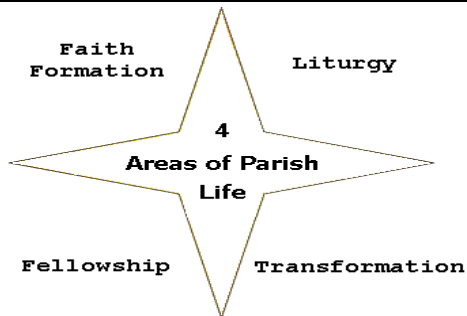




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**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JANUARY 18 – 19, 2020**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**MASSES**

Saturday	Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 4:30 p.m.	<b>Philip, Francisca, George &amp; Jack Roos &amp; The Holy Souls</b> by Ginny Roos
Sunday	Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<b>Paul Jeffrey</b> by Friends of the Kitchen <b>Tom Laframboise</b> by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Jan. 1, 2020 - New Year's Offering	\$409.00	\$ 86.00
Jan. 4-5, 2020 - Sunday Offering	316.00	204.00
Jan. 4-5, 2020 - Support	225.00	122.00
Jan. 11-12, 2020 - NO MASS - BAD WEATHER		

*Thank you for your contribution*

**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE**

For the last six weeks we have been in one of the Church's high seasons: Advent/Christmas. The focus of this 6-week season is on the coming of Christ: his coming that took place some 2000 years ago in Bethlehem; his coming that takes place now in the proclamation of God's word and in the celebration of the Sacraments; and his coming in glory that we look forward to in joyful hope.

We are now back into what in Church language is called Ordinary time. It is most noticeable by the green vestments that the priest wears in that season, but it also shows in the Scripture readings chosen for this season and in the orientation of the Church's prayers. We will be in that mode until February 26<sup>th</sup> when the forty day Lenten period begins - Easter will be celebrated on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Our thanks to those who contributed to making the Advent/Christmas season with its celebrations significant for our ongoing faith journey.

## **Baptism of the Lord**

John experienced a real conflict when Jesus approached him to be baptized. John had been preaching that his baptism was a sign of repentance from sin. He had also announced that someone greater than he was coming. Now that person was here. John was well aware of his own sinfulness, especially in relationship to the person who now stood in front of him asking John to baptize him. John knew that he needed Jesus to be cleansed of his sins.

Jesus' baptism was followed immediately by the descent of the Holy Spirit onto Jesus. The fact that the Spirit, in the form of a dove, rested on Jesus implies that this was a permanent presence from that time forward. Then, lest there be any doubt as to either Jesus' identity or his righteousness, God's voice identifies him as God's Son and declares that God is "well pleased" with him. Thus filled with the Holy Spirit and affirmed by God, Jesus is ready to begin his ministry on earth.

Although not everyone realizes it, we have all been called by God and given a mission. Some restrict the idea of a call or vocation to those who have taken a vow to religious life, while others expand it slightly to include paid lay pastoral workers. But if we believe that God wishes to sanctify all aspects of human existence, and that God does so through human beings, then **all of us** must be involved in the redemption of the world in some way.

Would we live our life any differently if we thought of it as a ministry? While it may be difficult to think of some jobs in themselves as a form of Christian ministry, that might change if we think about it in terms of a call to demonstrate God's presence in the world through what we do and especially how we do it. Would we alter what we do or how we do it? Should we?

*Reflection taken from a **Celebrate!** publication of January 2011*

## **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!

**Action I take:** "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2). This is from the text where Paul sailed for Rome, taken away as a prisoner. "He appears as a factor of peace in the turmoil... supported by the strength of his faith." I read this text.

## **OLV Volunteer Appreciation Night**

(NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>)

On **Friday, January 31<sup>st</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.

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 or other activities, are also invited.***

## OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Lorene Farnand**, sister to Greg and Pat Lavell. Our sympathies go out to their family and friends.

**Father Yves P. Masse, IVDei** died on December 16, 2019. 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.

**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.**

**Heart and Soul Singers:** The OLV Wardens, on behalf of our parishioners, would like to thank the Heart and Soul Singers for their generous donation of \$500 resulting from their Christmas concert. OLV is proud of its partnership with the choir as we believe this to be a great vehicle that brings our English speaking community together through their Spring and Christmas concerts, which are always so well attended. This is the 10th anniversary of our wonderful partnership and the choir is like a fine wine, it gets better with age.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Needs for Just.Equipping** - The Charitable Organization Located in the Rectory

**All required on a continual basis:**

**Baby clothes for layette packages** we make up for babies born in prison or on the prison grounds when families come to visit.

**Hoodies, sweat pants or regular washable pants, long sleeve t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, socks, light windbreakers** for the old, sick and dying prisoners who are very cold at night. They are very skinny, sleeping on the ground, and the temperature drops to about 14-15C at night.

We can use **sheets, blankets** that are not too bulky and can be easily washed.