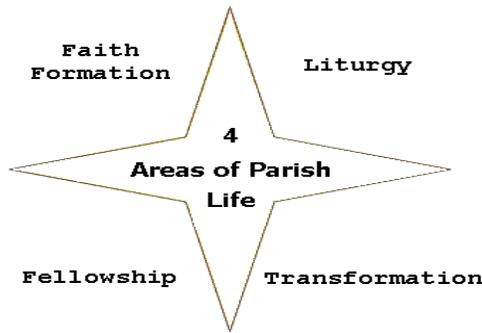




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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 MARCH 17 - 18, 2012**

Sunday 9:00 AM Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading 1 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++
Responsorial Psalm Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember You!
Reading II Ephesians 2.4-10
Gospel John 3.14-21

The divine spark or presence is in each of us, often called the light of God. Prayer is the time when we “switch on” this light and allow ourselves to become aware of the light of God filling us with love, forgiveness, and healing.

The light of God in each of us spreads to others, and it is through God's people that God's light shines in the world.

MASSES

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| Saturday | March 24, 2012 | St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal Beaulne (40th anniv.) by Richard & Rachel Mass of Thanksgiving by a Parishioner All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV |
| Sunday | March 25, 2012 | OLV @ 9:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Betty Filiatreault by Friends of the Kitchen Vincent Butler by his wife Mabel Evelyn Casey Mathieu by Maureen Dunning |

4th SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 18th, 2012

Joy has a spiritual origin, arising from a heart that loves and feels itself loved by God.

The mortifications we do during these days should not cast a shadow over our interior joy. Rather, it ought to increase it, because our Redemption is near at hand; the pouring out of love for mankind, which is the Passion, is coming and the joy of Easter will soon be upon us. We therefore feel the need to be very closely united to Our Lord, so that our lives too may reflect once more the suffering He underwent for our sakes, as well as experiencing great happiness in the attainment of the glory and joy of the resurrection through his Passion and his cross.

The Liturgical Committee

OUR SYMPATHIES to the family of George Ryan who's funeral took place on Friday at OLV. Please remember George and his family in your prayers.



THINKfast

The confirmation candidates will be participating in a “mini” Thinkfast Sunday, March 18th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a Development and Peace initiative and they will be **fasting** from 5:00 a.m. Sunday morning to 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Please keep them in your prayers.



In this weeks insert – Solidarity Card 3 – Development and Partnership in Action has given hope to villages to become self-sufficient. They have developed community projects, educational and technical support for agriculture and health and a program to support families in greatest need. Their motto is “In our village no one is sick and no one is poor”.

Next Sunday is Solidarity Sunday. Envelopes can be found in your regular Collection Envelopes. Also extra envelopes are at the entrance of the Church.

SYMBOLS OF SOLIDARITY

Every year, *Development and Peace* members in Canada participate in special solidarity tours where they visit *Development and Peace* partners and the communities they work with in Asia, Africa, Latin America or the Middle East. The members learn more about the work of *Development and Peace* partners, and return to Canada inspired to share the stories of the people and the partners they met.

The Symbols of Solidarity that were brought forward in our churches on the first Sunday of Lent (and will remain under the cross throughout Lent) help us to reflect on the direct connection between members of *Development and Peace* and our sisters and brothers in the Global South. They are a visible reminder of how the work of our partners is helping a world of justice take root in the Philippines, Cambodia and Lebanon.

ST. MALACHY'S WARDENS MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

OLV PARISH is in need of a second fridge for the kitchen in the basement hall. Should you have one to donate please contact the OLV Society, Monique Simpson at 819 986-3166 or contact the office at 819 986-3763. Thanks

SESSION ON DIABETES

This session offered by the Centre de santé et de services sociaux de Papineau will be held for the next five consecutive weeks, March 20, 27, April 3, 10 and 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the CLSC Vallee-de-la-Lievre at 578 Maclaren East. To register please call 819 986-3359.

RELAY FOR LIFE (CANCER RESEARCH)

Sunday, April 22 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm) food and other items will be for sale at OLV. All Proceeds to the Buckingham Relay for Life (Cancer Research).

GARAGE SALE – September 8, 2012

Please advise Monique Simpson at 819 986-3166 if you have anything to donate. More information to follow.

PIE MAKERS

Pie Makers please reserve the following dates: September 17, 18 & 19 for apple pies and November 12, 13 & 14 for meat pies.

Those wishing to purchase pies will be advised as to when.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

| <u>WEEKLY RECEIPTS</u> | <u>OLV</u> | <u>ST. MALACHY</u> |
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| March 10-11, 2012 Offering | \$ 592.00 | \$ 274.00 |

Walking the Walk - A Lenten Thought

Through various writings and teachings, the life of Jesus has been described to us in many forms. However, it is a story with a common theme:

- ✓ born in a manger of parents of relatively modest means;
- ✓ simple shepherds were witnesses to his birth;
- ✓ in his early days he was a carpenter by trade, a man who worked with his hands;
- ✓ we are told his tastes and lifestyle were simple; and
- ✓ for the first 33 years of his life, he worked and lived in a small village.

Jesus' teachings were often directed towards the plight of the poor, the oppressed, the sick and the elderly. His message was one of love – loving your neighbour as yourself. This was pronounced by Jesus as the second most important commandment.

Some of Jesus' most telling pronouncements are found in the Beatitudes as follows:

- ✓ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ✓ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ✓ Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ✓ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ✓ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

There is a common thread to most of Jesus' teachings around social justice, respect for others and assisting the less fortunate. **If you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples. (John 8:31)**

His message is calling for us, as Christians, to think outside the walls of the church. Thinking outside the walls can mean many things including playing an activist role in the community at large. On many occasions, Jesus has stated his desire for each one of us to be compassionate with one another and especially with those in material, physical and spiritual need. So how as a community can we accomplish this?

We can respond by providing the OLV church hall to such self-help groups as Narcotics, Alcoholics and Over-Eaters Anonymous. By allowing them to pay a minimum amount of rent and if they can't afford to do so, provide the hall for free. We believe it is our responsibility to help those trying to help themselves. Both parishes work with La Maison de La Famille by helping individuals who find themselves without furniture, groceries, clothes or other necessities.

Many parishioners find it hard to believe that there are people in this community who find themselves on the street with virtually nothing. A fact that parishioners may not know is that the Buckingham sector is one of the poorest sectors in the City of Gatineau.

Each week, parishioners from both parishes donate a wide range of non-perishable food and cereal bars for distribution to the local food bank, soup kitchen and the elementary school. These goods provide needed support for families, individuals and school children.

At Christmas time, parishioners from both parishes generously support the Lions Club annual Christmas basket campaign. As well, OLV financially supports a community group that provides a Christmas meal for those who find themselves alone or who can't afford a meal. Christmas is a lonely time for many people and this initiative has become very popular over the past few years.

So during this Lenten season, let us be especially conscious of the needs of others and continue to act accordingly. Let us bring hope and compassion to our brothers and sisters in need. **Lord, help me give of myself in little ways, so that helping others becomes a habit.**