|   |   | Faith<br>Formation<br>Liturgy<br>4<br>Areas of Parish<br>Life<br>Fellowship<br>Transformation |   |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Our Lady of Victory</b><br>490 Charles Street<br>Gatineau, Québec<br>J8L 2K5 |   | NATIVITY of the LORD<br>&<br>MARY, the Holy Mother of God                                     | <b>St. Malachy</b><br>3889 Route 315<br>Mayo, Québec<br>J8L 3Z8 |  |  |
|   |   | DEC. 25-26, 2021 & JAN. 1-2, 2022   |   |  |  |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m.  |   | Celebration of the Eucharist  | Saturday 7:00 p.m.  |  |  |
| Pastor  |   |   |   |  |  |
| Rectory   |   | 1. S. A. C.   |   |  |  |
| Secretary   | Monique Simpson   |   |   |  |  |
| Email   | olv@videotron.ca  |   | Archidiocèse  |  |  |
| Office Hours  | Monday:   | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  | Gatilieau   |  |  |
|   | Wednesday:  | 9:00 am - 11:00 am  | 180, boul. Mont-Bleu  |  |  |
|   | Thursday:   | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm   | Gatineau (QC) J8Z 3J5   |  |  |
| Telephone   | (819) 986-3763  |   | www.diocesegatineau.org   |  |  |
| Website   | www.stmalachyolv.com  |   |   |  |  |
| Baptisms  | By appointment. Registration required. Please call the Rectory.   |   |   |  |  |
| Weddings  | Couples must call the Rectory for an appointment <u>at least one year</u> prior to their date of marriage to allow adequate preparation time. |   |   |  |  |
| Welcome to<br>New Parishioners  | We welcome you to our parish! Please introduce yourself after Mass and call the Rectory to register.  |   |   |  |  |

| MASSES   |                       |             |           |   |  |  |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|---|--|--|
| Saturday | Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> | OLV         | 9:00 a.m. | All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy                               |  |  |
| Sunday   | Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> | OLV         | 9:00 a.m. | Deceased Members of the Kelly, Martin & Weir Families by Barbara Weir |  |  |
| Thursday | Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup> |             |           | NO MASS   |  |  |
| Saturday | Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>  | OLV         | 9:00 a.m. | All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy                               |  |  |
| Sunday   | Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | OLV         | 9:00 a.m. | All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy                               |  |  |
| Thursday | Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>  | OLV         | 9:00 a.m. | All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy                               |  |  |
| Saturday | Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>  | St. Malachy | 5:00 p.m. | Doris Berndt by Cheryl & Peter Cameron                                |  |  |
| Sunday   | Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>  | OLV         | 9:00 a.m. | Philippe Lotz by Marianne Lotz  |  |  |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS                          | OLV       | ST. MALACHY |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| December 18-19, 2021 - Sunday Offering   | \$ 265.00 | \$ 320.00   |
| December 18-19, 2021 - Christmas Flowers | 248.00    | 46.00       |
|  |           |             |

## Thank you for your contributions

| OLV SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS & USHERS |          |               |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Date                              | Lectors  | Ushers        |  |  |  |
| January 1 <sup>st</sup>           | Virginia | Monique & Ken |  |  |  |
| January 2 <sup>nd</sup>           | Diane    | Lyall & Gail  |  |  |  |
| January 9 <sup>th</sup>           | Linda C. | Monique & Ken |  |  |  |

# Zoom Links

The following is the Zoom link for the Christmas morning mass at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Victory church:

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88105704900?pwd=cWV3dTB6clhpcUliV1RIR1Zkd0gvUT09

Meeting ID: 881 0570 4900 Passcode: 313465

The following is the Zoom link for the January 1<sup>st</sup> mass at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Victory church:

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83549932792?pwd=RFEwL1Z0bGlXalFEbyt5SENZOXVUZz09

Meeting ID: 835 4993 2792 Passcode: 781060

Please note that the regular Sunday morning Zoom link has not changed.

