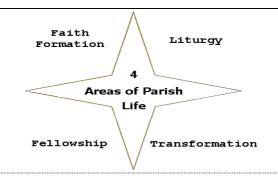


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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME March 1-2, 2014



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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading 1 Reading I Responsorial Psalm Reading II

Isaiah 49.14-15

For God alone my soul waits in silence

Reading II 1 Corinthians 4.1-5
Gospel Matthew 6.24-34

In this well-loved text, Jesus is not trying to make a moral point about whether or not we should spend time buying food and clothes. He is appealing to the imagination to focus his followers on the kingdom of God, to encourage them (and us) to put God first.

How much time and conversation do I spend on food, drink, and clothes? How much time do I spend speaking personally with the Lord, thinking about God's role in my life?

I bring my priorities before God in prayer, asking if I have them properly sorted out. What might I do to change things around?

MASSES

| Tuesday | March 4 | OLV @ 7:00 p.m. | Ash Wednesday Mass . Intentions for all parishioners of OLV & St .Malachy. |
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| Wednesday | March 5 | | |
| | | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| Saturday | March 8 | St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m. | Peter Ellement by Joan Barry Teske |
| Sunday | March 9 | OLV @ 9:00 a.m. | Elmer & Kay Delcourt & Ricky Laframboise by Elma & Philippe Laframboise Hugh McFaul by Friends of the kitchen |

Transformation of Our Spiritual Life A Lenten Voyage of Caring

As Lent is nearly upon us, it is important to reflect upon the meaning of Lent and how we as individuals approach Lent. Traditionally, many of us fast/abstain from favorite foods, munchies, beverages, etc. This is all very well and good but as Ambassadors of Christ, what if we, as individuals took an expanded/different approach to Lent.

In numerous readings and teachings, God has asked us Christians to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, care for the sick and those in society that are most vulnerable. True fasting is sharing our bread with the hungry. So how do we address these teachings?

Lent is a personal voyage, so why don't we make it a voyage of caring. During this Lenten period, let us focus on our spirit of generosity. How can we do this? Individuals could reach out by committing to help someone in need, assisting an organization that helps others or by helping or comforting a friend or family member in need.

Is there someone we know in our community, or in our family, who may need our care or attention? Do we know of an organization that feeds or clothes the needy who could use our support?

So, in addition to abstinence, let us reflect and then make a personal commitment to trying something different during this Lenten Season. Sometimes the smallest act of generosity is the most appreciated.

A Lenten Reflection

Life can be hectic and during Lent, we Catholics are encouraged to take a moment to pray or meditate. Sometimes it is helpful to have little reminders to help us in our moments of meditation. The calendar inserted with this week's bulletin provides a short thought/reflection on a daily basis for the Lenten season. Hopefully, parishioners will find this calendar useful.



Lent is a time for transformation, inviting us to look at our own lives and to make changes that bring us closer to God. As we draw closer to God, acting for the good of others, especially the impoverished, becomes ever more natural to us. Thus the call to "repent and believe the Gospel," is not only a personal one but a collective one as well. It is a call to the whole human family.

This year's **Development and Peace Share Lent** campaign is aligning itself with a global initiative of Caritas Internationalis under the theme of "**One Human Family, Food for All,**" launched by the Holy Father in December.

"One Human Family, Food for All," is our response to the fact that one out of every eight of God's children still suffer from hunger – a total of 1 billion people on our planet. To die of hunger in our world of plenty is a scandal and denies the most basic human right: the right to food. Our goal is to share the abundance of God's creation with our brothers and sisters around the world so that we can end the injustice of hunger and make a place at the table for the poor.

Faith in Jesus Christ and his compassion for the most marginalized people is at the heart of the mission of **Development and Peace** – a mission of international solidarity that relies on your generosity. With your help, Catholics in Canada support more than 100 partners in 20 countries of the Global South, through **Development and Peace**. Funds raised through **Share Lent** also help to educate Canadians on the root causes of poverty and injustice and to mobilize them for actions of change. Thank you for joining us in this exciting global campaign to end hunger.

+ Paul-André Durocher Archbishop of Gatineau and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Our Lady of Knock Shrine

This year, we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the Shrine. It would be appreciated if anyone has any pictures or other information of historical note to share. Pictures from the last ten years would be most helpful. Please contact Jean Dunnigan at 819-986-8763. Anyone who would like to sit on a sub-committee re the planning of this event could also contact Jean.

OLV News

Pancake Breakfast at the Legion

Last Saturday's pancake breakfast was a success as 91 tickets were sold. A hearty breakfast was served and was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Branch 54 President Reid Berndt and his team for both sponsoring and cooking the meal. After expenses, the profit for the event totaled \$780.00 which goes to OLV. Thanks to all those who bought tickets - we appreciate your support.

Tax Receipts

If you wish to receive a receipt for your donations please put a self-addressed and stamped envelope in the collection basket or at the office, to the attention of the Secretary. Receipts will be mailed or you may call to pick them up (819-986-3763.) There are still envelopes for 2014 available. If you are new to the Parish or wish to begin using envelopes, you may call the office at the number above.

OLV Society

Ann Poirier has accepted to be Convenor for the St. Patrick's Tea and will be helped by Clare Flynn. Circle your calendars for Saturday, March 15 and come enjoy an afternoon of friendship and good food.

On Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm,

Monique and Ann will be holding a Garage Sale, Craft Sale, etc. Anyone interested in purchasing a table for \$15.00 can call Monique at 986-3166 or Ann at 986-3813. We furnish the table – YOU bring in your goodies for sale and YOU take home whatever was not sold at your table. Coffee, tea and sandwiches will also be sold. All monies raised will go to the Church.

Tax Clinic

The Centre Action Générations des Aînés (Seniors Centre) is offering a Tax Clinic to seniors (55+ years of age) with a gross annual income of \$25,000 or less, or couples whose combined annual income is \$35,000 or less. See poster at the entrance.

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS | OLV | ST. MALACHY |
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| February 22-23-2014(Sunday) | | \$240.00 |
| February 22-23-2014 (Fuel) | | \$132.00 |

<u>Are you new to our Parish</u> – Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! You may have come from other places. You may have been "away for a while." Be assured that we love to have you among us. We would appreciate it very much if you identified yourself at Mass. It would also help if you would take the time to contact the Secretary for a registration form. The next time you are with us, you may leave this form in the collection basket. Welcome!