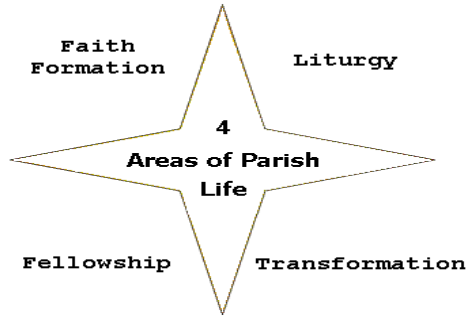





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**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 21-22, 2019 &
DECEMBER 28-29, 2019**

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

Saturday	Dec. 28 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Kathleen Roos & The Holy Souls by Ginny Roos Maureen Dunning by Regis Lemieux Ed Moreau by Pauline & Lucy Bedard Kelly, Martin & Weir Families by The Family Peter Burke by Family & Friends
Sunday	Dec. 29 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV Philipp Lotz by Marianne & Family
Saturday	Jan. 4 th	St. Malachy @ 4:30 p.m.	
Sunday	Jan. 5 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Dec. 14-15, 2019 - Sunday Offerings	\$493.00	\$289.00
Christmas Flowers	309.00	
Donation		200.00

Thank you for your contribution

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Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule:

Saturday	Dec. 21 st		7:00 pm	St. Malachy - Father Al
Sunday	Dec. 22 nd		9:00 am	OLV - Father Al
Tuesday	Dec. 24 th	Christmas Eve	7:00 pm	OLV - Father Bill
			9:00 pm	St. Malachy - Father Bill
Wednesday	Dec. 25 th	Christmas Day	9:00 am	OLV - Father Bill
Saturday	Dec. 28 th		7:00 pm	St. Malachy - Father Al
Sunday	Dec. 29 th		9:00 am	OLV - Father Al
Tuesday	Dec. 31 st	New Year's Eve	4:30 pm	St. Malachy - Father Bill
Wednesday	Jan. 1 st	New Year's Day	9:00 am	OLV - Father Bill

ST. MALACHY: 4:30 pm Saturday Mass during the months of January & February
OLV: No Thursday mass Dec 26 & all throughout the month of January

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

To all the diocesans,

We live in a paradoxical world. On the one hand, the opportunity to travel makes the world smaller and helps us to discover that we are truly part of a global village. Electronic communication tools allow us to share our ideas and exchange with groups on several continents. On the other hand, more and more countries are erecting barriers to limit or prevent the free movement of people. Moreover, Internet forums are becoming more radical and become a place for the exchange of increasingly virulent and hurtful insults.

As we approach Christmas, let us follow the example of the Holy Family who welcomed the poor shepherds as well as the rich wise men. Let us be open to human diversity, build bridges and create links. Let us have a special place in our hearts and neighbourhoods for immigrants and refugees who, like Mary and Joseph, have left their native country to find a haven of peace and life to raise their child. As written by Paul in the letter to the Hebrews, "Do not forget hospitality: it has allowed some, without knowing it, to receive angels in their homes".

Above all, let us immerse ourselves in the evangelical soil that has seen the most beautiful values and virtues of our society born, flourish and grow the thirst for justice, the commitment to peace, the recognition of the dignity of each person. All these find a sure source in the Gospel of the One whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

May the Spirit of the Child of the manger be with you throughout the year of 2020.

+ Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau & Apostolic Administrator of Mont-Laurier

Christmas Message from Fr. Albanus

Brothers and sisters, here we are again! We are blessed with yet another opportunity to celebrate Christmas. Everyone longed for this but not everyone is that privileged. We thank God for making it possible for us.

"A child is born to us"; and this child is God. This is what we celebrate. The coming of Jesus, the Son of God at Christmas, was and is the best Good News. A Child is born in a manger, that Child is God! A most tremendous tale of all! The Maker of all, heaven and earth, stars and sea etc., has become a Child on earth for you and me. Our reaction must not be one of fear but awe and wonder.

Imagine that night at the stable. You would see there a poor young woman, Mary, with her husband Joseph, and a new baby. St. Luke in the Gospel (2:1-14) wants to tell us that this birth is not a fiction, but a real event. The birth of Jesus, the Son of God, is identical to that of any other person. That helpless, vulnerable baby is the Anointed One, the long expected Messiah foretold by the Prophets (Mic. 5:1). That is the surprise! How can the Almighty God become a small and powerless baby? Yes, God, in His plan of salvation, does not follow the logic of man. Men expected to see a strong and powerful king. But, instead God sent a child, who, far from helping is Himself in need of help. He is not born in a great palace, but in a manger, and He does not possess any of the means that people consider absolutely necessary to transform the world: money, arms, power or powerful alliances. Jesus is a perfectly normal child, with just one characteristic: He is poor and among poor people. God chooses poverty and weakness and teaches us to discard the human way of relying on power and strength.

Christmas speaks about God's love. The Baby Jesus, in the manger bespeaks the mystery of God's love for us. God became man so that we might become more like God. He sent His Son, the Light to dispel the darkness of our life. We are called to replicate God's love and light in our world. The presence of God among us is not what we expect, nor where we expect. Thus, we are called to look in the most unlikely places to see Jesus: in the street where the homeless stay; in refugee camps; in the poor; in hospitals and nursing homes; in uncomfortable places and spaces; in new born babies, in hungry children, in wrinkled senior citizens etc., to see Jesus and respond to Him appropriately.

Christmas is a celebration of gratitude. So, I thank all the parishioners for your contributions, support and prayers. I thank all who help in our celebrations, the wardens, the volunteers of various ministries, the secretary and all those who work behind the scene to keep our parish going. I welcome the visitors who have come to share the joys of Christmas with us.

I wish you all Merry Christmas and a prospective New Year!

A Christmas Message from the OLV Wardens

The OLV Wardens would like to take this opportunity to thank our parishioners for their continuous support over the past year. Our Christmas message this year is a simple one: To you, our faith community, we wish you many blessings for the coming year and may peace, love and good fortune follow you always.

Bill Cameron, Bill Raby, Susan Lemieux, Gail & Lyall Campbell & Father Albanus.

Inter-Parish Planning Committee Christmas Wishes

The Committee is comprised of representatives from both parishes and is responsible for the overall coordination of parish activities within the four poles of church life: liturgy, faith formation, fellowship and transformation. The Committee would like to wish parishioners from both parishes a blessed and joyous Christmas and happiness and good health in the New Year.

Bill & Linda Cameron, Ellen Butler, Father Albanus, Joan Teske, & Peter Dunlop.

A Christmas Message from the St. Malachy Wardens

At Christmas, God gives us the best gifts: Jesus, along with Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Magi. Let us welcome Him with great joy and peace in our hearts! The wardens wish all our parishioners, their families and friends, a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also, a heartfelt thanks to all who played a part in our community's life this past year. It is with overwhelming gratitude that we also wish to thank all who contributed, either as donors or volunteers, to the huge success of our Restoration Fund Project. Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks to all involved.



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Vacation: Father Albanus will be celebrating mass with us on December 28 & 29 and then leaving to go home until January 30, 2020. Have a restful and safe time away. In his absence Father Bill will be celebrating our weekend masses with us.

Church Office: Will be closed during the Christmas holidays. Opening again on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Have a good and safe holiday.

St. Malachy Mass Change: St. Columban is closed during the month of January and February so the Saturday night mass in Mayo will be at **4:30 p.m. and not 7:00 p.m.**

Income Tax Receipts: Both parishes will issue out receipts in early 2020 for mass intentions, weekly envelopes and other donations. Our fiscal year ends Dec. 31, 2019.