



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
Gatineau, Québec
J8L 2K5

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 14-15, 2024

St. Malachy
3889 Route 315
Mayo, Québec
J8L 3Z8

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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Office Hours

Monday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Thursday - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Confessions Available 15 minutes before every weekend mass

Baptisms By appointment. Registration required. Please call the Rectory.

Weddings Couples are asked to call the Rectory for an appointment **at least one year** prior to their date of marriage to allow adequate preparation time. **A Marriage course is required.**

Welcome to new Parishioners We welcome you to our parish! Please introduce yourself after Mass and call the Rectory to register.



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MASSES

Saturday	December 14 th	St. Malachy	5:00 p.m.	Peter & John Sellers by Joseph & Virginia Roos Sharon McDonnell by Marcel Lalonde & family
Sunday	December 15 th	OLV	9:00 a.m.	James Austin Martin by Barbara Martin Chris Farnand by The Family
Thursday	December 19 th	OLV	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	December 21 st	St. Malachy	5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Somers & Ryan Families by The Estate Kathleen Rita Roos by Ginny Roos Mary & Michael McDonnell by Doris Prevost
Sunday	December 22 nd	OLV	9:00 a.m.	Edmond Bedard (33 yr. ann) by Pauline Bedard & Family

REMINDER: CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

OLV

ST. MALACHY

Dec 7-8 – Sunday Collection	\$ 407.00	\$ 159.00
Dec 7-8 - Flowers		25.00

Thank you for your contributions.

READINGS & REFLECTION

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 15th

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a
Responsorial Psalm: Shout aloud and sing for joy, great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Second Reading: Philippians 4.4-7
Gospel: Luke 3.10-18

Mgr Paul-André Durocher's Christmas message 2024



It's with hearts filled with hope that Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem. They knew God would work wonders there.

In welcoming their Son Jesus, in choosing to follow him on the roads of life, our hearts also will be filled with hope.

With Mary and Jesus, with Jesus himself, let us be "Pilgrims of Hope."

Merry Christmas.

† PAUL-ANDRÉ DUROCHER
ARCHBISHOP OF GATINEAU



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2024 - 2025 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Details	Time	Location
Tuesday	Dec. 24 th	Christmas Eve	9:00 pm	St. Malachy
Wednesday	Dec. 25 th	Christmas Day	9:00 am	Our Lady of Victory
Thursday	Dec. 26 th	Boxing Day	9:00 am	Our Lady of Victory
Wednesday	Jan. 1 st - 2025	New Year's Day	9:00 am	Our Lady of Victory

Please note that there will be no mass at St. Malachy in Mayo on Wednesday, Jan. 1st.



CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATION

After next weekend masses in our two parish churches, volunteers will be changing the décor to create a meaningful Christmas experience.

At Our Lady of Victory church, volunteers will get together on Sunday, December 22nd at 11:30 am. We are looking for new volunteers to help with our traditional Christmas theme which reflects a beacon of joy and love during the holiday season. Everyone is welcome!

ADVENT – THE SEASON OF PREPARATION

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents *Journey through Advent* with the Most Rev. Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2024. The first Sunday video can be found at the following link: <https://www.cccb.ca/>

STAR OF WONDER: PILGRIMAGE OF LIGHT

Jerusalem is a city of prayer, recognized as one of the holiest cities in the world. Deepen your connection with God through this virtual Pilgrimage of Prayer, discovering the people, places, and ways Christians pray in Jerusalem.

Follow the pilgrimage at: <https://www.magdala.org/>

ADVENT MESSAGE FROM FATHER GREG

Like a lot of homilists I make the mistake of overemphasizing 'ordinariness' as a virtue. This is a strategy used to try to connect us more personally with holiness. We emphasize that like the saints we are ordinary people who allow themselves to be used in extraordinary ways by God. This can be useful, but it can also bind us to the incredible nature of our calling as believers.

From the world's point of view we are just ordinary people, like everyone around us, but from God's point of view we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people of joy THE BODY OF CHRIST, the children of light, "...for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light..." Ephesians 5:8.

So let us rejoice in our calling, and put off worldly labels such as 'ordinary'. We are not ordinary, rather we are called to judge the world with Jesus our leader. "Do you know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try Trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more matters pertaining to this life." I Corinthians 6:2-3 we are made for eternal bliss. Joy is our calling card.

We often mistakenly call all people 'children of God.' But that is false. All are creatures of God, but only believers "become" children of God by adoption. "But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave us power to BECOME children of God; who were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh, but of God." John 1:12 "See what love the Father has given us, that we could be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now..." 1 John 3:1. Yes indeed, we are far from 'ordinary.' Let us rejoice in what the Lord has made of us.

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

Together, let's support peasant and rural communities!

Across the Global South, peasant and rural communities have fought hard to assert their rights to land, water, seeds, food sovereignty, a healthy environment and more. But how can they protect these rights when a powerful foreign corporation shows up in their region, intent on extracting resources, and indifferent to polluting the environment?

Together, let's call on Canada to adopt **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation** so that no Canadian company can trample on peasants' rights. Do your bit by [signing our campaign letter at devp.org/act!](https://devp.org/act/) You can also sign the Action Card which can be found at the church entrance and leave all signed cards in the collection basket. The Action Sheet that was inserted in a previous bulletin can be found at <https://devp.org/en/campaign/reaping-our-rights/resources-fall-2024/>



JUBILEE 2025

Pope Francis Calls the Faithful of the Catholic Church to Be "Builders of Hope" for the 2025 Jubilee Year: *"Hope does not disappoint."* This is the theme for Jubilee 2025, which will begin on Christmas Eve, 2024, and continue throughout 2025, concluding on January 6, 2026. At Pope Francis's invitation, millions of Catholics around the world will participate in this Jubilee Year, celebrated every 25 years on a global scale. The Archdiocese of Gatineau is developing a plan to mark this Jubilee in a meaningful way. An evening of spiritual renewal via Zoom will be held on **Wednesday, December 4th**, featuring two guest speakers, including Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, Bishop of Hearst and originally from Gatineau. Additionally, to mark the start of the Jubilee Year, a celebration presided over by our bishop, Paul-André Durocher, will take place at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, **December 29th**. Detailed information on all planned activities will be available soon.

OLV Lector's / Greeter's Schedule		
DATE	LECTOR	GREETERS
December 15 th	Aggie	Bill R. & Bill C.
December 22 nd	Raphael & Michael	Gail & Lyall
December 25 th	Linda C.	Bill R. & Bill C.
December 26 th		
2025 January 1 st	Linda R.	Bill R. & Bill C.

Looking for more information on church items, please view our website at www.stmalachyolv.com