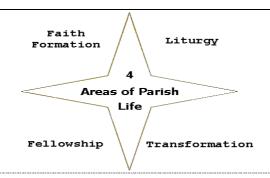


Our Lady of Victory 490 Charles Street Gatineau, Québec J8L 2K5



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13-14, 2014



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

### Sunday 9:00 AM

# **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Saturday 7:00 PM

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# **Food for Thought**

Reading 1 Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11

My soul shall exult in my God 1 Thessolonians 5.16-24

Reading II Gospel

John 1.6-8, 19-28

We are in the atmosphere of something about to happen. John the Baptist is still on the scene, pointing where to look, where to wait, how to expect the one who is to come. We get so used to Christmas and the coming of Christ that we hardly have any sense of expectations.

Christmas is not meant to be quiet. It is meant to draw our many responses in us. This could be a week of active expectancy – to do something to prepare well for the Lord.

How will you prepare for Christmas? Can you do something for the poor each day? Thank somebody genuinely each day for their place in your life? Say you are sorry to someone you hurt, or forgive someone who hurt you?

### **MASSES**

Thursday	Dec. 18th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Vincent Butler by Mabel Butler & Family Lena & Hugh McFaul by the Estate	
Saturday	Dec. 20th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Violet Butler Storey by Lil Chartrand Kay Roos (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) by Cindy, David, John & Ginny	
Sunday	Dec. 21th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Christopher Farnand (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) by Mike Farnand & Family Larry Miller by Alma & Family	

## **ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

As was announced last week, Alma (Parish secretary for both parishes) will be retiring at the end of December. If you are interested in applying for the position of secretary, please contact Bill Cameron at (819) 986-8901, prior to December 17<sup>th</sup>, to find out more about the position.

## Confessions at Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy Parishes

Fr. Albanus will be available for confessions on a regular basis on the following days:

Thursday from 9:15 to 9:30 am at Our Lady of Victory

Saturday from 6:20 to 6:50 pm at St. Malachy

Sunday from 8:15 to 8:45 am at Our Lady of Victory

or by appointment.

Parishioners are also invited to join in praying the Rosary before all Masses.

#### MASS SCHEDULE - CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S



The following is the Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule for Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy Parishes:

Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Victory

Wednesday December 24th 9:00 pm Mass at St. Malachy

Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Victory Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Victory

The Penitential Service will be held on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Victory.



A brochure this week is 'Sow Much Love'. The majority of the world's poor people support themselves and their families by farming and they sell their surplus to improve their living conditions. These farmers are faced with a great number of challenges; the biggest threat is losing access to their seeds.

Multinationals have taken an increasing control over seeds. As a result farmers' rights are eroding and seed diversity is disappearing at a rapid rate. These small scale farmers are crucial to the global food system seeding half of the world's population.

Next week we will have a petition to sign for our politicians asking for support for the right of farmers to sow, conserve, sell and exchange their seeds.

'Sow Much Love' - <a href="http://www.devp.org/sites/www.devp.org/files/documents/materials/devpeace\_sharelent2014\_magazine.pdf">http://www.devp.org/sites/www.devp.org/files/documents/materials/devpeace\_sharelent2014\_magazine.pdf</a>

# **OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS**

### **Christmas Tea**

TO ALL WHO DONATED, ATTENDED AND OUR LITTLE WORKING ELVES, A HUGE THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL EVENT.

Lucky Winners: Craft Table Raffle – Wreath – Carolyn Maloney

Door Raffle – House & Bath Set – Barry Teske

50/50 Draw of \$125.00 - Cynthia Baker

To Our Craft Ladies – each year your talent and commitment to our fund-raising is very much appreciated. A huge hug for this devotion.

This year, a total of \$1,750.00 was raised and will be given to the wardens for the upkeep of our Church. Love and Merry Christmas – Clare, Evelyn and Monique

#### **Christmas Concert with La Chanterelle**

Wednesday, December 17th, La Chanterelle will be holding its annual Christmas Concert. The profits from this event are shared equally with OLV, so it is important that we support this activity. Ticket prices are \$12 each or 2 for \$20 and can be obtained from the secretary, wardens or at the door.

### **Praise the Lord with Flowers**

In last week's bulletin we inserted an envelope whose objective is to encourage parishioners to donate funds to purchase flowers for Christmas. Help us beautify our lovely Church.

## **Reserve These Dates on Your 2015 Calendar**

Friday, January 16th - Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night. More information will follow.

Saturday, February 14th - Valentines Dance. Something new this year, the dance will be held at Charlie's Ranch, 1361 Route 315. Music will be provided by Lorne Daly and the Ricochet Riders. More information will follow.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### The Lions Club Annual Telethon

The telethon held last Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall was once again a success – over \$70,000 was raised – an indication of a very generous population. The Lions Club will be distributing over 300 baskets to the needy this year, as well as visiting the sick at the local hospital and seniors in all local residences, bringing each a gift and some cheer.

A total of \$800 was presented to the Lions Club during the Telethon on behalf of Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy Parishes.

The members of the *Transformation Committee* would like to thank all parishioners who either participated in the Telethon by including donations with the regular collections, by dropping in at the Knights of Columbus hall during the Telethon, or by making a donation by telephone during the Telethon.

#### La Grande Guignolée des Médias

On Thursday, December 4th, the Guignolée des Médias raised \$7,610 as well as numerous bags of nonperishable food during three hours, from 6:00 am to 9:00 am at four street corners in the Buckingham and Masson-Angers Sectors. All the proceeds have been donated to our local food bank, La Mie de l'entraide on Pine Street.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
December 6-7, 2014 - Sunday Offering	\$605.00	\$237.00
December 6-7, 2014 - Support	\$299.00	\$195.00
Donations		\$475.00
Flowers		\$85.00