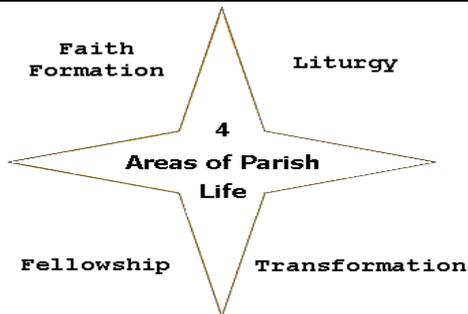




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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30 – December 1, 2019

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Dec. 5th	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	Tom Laframboise by Isabel & Family
Saturday	Dec. 7th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
Sunday	Dec. 8th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Tom Laframboise by Marianne Lotz Paul Jeffrey by Timothy Ryan Maureen Dunning by Nancy & Ethel Pearson Ed Moreau by Betty & Susan McNamara

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Nov. 23-24, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$1165.00	\$184.00
Nov. 23-24, 2019 - Fuel	307.00	92.00
Missionary Bishops & Societies	15.00	

Thank you for your contribution

ADVENT

ADVENT: The church looks a bit different today, and the music, prayers, and Scripture readings will be of a different tone, compared to what we have experienced for the last 5-6 months. We are moving out of “Ordinary Time” into the Advent season. But Advent is about more than a change of color and different music. Advent is very much about reawakening in us the hope for Christ’s coming in glory, not something to be feared or to be indifferent about, to be eagerly awaited and to even be worked for. In fact, it is a hoping and longing for God’s kingdom of peace, justice and love. That is what Christ was sent for in the first place, something that is still far from being reality.

ADVENT BANNERS: We are fortunate to have a set of Advent Banners that are very much in tune with the basic orientation of the Advent Season and with how the Church understands that season as expressed in one of its official documents: “Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation.” One banner depicts Mary upon whom the Spirit of God rested having thus conceived her Son Jesus. The other banner is Lady Wisdom, surrounded by four Old Testament prophets who, in striking images, spell out what the promised Messiah is coming for – something we hear proclaimed in the first reading of the Advent Season: a new kind of world that Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of, but that is still to be constructed in many ways.

ADVENT WREATH : We also have the Advent Wreath with four candles representing the four weeks of Advent. The lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding Our Lord's first coming into the world and the light signifies Christ, the Light of the world.

ADVENT LITERATURE: To assist us in preparing for Christmas, we have various reflection literatures available, which can be found at the entrance – feel free to take a copy home.



***Development and Peace's* new campaign**

For our Common Home: A future for the Amazon, a future for all, about the vital role the Amazon plays for the entire planet and the importance of standing alongside those who protect the Amazon.

The Amazon produces 20% of the oxygen we breathe. Yet its forests, streams and people are threatened because of the resources there.

The Amazon is home to half of all the plants and animals in the world. It is also home to more than 30 million people, nearly 3 million of whom belong to 380 indigenous groups. Logging, industrial farming and mining companies threaten their way of life and their survival. We are all interconnected. Let's stand in solidarity with those who strive to protect our land, our waters and our lives. Next week, find out how we can all take action ***For our Common Home. A future for the Amazon is a future for all!***

God's pardon and forgiveness as we extend our unconditional forgiveness to those who have hurt us. Happy Sunday!

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Today, we begin our annual pilgrimage through the events of our history of salvation. We usually start with Advent, the preparation for the birthday celebration of Jesus and ending with the reflection on His glorious "second coming" as judge at the end of the world. Advent refers to the coming of our God in the world, in Jesus Christ. It is a time Christians set aside to prepare for this coming. We see in our churches the traditional signs of Advent: violet vestments and hangings, dried flowers on the altar, and Advent wreath. These signs remind us that we have to prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling Him to radiate His love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness around us. Today's readings as well as all the readings of Advent invite us to be vigilant, to keep our eyes wide open in order to discover and prepare the ways that Jesus has chosen to come and free us from the evil in which we seek happiness, while it only causes a lot of sorrow. We are all called to be alert and ready! But, ready for what?

