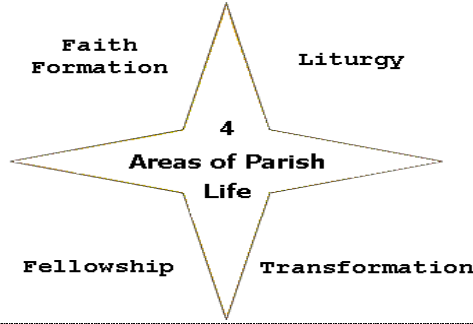




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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 28-29, 2015

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Reading 1 Jeremiah 33.14-16
Responsorial Psalm To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Reading II 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2
Gospel Luke 21.25-28, 34-36.

Advent is a season of joyful expectation. It has a twofold nature: it prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us; and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of ages.

When the church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.



Thursday	Dec. 3rd	OLV @ 10:00 am	Rupert McCoy & Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Saturday	Dec. 5th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Gladys Murphy French by Ladies of the Country Club 2000 Rupert McCoy & Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Sunday	Dec. 6th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Leo Teske by Tom & Isabel Laframboise Albert Müller & Margarete Christel by Marianne Lotz & Family Rupert McCoy & Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Nov 21 & Nov 22, 2015 - Sunday Offering	\$574.00	\$288.00
Nov 21 & Nov 22, 2015 - Fuel	318.00	175.00

Advent – Waiting for Jesus Christ

We call the days and nights before the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) *Advent*, which means “coming.” The Church reads and sings about God’s promises. We tell the stories of many holy people: Mary and John the Baptist, Nicholas and Lucy (our Advent banners reflect this).

We strive for the time when God’s love will be seen in all of us, when peace will come through people’s acts of justice and love for each other. But, primarily, we wait. We wait for the blessed hope, the coming of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, when all will be one, and the Kingdom of God will flourish. The Son of God already came to us, born in the city of David. This is what we celebrate at the Nativity of the Lord, and in Advent, we ready ourselves and our hearts for this birth. But we also wait for his coming again. We wait for his light to completely extinguish our darkness.

Luke’s Gospel tells us “the Kingdom of God is among you.” To build an awareness of “Creating a Climate of Change,” (which was the theme of the Development and Peace Fall Campaign), parishioners are invited to bring in reflections, either personal or from the media, indicating how we can make a difference and we can add these reflections to our poster board at the back of the church. We will also be asking our candidates preparing for First Communion to add their reflections.

The Story of the Advent Wreath

Advent wreaths were originally part of folk traditions of Northern Europe. Wreaths of evergreens were decorated with candles to symbolize life and light during the dark months of winter. Legend has it that Saint Boniface first gave the wreath its Christian meaning in the eighth century, and we have been using these wreaths as part of our Advent preparation ever since.

The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God. The evergreens signify continuous life. Each of the four candles represents one of the Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the prayer, penance, preparation, and good works we are called to do during Advent. The colour purple signifies the “royalty” of Jesus Christ.

The pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, which is the Sunday of rejoicing. The light of the candles reminds us that Jesus comes into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life, and hope. We gradually add more light each Sunday until Christ, our Light, comes at Christmas.

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP - NOVEMBER 2015

“So that we open ourselves up to personal encounters and dialogue with others, even those who have different beliefs than ours.”

Sunday, November 29th. For our communities which are becoming more and more multicultural: may we learn to greet each other, respect each other, and put our strengths together for one common goal. Let us pray.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

OLV Christmas Tea: Saturday, Dec. 5 from 1:30-3:30 pm. Donations to the Food & Craft Tables would be appreciated.

Note: If you have not been contacted to donate, consider this your own special invitation.

You can drop off your goodies on Friday, Dec 4 from 9 am to 2 pm or Saturday, Dec. 5th after 8 am

Items would be appreciated if dropped off prior to the start of the tea.

Reminder: St. Malachy is looking for names for their election of wardens. Submit names by Dec. 10th, to a member of the Fabrique or call the office at 819-986-3763. If an election is necessary it will be held after mass on Dec. 12th.

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:

Thursday, December 24th	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Victory
Thursday, December 24th	9:00 pm	St. Malachy
Friday, December 25th	9:00 am	Our Lady of Victory
Saturday, December 26th	7:00 pm	St. Malachy
Sunday, December 27th	9:00 am	Our Lady of Victory
Friday, January 1st	9:00 am	Our Lady of Victory
Sunday, January 3^d	9:00 am	Our Lady of Victory
Sunday, January 3^d	11:00 am	St. Malachy

Reconciliation/Penitential Service will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Heart & Soul Christmas Concert: Thursday, December 10, 7:30 pm at OLV. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$10.00 at door & children under 12 – free. Coffee, tea & desserts will follow in Church Hall. See Ethel Pearson & Virginia Sellers for tickets or call Virginia at 819-281-6490.

La Chanterelle Christmas Concert: Wednesday, December 16th at OLV, 7:30 pm. Cost \$20.00. Contact Sandra at 819-986-1185 for tickets.

St. Andrew's United Church: Carol Sing-A-Long on Friday, Dec 11th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Lions Club: Annual Telethon will be held on Sunday, December 6th from 12:30-9:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This event will be broadcasted by our local cable station. All are welcome!

La Grande Guignolée des Medias: Every year, the various media organizations join forces to have a fund-raising drive, **La Grand Guignolée des Medias**, with a view to helping local community organizations. This drive is in the form of road-blocks in the very early hours of one morning and local media celebrities don Santa hats and stand on street corners asking for motorists' donations. One hundred media and hundreds of volunteers will join, anywhere in the province of Quebec, to collect non-perishable food and cash donations in order to help the poor.

The proceeds of this road-block are donated to the food banks. Our local food bank, **La mie de l'entraide**, receives all the donations from three road-blocks to be held on Thursday, **December 3^d from 6:00 to 9:00 am** – one is at the corner of MacLaren and Belanger in the Buckingham sector, one at the corner of Georges and Filion in the Masson sector, and one at the corner of Laurentides and Neuville in the Angers sector. All monetary and non-perishable donations will be accepted at these three road-blocks. If you are on the road and see these early-morning Santas begging for donations, please be assured that your generous donation will be used locally at our food bank.