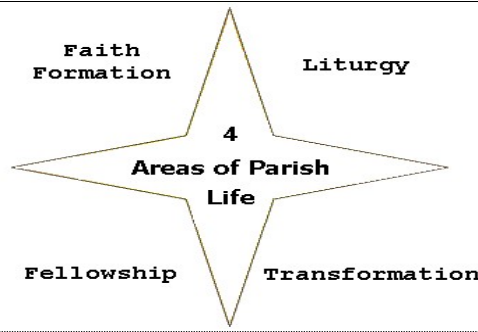





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**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**JANUARY 2-3, 2021**

<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Celebration of the Eucharist</b>	<b>Saturday 7:00 PM</b>
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**MASSES**

Saturday	Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 4:30 p.m.	James Gaspar by Cheryl & Peter Cameron
Sunday	Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Philipp Lotz & Family by Marianne Lotz

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Dec. 24-25, 2020 - Christmas Collection	\$ 8,854.00	\$ 950.00
- Donations		750.00
Dec. 26-27, 2020 - Sunday Collection	235.00	575.00
- Fuel	245.00	330.00
- Donations		100.00
- Support	45.00	
- Candle Money	15.00	
- Missals	15.00	

*Thank you for your contributions*

**Archbishop Durocher's Daily Reflections during Christmas**



You can find the link to the Archbishop's daily reflections during the Christmas season on our website's home page.

## Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

### Epiphany of the Lord



<b><u>First Reading:</u></b>	<b>Isaiah 60.1-6</b>
<b><u>Psalm:</u></b>	<b>Lord, every nation on earth will adore you</b>
<b><u>Second Reading:</u></b>	<b>Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6</b>
<b><u>Gospel:</u></b>	<b>Matthew 2.1-12</b>

The Greek word Epiphany (**επιφάνεια**) means *appearance* or *manifestation*. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church the feast is the commemoration of the baptism of Christ where the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah, and at Cana He revealed His Divinity by transforming water into wine. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany. In the **first reading**, the Prophet Isaiah says that when the light of the Lord shone on Jerusalem, all people would start coming towards that city, carrying gifts. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) includes a verse about kings coming from foreign lands to pay homage to a just king in Israel. In the **second reading**, St. Paul, writing to the Ephesians, expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: *"the Gentiles have become fellow heirs...and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."* God has planned that Jews and Gentiles should become only one people: the people of God. All divisions, partitions, envy, dissensions and wars will have to disappear. We are all children of the same Father in Christ Jesus.

Today's **Gospel** carries the story of the visit of the Magi and the attitude of Herod at the news of the birth of Christ. It teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring him their hearts. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah (first reading), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light, bringing gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. It reminds us that if God permitted the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus. The gifts presented to Jesus may be thought of as prophesying Jesus' future. Gold was a gift for Kings; frankincense (an ancient air purifier and perfume), was offered to God in Temple worship (Ex. 30:37); and myrrh (an oriental remedy for intestinal worms in infants), was used by the High Priest as an anointing oil (Ex. 30:23), and to prepare bodies for burial. This Gospel periscope presents three groups who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth.

The first group is made up of those who wanted to eliminate Him. This group headed by Herod reacted with hatred toward Him. Secondly, there is a group of people who reacted with indifference composed of priests and scribes, who ignored Jesus. The third group made up of the magi and shepherds, reacted to Jesus with adoration and offered Him gifts. We ought to belong to the third group, by worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration; by giving a new direction to our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behavior. We could be stars leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Jesus. Let us remove the darkness of the evil around us by radiating Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care. Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany: our gift of friendship with God in the form of wholehearted love and devotion; our gift of friendship with others by leading them to Jesus by our exemplary lives of Christian charity in action; our gift of reconciliation with God by daily asking His pardon and forgiveness for our sins and giving unconditional forgiveness to those who offend us; our gift of peace by seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God.

**Happy New Year!**

## Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy News

**A Wonderful Christmas Gift (OLV):** The OLV Wardens would like to acknowledge and thank our Parish community for their tremendous financial support not only over the year but especially at Christmas. The pandemic has put a lot of constraints on us, but we have proven as a community to be resilient and up to the challenge.

To all our Parishioners, once again a heartfelt thank you for your support and best wishes for a safe and healthy new year.

**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.**

**Income Tax Receipts:** Both parishes will issue out receipts in early 2021 for mass intentions, weekly envelopes and other donations. Our fiscal year ends Dec. 31, 2020.

**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.

**Cereal Bar Drive:** Basket will be at entrance to church for your donations.

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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>
Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9 am	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9 am	Linda	Lyall & Gail
Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9 am	Diane	Ken & Nancy
Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday	9 am	Greg	Lyall & Gail

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