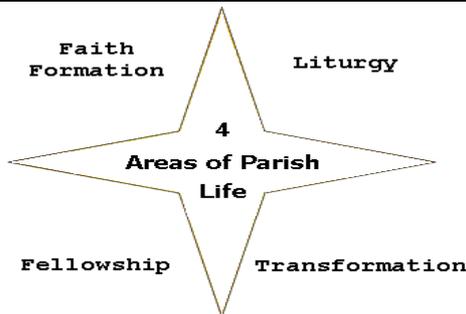




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**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 4 – 5, 2020**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**MASSES**

Saturday	Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ <b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>All Parishioners of St. Malachy &amp; OLV</b>
Sunday	Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<b>Peter Burke</b> by Family & Friends <b>Tom Laframboise</b> by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Dec. 21-22, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$852.00	\$318.00
Dec. 21-22, 2019 - Fuel	325.00	297.00
Dec. 24-25, 2019 - Christmas Offering	3767.00	1017.00
Dec. 28-29, 2019 - Sunday Offering	490.00	345.00
Dec. 28-29, 2019 - Support	75.00	
Dec. 28-29, 2019 - Fuel	15.00	
Dec. 28-29, 2019 - Candles	296.00	
Dec. 28-29, 2019 - Missals	239.60	

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**Reading 1** Isaiah 60.1-6  
**Responsorial Psalm** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you  
**Reading II** Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6  
**Gospel** Matthew 2.1-12

As Jesus' life begins to unfold for us, the gospel writers underline that Jesus was excluded: born outside, in a stable, acclaimed as a King but immediately under the threat from those who held the political power.

The three wise men were also outsiders; they are our spiritual forebears; through them we are invited to approach the Messiah.

Lord, teach me to recognize God's children and welcome them.

## **The Archbishop's Monthly Intentions: January 2020**

In communion with Pope Francis Monthly Intention

**Social Reflection:** January is a month for wishes! It is a beautiful tradition on New Year's Day to offer others wishes of health, joy, peace and happiness! What is the achievement, the realization of these wishes made of? Is it utopia or fantasy? While the figures poverty at home and in the world are mind-blowing, can we still believe in justice, peace and happiness for 2020? Yes, the beginning of the New Year is a great opportunity to reflect and ask questions. Aren't social problems related to poverty and justice an obstacle to health, joy, peace, happiness?

**Answer for our faith:** At the birth of Jesus, the angels sang: Glory to God in the highest, Peace on earth to the men he loves (Lk 2:14). The Pastoral Table of the Bible contains approximately 300 quotations concerning the word "peace" and as many of the word "justice"; that say something about the interest for believers on that question. Throughout history, human beings have had to commit themselves to building peace in our world marked by so much violence and war. Even today we face terrorism, economic corruption and sexual exploitation. One of the characteristics of fraternal life, peace, is far from being a reality. Let us hope in this New Year, with the help of the Spirit, our confidence grows and that He inspires us to make gestures of justice and peace!

**Questions I ask myself:** Why these Kings, Magi, Scientists or Seers come following a star to visit and worship Jesus in the manger? Would there be any injustice on the part of the leaders? What will this child be? Like them, I bow down to him.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading (from Loyola Press)**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of His divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, His baptism by John, and His first miracle at Cana.

## OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

**Father Yves P. Masse, [IVDei](#)** died on December 16, 2019, at the age of 82 surrounded by the love of his family. Submitted to the will of God, he saw death coming with the calm and courage that faith gives. The funeral will take place on Tuesday January 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at Saint-Joseph Cathedral located at 245 Saint-Joseph Boulevard, Gatineau (Hull). The family will receive condolences at the cathedral from 12:15 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Mathieu-Froment-avoie [Foundation](#) ( [www.mmfs.org](http://www.mmfs.org) ) would be appreciated.

**Vacation:** Father Albanus is away on vacation during the month of January. In his absence Father Bill will be celebrating our weekend masses with us.

**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.**

### **OLV Volunteer Appreciation Night:**

On Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, OLV will be holding its annual Volunteer Appreciation night. This evening presents an opportunity for the Wardens to thank those parishioners who have volunteered their time to support Liturgical, Social and Administrative Activities within the parish. The event will commence at 7 pm in the church hall. Finger foods, soft drinks, wine, coffee and tea will be served. In order to ensure the right mix of food and drink, please advise the parish secretary of your intention to attend.

Please note that spouses are invited as well. Also, if you know of anyone who has volunteered for a parish activity and who may not attend mass on a regular basis, please advise them of this event. Parishioners from St. Malachy, who participated in inter-parish activities, are also invited.