At this time of the year people are trying to get ready for Christmas, for winter, for cars that won't start and for heating bills that won't stop. There are different things being prepared by different people. Life goes on in the midst of all this. In the day of Noah as referenced in today's Gospel, everyone is busy about the normal: eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. But in the midst of all this there is Noah who is busy with his family building an ark. Noah is the one who is ready because he is alert to what others are doing nothing about: the catastrophe, the flood. He had an ark ready to ride out the disaster of the flood.

This story of Noah and the ark advises us not to run out and build a boat. We are rather asked to listen to the Lord so that, as Isaiah says in the first reading "He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." With a seeming cold war and the drumbeat of wars across the globe, probably none of us will be here to see that blessed day that Isaiah describes when he says; "...nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." War, in all its ramifications, seems to be a permanent feature of the human landscape as history testifies. There is therefore a great need for us to pay attention to the word of the Lord. As St. Paul says in the second reading, "you know what time it is, now is the moment for you to wake up from sleep." Paul advises the Roman Christians to avoid drunken orgies and wrangling and jealousies. None of this makes them alert to the *kind of time* they are in; it just deadens their spiritual sensitivity to the world beyond their own flesh. When people are engaged full-time in satisfying their own craving they are not disposed to face reality and take responsibility for their own world.

Hence, Jesus speaks about the *future coming* of the Son of Man to encourage people to take responsibility for the present time. *The only way to be ready for an unpredictable event is to make the present a time of fidelity: then there is nothing to fear. The only way to secure the future is to care about the present. We are all responsible for the world we live in; we are not passive victims of the inevitable. If we do nothing, we can hardly accuse the world of conspiring against us* (Unknown Author). We all need to be alert and watchful while spiritually preparing for Christmas by offering our daily work to God for His glory, by practicing more self-control in resisting our evil habits and inclinations, by seeking reconciliation daily with God and our fellow humans and by asking God's pardon and forgiveness as we extend our unconditional forgiveness to those who have hurt us. Happy Sunday!

OUR LADY OF VICTORY & ST. Malachy News

St. Malachy - Election of Wardens - If you or someone you know, with his/her permission, would be interested in serving as 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 11, 2019**. If an election is necessary it will be held on Saturday, December 15th after Mass. Thank you.

Sacrament Preparation: All requests for sacraments should be directed to the Secretary, Monique Simpson at 819-986-3763, who will forward to Father Albanus for review.

OLV New Windows: Our new connector windows have been installed and now we have to dress them up. If anyone has sheers, curtains or blinds it would be appreciated.

Sizes: 80"Wx55"L, 114"Wx 55"L, 111"Wx55"L & 76"Wx 55"L or as close as possible. Please drop them off at the office or on Sunday. Thank you.

OLV Christmas Tea: Church will be opened on Friday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to accept your donations to the tea. Saturday doors open at 9:00 a.m. We ask that you bring in your donations prior to 12:00 p.m. so items can be divided and prepared to place on food table and dessert table.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Buckingham Lions Club's annual Blitz will be at the Galeries Buckingham on Saturday, December 7th from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Contributions to the Blitz can be made by placing your donation – cash or cheque made out to the Lions Club – in a plain envelope with Lions Club on the front and depositing in the collection baskets. If you wish a tax receipt from the Lions Club, please ensure that your name and address are included with your donation.

The Media Food Drive (La Guignolée des Médias): This year is the 19th edition of the Media Food Drive where various media organizations join forces across Quebec to collect non-perishable food and cash donations in order to help those in need, during both the Holiday Season and the months that follow. January and February are critical months for food banks.

This drive is in the form of road-blocks and the proceeds of our road-blocks are donated to our local food bank, **La Mie de l'entraide**. The four road-blocks in our territory are: the corner of MacLaren and Belanger in the Buckingham sector; the corner of MacLaren and Lepine in the Buckingham sector; the corner of Georges and Filion in the Masson sector; and the corner of Laurentides and Neuville in the Angers sector. All monetary and non-perishable donations will be accepted at these four road-blocks.

If you are on the road between **6:00 and 9:00 am next Thursday, December 5th** and see these early-morning volunteers begging for donations, please be assured that your generous donation will be used locally at our food bank. You can also make on-line donations at: guignolee.ca or bring your donation to the food bank at 129 Joseph Street (Buckingham Sector).