



**Our Lady of Victory**  
490 Charles Street  
Gatineau, Québec  
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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 12 – 13, 2019**

**St. Malachy**  
3889 Route 315  
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**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**MASSES**

Saturday	Jan. 19th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	<b>Anita &amp; Reg Cameron</b> by Peter & Cheryl Cameron
Sunday	Jan. 20th	OLV @ 9:00 am	<b>Irene Cosgrove</b> by The Carriere Family <b>Tom Laframboise</b> by Barbara Weir & Family <b>May (41 ann) &amp; Gordon (23 ann) Findlay</b> by Claude, Dorothy & Family <b>Theresa Newton</b> by Friends of the Kitchen

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Jan. 1, 2019 - New Year's Offering	\$315.00	
Jan. 5-6, 2019 - Sunday Offering	613.00	\$128.00
Jan. 5-6, 2019 - Support	234.00	140.00
Donation		1,000.00

**Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop January, 2019**

"That peace might prevail in our world which faces large-scale migration caused by wars, economic crises and persecutions. Let us pray that these people might be welcomed with kindness and compassion, and thus experience a sign of hope."

**Social Reflection:** "Political office and political responsibility thus constantly challenge those called to the service of their country to make every effort to protect those who live there and to create the conditions for a worthy and just future. If exercised with basic respect for the life, freedom and dignity of persons; political life can indeed become an outstanding form of charity." "In this context, let us also remember the observation of Pope John XXIII: "Man's awareness of his rights must inevitably lead him to the recognition of his duties. The possession of rights involves the duty of implementing those rights, for they are the expression of a man's personal dignity. And the possession of rights also involves their recognition and respect by others."

**-Excerpts of the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace.**

**Question I ask myself:** Being baptized means being a member of a large family, the Church. The family of all those who care about justice and get involved in bringing about peace, harmony, joy in social life. I take time to reconcile myself with a member of my Christian community with whom I am not on speaking terms.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

<b>Reading I</b>	Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	The Lord will bless his people with peace
<b>Reading II</b>	Acts 10. 34-38
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

At any Baptism there is a prayer and anointing to protect from evil. Baptism was Jesus immersing himself in the call of the Baptist to walk with his people on the way of God through the evil and sinfulness of the world.

The oil of Baptism gives strength and protects us from evil like suntan oil protects the body from the sun; the water of God gives life like the water of a well or a river gives life to the body. Protect me, Lord, from anything that leads me away.

## Christmas Season

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### **Christmas Season**

The Christmas season celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation and the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world: past, present and future.

The mystery and feast of Christmas (the Nativity of the Lord) is second only to Easter in the liturgical life of the Church. The Christmas season begins after evening prayer on December 25th and continues through the Baptism of the Lord.

For many years the Christmas season did not so much end as peter out; technically it lasted until February 2nd (then called the Feast of the Purification) even though the time "after Epiphany" had already begun. The Baptism of the Lord was added to the calendar in 1960 as part of the reforms of Blessed John XXIII. Celebrated on January 13th, it was fixed as the end of the Christmas season. This feast is now celebrated on the Sunday (sometimes the Monday) after Epiphany and brings the season to a close.

### **Baptism of the Lord**

Christmas is a season of feasts, including the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrate this weekend. Jesus begins his saving work.

### **Ordinary Time**

Beginning next week, we will be back in Ordinary Time until Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th 2019.

Thanks to all those who contributed to making the Advent-Christmas season with its celebrations significant for our ongoing faith journey.

## **OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS**

**Vacation:** Father Albanus will be returning January 29. Father Bill will be celebrating all Saturday and Sunday masses with us for the month of January.

**Cereal Bar Drive:** Will begin on Sunday, January 20.

**Hall Rental:** Bill Cameron is the person to contact for rental of the hall. He can be reached at 819-986-8901.

Also, the hall is rented during the week and you are asked to contact the office secretary at 819-986-3763, before entering to see about availability.

### 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.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**La Mie de l'entraide:** Our local food bank is located at 129 Joseph Street.



**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.