### 2021 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MGR PAUL-ANDRÉ DUROCHER

To a world that has problems building bridges between right and left, young and old, lifelong citizens and immigrants, God offers his Son, universal brother and warmest welcome.

To a world scarred by wounds, exclusions, judgments and violence, God offers his Son, haven of peace, source of healing and path of reconciliation.

To a world that ignores its own history while struggling to imagine a future, God offers his Son, the eternal Word that entered time to reveal the eternal breadth of all our moments.

To a world which seeks the meaning of things, a purpose in life, a reason for being, God offers his Son, embodied wisdom and light in the shadows.

To this efficient and connected world which still yearns for true encounter and faithful relationship, God offers his Son, the intimate friend who wants only our good.

May the children of this world have a beautiful child's Christmas, full of evergreens and snow, gifts and candy. But my deepest wish is that the adults of this world experience an adult Christmas: a time to recognize the depth of things, the fragile beauty of existence and the possibilities that the starry night of Bethlehem opens to us all.

Merry Christmas!

+ Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau

#### Christmas Message from the OLV Wardens

On behalf of the OLV Wardens, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our parishioners a joyful Christmas and a healthy and hopeful New Year.

Once again, Covid-19 has conspired to dampen our spirit around Christmas. Over the past two years, the virus has made life difficult for all and has forced us, as a faith community, to do things differently. We have been asked to make sacrifices in order to ensure the celebration of mass. Our parishioners have shown resiliency in supporting both our mass celebrations and also the financial needs of our parish.

In particular, I would like to thank my fellow wardens and all the volunteers who make it possible to meet the ever-changing challenges created by Covid-19.

While we wait for the birth of our Saviour, think about this: we cannot compare the challenges we are facing with the challenges that Mary and Joseph faced in Bethlehem so long ago. They showed faith and resiliency and are an example for us. As we celebrate Christmas with our families, let our faith be a source of strength as we continue to move forward in these difficult times. God bless all our parishioners and their families.

Bill Cameron, Chairperson of the Fabrique

### Thank You from The Chairperson and Wardens of St. Malachy's Parish

The Chairperson and Wardens of St. Malachy's parish wish to thank all the parishioners for your continued support this past year. Not only financial support, but your understanding of the constant changes implemented throughout the past year due to pandemic restrictions. Thank you for continuing to keep our faith community alive through your weekly attendance.

Thank you also to our parish ministers who assist with the readings, Mass serving, musical contributions, and church preparation to be able to come together in prayer.

A special thanks to Fr. Greg Murray for accepting to be our new parish priest and leading us in prayer and spiritual guidance. It is greatly appreciated.

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year. May the spirit of Christmas be extended into our daily lives long past the Christmas Season. God Bless.

#### Update on our Community Involvement

**La Mie de l'entraide** has been extremely busy during November and December. There have been numerous food drives which helps to provide extras when preparing Christmas food requirements for the needy population. Statistics indicate a 100% increase since 2019.

"After a very busy period, the elves in our team need to recharge their batteries. La Mie will therefore be closed from noon on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Back to regular hours on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please note that food will be available in the outside refrigerator for those who need it."

**Buckingham Lions Club** - the 4<sup>th</sup> annual breakfast at Resto-Bar Le Buck raised over \$18,000. This amount added to the total amount of funds previously raised over the past year. The Club recently distributed over 150 Christmas baskets to needy population of the region.

In addition, Our Lady of Victory provides support to Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous on a weekly basis.

## COVID-19 UPDATE FOR OLV & ST. MALACHY CHURCHES

Once again, COVID is threatening the lives of many elderly and vulnerable people, as well as the integrity of our health care system.

Consequently, the Quebec government has introduced new measures to fight the virus. The one change that will dramatically have an impact on our community is the requirement to provide a vaccination passport to attend mass celebrations. This new measure will become effective as of December 20, 2021. Other public health measures will remain in place. **Given that this is the first time we will be doing this verification process on Christmas morning, parishioners are being asked to come to mass a little earlier to avoid a bottleneck at the entrance.**