



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

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 21–22, 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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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.

Office Hours

Monday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday - 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Thursday - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



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MASSES

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
Thursday	December 26 th	OLV	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	December 28 th	St. Malachy	5:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
Sunday	December 29 th	OLV	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy

REMINDER: CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Dec 14-15 Sunday Collection	\$ 550.00	\$ 215.00
Dec 14-15 Missals	82.00	226.00

Thank you for your contributions.

READINGS & REFLECTION

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 22nd

First Reading: **Micah 5.2-5a**
Responsorial Psalm: **Restore us, O God: let your face shine, that we may be saved.**
Second Reading: **Hebrews 10.5-10**
Gospel: **Luke 1.38**

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



We are all pilgrims of life. We walk our daily paths, doing our jobs, having a bit of fun, taking on challenges. We don't walk alone. We choose a few companions. We also rub shoulders with colleagues, strangers, people who are more or less like us, with whom we get on more or less well. We're obliged to walk together. But do we know where we're going?

So many people in our world are forced to go where they don't really want to go. Refugees today number in the millions, forced into exile for political, economic, social or ethnic reasons. They wander, looking for a place to stop, pitch a tent and find work.

Joseph and Mary set off for Bethlehem for legal reasons: they had to go there in obedience to the Roman emperor, who demanded that everyone be registered in their home town. So many people complied with the emperor's whims that, when Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, they discovered that the village was overcrowded. The young couple looked a lot like today's refugees.

Yet their hearts overflowed with hope. They knew that the child Mary was carrying in her womb would transform the world, bringing un hoped-for light, warmth and love.

Jesus himself took to the road when he chose to go to every village and town in Palestine to proclaim the Good News of a saving God who is close to the little ones and the humble. He wanted to sow this hope in all hearts, so that as they walked, people would also feel like singing, conversing, helping and encouraging each other.

For Catholics the world over, 2025 will be a Jubilee Year. We'll be living it to the rhythm of the theme chosen by Pope Francis: "Pilgrims of Hope". Like Joseph and Mary, let us not be afraid to take up the path of life each day that is given to us. Let us journey with those we love... and all those we don't love enough. Let's nourish the hope that abides in our hearts and radiate hope for the whole world.

We are indeed pilgrims of life. Let us also be pilgrims of hope!

Paul-André Durocher

Archbishop of Gatineau

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS	
Dec. 23 rd and 30 th	Open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Dec. 24 th , 25 th , 26 th , 27 th and 31 st	CLOSED
Jan. 2 nd	Open from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Jan. 6 th	Back to Regular Office Hours
<i>Merry Christmas to all.</i>	

OUR LADY OF VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Father Greg contact information: OLV - 819-986-3763 St. Aloysius - 819-663-5244

Sympathy: Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends on the death of **Mike Lawlis**. His funeral will be held at Our Lady of Victory on January 4th at 11:00 a.m.

Candles: *Please note that effective January 1st, 2025 the LARGE candles will be \$5.00.*

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.

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.

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

A visit from a friend or a loved one is a wonderful thing; a personal contact is primary important to the human heart. We have so many modes of communication in our modern electronic age, but nothing can replace a personal visit. People today live wherever the job market takes the, which can be anywhere in the world. The result of this is that many people rarely see their children, and many grandparents have never met their grandchildren, except through Skype. That's nice but it's not personal contact, is it? It's not a visit. You can't hold your grandchildren on Skype.

During the Christmas season our airports are crammed with people going "home" for the holidays. But do these economic nomads actually have a "home"? But again, a visit is nice, much better than some virtual contact, but can that replace daily personal contact? Real personal contact is not defined by an airline ticket, but by that which comes from the heart.

Today's gospel speaks of a real heartfelt visit, which is known as the 'Visitation'. This is a communion based in belief, real faith in the calling of God. Mary and Elizabeth are cousins, but what truly brings them together is faith; they are women of faith, they have both given themselves to God's will, because they believe in God.

I believe that these two women represent the unity of the faith, the unity of the Church. They are people who have put their whole lives in God's hands. What better basis for unity. This is the coming together of sisters in Christ, so much more than their family kinship; this is a truly spiritual union.

The Church is not me, and it's not you, it is we coming together to worship the Lord and to build one another up in the faith. The strength of your faith confirming me and the strength of my faith sustaining you. We, one Body in Christ. Mary and Elizabeth represent this unity of faith. So, when we welcome our economic nomads back home let it be in the unity of truth. Lord, bless all those who have made the sacrifice of making a real visit..

OLV Lector's / Greeter's Schedule		
DATE	LECTOR	GREETERS
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