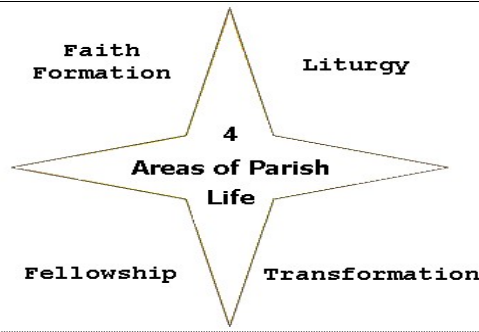





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 490 Charles Street
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 J8L 2K5



St. Malachy
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4th Sunday of Advent
DECEMBER 19-20, 2020

Sunday 9:00 AM	Celebration of the Eucharist	Saturday 7:00 PM
Pastor Father Albanus Ogowuihe Rectory 490 Charles Street, Gatineau, Québec, J8L 2K5 Office Admin. Monique Simpson Email olv@videotron.ca Office Hours Monday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Wednesday - 9:00 am - 11:00 am Thursday - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Telephone (819) 986-3763 Website www.stmalachyolv.com		 180, boul. Mont-Bleu Gatineau (QC) J8Z 3J5 www.diocesegatineau.org

MASSES

Saturday	Dec. 26 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	John & Mathea Stevens by Margaret Farnand & Family
Sunday	Dec. 27 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Peter Burke by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Dec. 12-13, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$449.00	No mass
- Flowers	206.00	No mass
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

Christmas Mass Schedule for OLV & St. Malachy

Saturday	Dec. 19 th		7:00 pm	St. Malachy	Father Albanus
Sunday	Dec. 20 th		9:00 am	OLV	
Thursday	Dec. 24 th	Christmas Eve	7:00 pm	OLV	Father Bill
			9:00 pm	St. Malachy	
Friday	Dec. 25 th	Christmas Day	9:00 am	OLV	Father Albanus
Saturday	Dec. 26 th		7:00 pm	St. Malachy	
Sunday	Dec. 27 th		9:00 am	OLV	
Thursday	Dec. 31 st	New Year's Eve	7:00 pm	St. Malachy	
Friday	Jan. 1 st	New Year's Day	9:00 am	OLV	

Father is available for confession. Please make an appointment by calling him at 819-663-5244.

ST. MALACHY: 4:30 pm Saturday Mass during the months of January & February

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Hail, Full of Grace!



First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalm: Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord
Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27
Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

Today's readings focus on the circumstances leading up to the first coming of Jesus, the event which sets the pattern for His coming to us now and at the end of time. The Gospel stresses the key role of Mary in the work of our salvation. In addition, today's Scripture texts describe God's promise to David and its fulfillment in Jesus, the Son of David. They also tell us that God's preparation for the coming of Jesus was full of surprises. The unfolding of God's plan of salvation through history has contained many surprises. The **first reading** surprises us by telling of God's promise to David that he would have a long line of royal descendants culminating in a final King, Jesus Christ. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 89), the Psalmist recalls all of God's promises and surprises describing God's promise to David and his descendants in terms of a Covenant. The **second reading** surprises us as well with Paul's explanation of the unveiling of God's plan for human salvation through Jesus.

Today's **Gospel** surprises us by telling us that this final King would be born to an ordinary virgin, not by means of sexual relationship, but through the Holy Spirit, and that this Son of God, Jesus, would become a descendant of David. This would occur through Joseph, Mary's betrothed husband and the legal father of her son, as Joseph was "of the House of David." The Gospel narrative also surprises us by reminding us that God's promise is best fulfilled not in buildings, or even in great kings like Solomon, but rather in humble souls like Mary who trusted in God's promise. Mary is the center of God's special choice that entails innumerable blessings. This however asked of her a lot of sacrifices. The divine proposition that she would be the mother of the Son of God is very attractive but also fraught with contradictions. She cannot understand how she, as a virgin, could bear a child. She would no doubt have to face the fury of an orthodox Jewish society. What confusion for her!

With the angel's intervention Mary is assured of the power of the Holy Spirit in her life. She declares her 'fiat' and surrenders herself and her whole life to divine purpose, not as prisoner however, but freely, as a woman of faith. Sometimes the sacrifices our state of life may require of us may seem overwhelming to us; but we need not feel disheartened. Faith is the ingredient for us as it was for Mary. If we have faith, there is nothing that God cannot do for us. In this Gospel we see fulfilled the predictions made about Jesus. In the first place, Mary was to give to the child a name 'Jesus', a name given even before His conception. The Gospel says 'great will be His dignity': today we offer no higher dignity to anyone than we do to Jesus. Jesus would be called 'the Son of the Most High God': that which Christians have always believed. He will be given 'the throne of His father, David': Jesus embodies all the royalty of David and much more. The Gospel also says 'His reign will be without end': while David's reign lasted for forty years, Jesus reigns forever. This is what Christmas is all about. We celebrate the birth of One who is no ordinary child. We celebrate *Emmanuel*, God is with us.

Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News

Request to Parishioners: *Please look at the above holiday schedule and advise the office whether you will be attending Christmas Eve or Christmas Day mass at OLV. How about New Year's Day? Seating arrangements must be planned to accommodate our number of 25. Office: 819-986-3763 or via email at olv@videotron.ca no later than December 23 at 10:00 a.m.*

St. Malachy Masses: Note that for the months of January and February masses will be on Saturday at **4:30 p.m.** and not 7:00 p.m.

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 **prior to mass**. 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>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Dec. 24 th	Thursday	7 pm	Diane	Lyall & Gail
Dec. 25 th	Friday	9 am	Linda	Nancy & Ken
Dec. 27 th	Sunday	9 am	Virginia	Lyall & Gail
Jan. 1 st	Friday	9 am	Linda	Ken & Monique
Jan. 3 rd	Sunday	9 am	Diane	Lyall & Gail
Jan. 10 th	Sunday	9 am	Virginia	Nancy & Ken
Jan. 17 th	Sunday	9 am	Linda	Lyall & Gail
Jan. 24 th	Sunday	9 am	Diane	Nancy & Ken
Jan. 31 st	Sunday	9 am	Virginia	Lyall & Gail

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



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