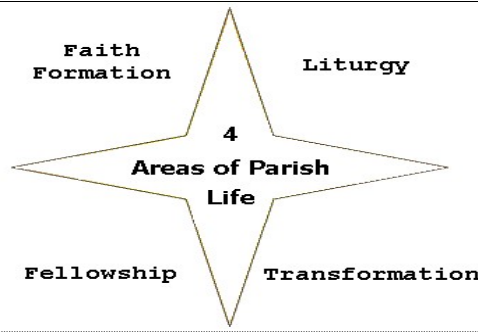





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1st Sunday of Advent
NOVEMBER 28-29, 2020

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

Saturday	Dec. 5 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Intentions for Conversion of Family by Jeannette De Nazareth
Sunday	Dec. 6 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Bob Pearson (25 th ann) by Nancy & Ethel Tom Laframboise (2 nd ann) by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Nov. 21-22, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$ 1331.00	\$ 207.00
Nov. 21-22, 2020 - Fuel	248.00	122.00
- Missionary Bishops	10.00	
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

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.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy



First Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8
Psalm: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

The readings of the four Sundays of Advent call us to be vigilant and ready for the coming of our Lord. They tell us that Jesus has not come just once. He keeps coming. He comes and is present at all the events of our lives, the cheerful or sad ones. Jesus comes and is present in all that happens in our world and in our Church; in those who speak words of love, peace and reconciliation and in those who strive to build a new world under the reign of Christ. Today's liturgy sets the tone for the theme of being alert, watchful and prepared because Christ second coming (the end of the world) can occur at any time. In the first reading, the Prophet calls God "Father" and "redeemer". As such, there is no situation that he cannot improve and no one is so enslaved by sin that s/he cannot be freed and redeemed. He, thus, prays for God's active presence so that the Jewish community, returning from Babylonian exile may remain faithful to their God. In the second reading, St. Paul presents to us the Corinthian Christians as an example of vigilance, their shortcomings notwithstanding. God is not surprised at or shocked by our mistakes; we only need to open up our hearts to his gifts.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the servants and gatekeeper of the Master to instructs his followers to be alert and prepared so as not to be afraid of the end or the Second coming of Christ and judgement. They are expected to be vigilant because the Master is sure to return and the time of His return is uncertain. We should not be so foolish as to forget God and become immersed in worldly matters. "We are so future –oriented that we forget the present entirely. We spend too much time trying to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. We save for a rainy day, to get married, to buy a home, to send the children to college, to return in comfort and to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. But we need to be more spiritually wakeful and prepared for our eternal life because we can die any day and that is the end of the world for us." (Fr Tony Kadavil).

The Master of the house represents Jesus. While leaving this world, He entrusted His disciples with the many tasks in His house (the community). Every Christian is expected to exercise a ministry in the service of his neighbors according to his/her ability. The doorkeeper, who is expected to be more vigilant than all, represents those in the Christian communities who bear responsibility for more important services. These include the bishops, priests and community leaders/ministers, who are expected more than anybody else, to lead an irreproachable life. They must through their thoughts, words and actions, keep their weaker brothers and sisters awake when they are being tempted to adjust themselves to the views and ways of the world. On this first Sunday of Advent, may we take the right first steps as we prepare to celebrate the fond memory of Christ's first coming 2000 years ago during this coming Christmas. Amen. Happy Sunday!



From the Office of the Archbishop

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace - which we all know by its simpler name, "**Development and Peace**" - is facing great challenges in the context of new problems caused by Covid-19 in the global South. In addition, this year's Share Lent collection could not be held due to the closure of all places of worship during Lent of 2020.

For this reason, the fall 2020 educational campaign, entitled "**Recovering Together**", will also be a fundraising campaign. I gave my agreement to hold a special fundraising in our diocese. Obviously, our congregations are small, but we invite our parishioners to contribute....

This pandemic is not easy for us, who live in a rich country. Let us stand in solidarity with those who do not have our good fortune and who must face this ordeal in environments marked by poverty. Yes, let's all try to "recover together"!

**To make an online donation, go to: <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/recoveringtogether>
or you can send your donation to:**

Development and Peace
1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor
Montréal, Québec Canada, H3G 1T7

Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News

Sunday Missals: Now available at the entrance of the church for **\$6.00** each.

PYX: All who bring a PYX to Sunday mass, Father has asked that you place it **opened** on the table at the bottom of the altar. Father to fill and then you can pick up as you come to communion.

Mass Attendance (OLV): Please call the office **IF YOU ARE NOT** going to be attending on Sunday. **(819-986-3763)**. **There are people who could take your place. Due to our limited space this kind gesture would be appreciated.**

On-Going Collections: Used postage stamps, egg cartons, pop tabs, new and used candles, cereal bars (2nd Sunday of each month) and donations to Food Bank. Did you know that the **pop tabs** are converted to cash and donated to the **Monarque Palliative care house** in Montebello?

OLV Schedule for Lectors & Ushers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Dec. 6	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
Dec. 13	Linda	Lyall & Gail
Dec. 20	Diane D.	Ken & Nancy

PLEASE ADVISE EACH OTHER IF CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE & ADVISE MONIQUE SO SEATING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE ADJUSTED

COMMUNITY NEWS



Annual Lions Club Blitz

The Buckingham Lions Club has indicated that, because we are now in the red zone for the coronavirus pandemic, the usual activities associated with the Annual Lions Club Blitz cannot be organized this year. Consequently, our two parishes will not be collecting donations for the 2020 Lions Club Blitz.

Instead, we are invited to participate in the Blitz by making donations on a virtual GoFundMe platform which can be found on the Buckingham Lions Club Facebook page. If an on-line donation is not possible, donations can also be mailed to the Buckingham Lions Club, P.O. Box 2714, Gatineau QC J8L 2X1