the naming ceremony of John reveals the type of child he would be, hence the healing of Zechariah's muteness. The name **John** is the shorter form of the name *Jehohanan*, which means **Jehovah's gift** or **God is gracious**. This name which God commanded that he be given described the parents' gratitude for the unexpected joy.

Who is John the Baptist? The Gospels present John as a wild desert preacher, dressed in leather-belted camel skin and eating locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and a coming judgement and challenged the people to accept baptism as a sign of the repentance for their sins. In obedience to his call, John like the prophet Isaiah, cried out: **Prepare the way of the Lord!** He had appropriate messages to people of all spheres. He never claimed to be the Messiah. He was humble. He is most remembered as the forerunner who prepared for the coming of Jesus. He turned people's attention to Jesus as he declared: *He must increase, I must decrease* (Jn.1:29). He died a martyr's death at the hands of Herod. John was totally obedient to his call. Just like John and Jeremiah, God has a mission for each of us even before we were formed in our mother's womb. We have to open ourselves to God to fulfill our God-given mission. **Happy Sunday!**

## OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

**Baptism** - Congratulations to Francis Jonathan Charette and Cynthia-Ann Middlemiss on the occasion of the Baptism of their son this weekend at Our Lady of Victory. We welcome **Tyler Bruce** into our faith community, the Body of Christ.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

We, as a Parish, have been invited by a representative of St. Grégoire to take part in their adoration schedule. For your information, the church has been open **every Thursday from 2 pm to 7 pm for adoration**. All doors to the church are opened during this period.

There are teams of 2 volunteers for each hour; some individuals volunteer every week and others every other week. The Committee at St. Grégoire is wondering if our two parishes would be interested in being responsible for an hour.

The Inter-Parish Planning Committee reviewed this request and found it to be an excellent initiative. The plan would be to develop an adoration team comprised of parishioners from both parishes.

If you are interested in joining the team, please contact the parish secretary and indicate whether you are available on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and the hour that suits your schedule.

**\*\*\*\*Please respond as soon as possible.\*\*\*\***

**A New Initiative:**

The OLV wardens have entered into an agreement with a private daycare organization (Coup de Pouce Famille Inc.) to rent the church hall on **Wednesdays** during the summer. The hall will be rented from **7 am to 5 pm**. The ages of the children are from 3 to 5 years old and there will be around 10 children in the hall. This agreement is on a trial basis and will terminate on August 31<sup>st</sup>. At that point an assessment will be undertaken on whether to continue and add more days or to terminate.

This agreement is in line with the wardens' efforts to expand OLV's financial base.

**Summer Masses:** There will be **NO Thursday** masses during the months of July (starting July 5<sup>th</sup> and ending August 30<sup>th</sup>).

**Bulletins:** **Our summer bulletins** will be printed for the weekends of July 7-8 and July 21-22 and August 4-5 and Aug 18-19. Then back to our weekly bulletins for September 1-2.

**Fellowship:** **No Fellowship** during the months of July and August; we will begin again in September.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre, 6458, Route 315, Mulgrave and Derry**

**Featuring: Nicolas Charette-Côté**

**Sunday July 8, 2018 (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.) Cost: \$5.00 per person**

***(Tickets available in advance from Peter Cameron (819) 986-7828 or Brenda Miller (819) 986-7358)***

Join us for an afternoon of music performed by **Nicolas Charette-Côté**, pianist, organist and percussionist. This 15-year-old gifted musician is starting his 8<sup>th</sup> year at the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto and is a member of the concert band, L'harmonie Contre-Temps, and jazz band, Contre - Temps Jazz at Hormisdas Gamelin High School in Buckingham. He will "tickle the ivories" sharing his musical renditions of "the oldies retro" to "classics" to "modern". Something for everyone to enjoy! Nicolas is currently the pianist at St. Malachy's parish and the second organist at St-Grégoire de Nazianze.