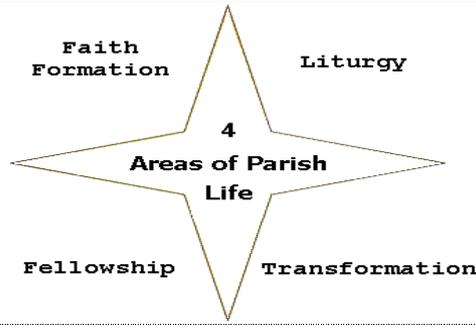




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NATIVITY OF THE LORD
DECEMBER 24 - 25, 2016

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Dec. 29 th	OLV	NO MASS
Saturday	Dec. 31 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	All parishioners of St. Malachy and OLV
Sunday	Jan. 1 st	OLV @ 9:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Dec. 17 - 18, 2016 - Sunday	\$670.00	\$359.00
Dec. 17 - 18, 2016 - Christmas Flowers	287.00	

The Archbishop's Monthly Intentions: December 2016

“So that each of us contributes to the common good and the building of a society that puts the human person as its basic value.”

Questioning ourselves Sunday, December 25, 2016: *Birth of Jesus, the Emmanuel: God with us.* Is there an elderly person who lives alone near my domicile, or in my extended region and to whom I could bring the joy of a visit at Christmastime or in the days following.



TO CELEBRATE AN ADULT CHRISTMAS...

Christmas is for children. So say many people. According to them, New Year's Day is for friends, Valentine's Day for lovers, Mother's Day and Father's Day for parents and Christmas for children. It's understandable, what with all those stories of angel choruses in the heavens, Santa Claus coming down the chimney and snowmen muffled in their scarves; with toy-filled displays and gift-strewn evergreens; with family gatherings and abundant meals and unending desserts. All of this enhances our children and I rejoice in it.

However, the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord is based on a series of stories written by and for adults. These stories recall deeply mystical events, dramatic situations, men and women seeking God in the midst of life's chaos. We remember Mary, perplexed by the angel's annunciation; Joseph, shaken by the discovery of Mary's pregnancy; the Magi, intrigued by an astrological sign; Herod, killing so many children in jealous anger; Simeon, prophesying that Jesus would be a sign of opposition; the Holy Family, fleeing to Egypt as refugees.

These stories were written for adults who, like you and me, long to understand the "sign of opposition" that is the crucified Christ and to plumb the "inner thoughts" of their own hearts. For them, the attention given to children is like a sacrament of the affection and mercy that God showed to all humankind in the birth of Jesus. It reminds us that too many children, adults and older people receive no affection, no mercy in their lives. We have a responsibility for them.

I pray that you will celebrate an adult Christmas, as attentive to the child in you as to the children around you. God became a child so that we could become adults in him. Merry Christmas!

† Paul-André Durocher

Archdiocese of Gatineau

Christmas Message from Fr. Albanus

Brothers and sisters, here we are again! We are blessed with yet another opportunity to celebrate Christmas. Everyone longed for this but not everyone is that privileged. We thank God for making it possible for us.

"A child is born to us"; and this child is God. This is what we celebrate. The coming of Jesus, the Son of God at Christmas, was and is the best Good News. A Child is born in a manger, that Child is God! a most tremendous tale of all. The Maker of all, heaven and earth, stars and sea etc., has become a Child on earth for you and me. Our reaction must not be one of fear but awe and wonder.

Imagine that night at the stable. You would see there a poor young woman, Mary, with her husband Joseph, and a new baby. St Luke in the Gospel (2:1-14) wants to tell us that this birth is not a fiction, but a real event. The birth of Jesus, the Son of God, is identical to that of any other person. That helpless, vulnerable baby is the Anointed One, the long expected Messiah foretold by the Prophets (Mic. 5:1). That is the surprise! How can the Almighty God become a small and powerless baby? Yes, God, in His plan of salvation, does not follow the logic of man. Men expected to see a strong and powerful king. But, instead God sent a child, who, far from helping is Himself in need of help. He is not born in a great palace, but in a manger, and He does not possess any of the means that people consider absolutely necessary to transform the world: money, arms, power or powerful alliances. Jesus is a perfectly normal child, with just one characteristic: He is poor and among poor people. God chooses poverty and weakness and teaches us to discard the human way of relying on power and strength.

Christmas speaks about God's love. The Baby Jesus, in the manger bespeaks the mystery of God's love for us. God became man so that we might become more like God. He sent His Son, the Light to dispel the darkness of our life. We are called to replicate God's love and light in our world. The presence of God among us is not what we expect, nor where we expect. Thus, we are called to look in the most unlikely places to see Jesus: in the street where the homeless stay; in refugee camps; in the poor; in hospitals and nursing homes; in uncomfortable places and spaces; in new born babies, in hungry children, in wrinkled senior citizens etc., to see Jesus and respond to Him appropriately.

Christmas is a celebration of gratitude. So, I thank all the parishioners for your contributions, support and prayers. I thank all who help in our celebrations, the wardens, the volunteers of various ministries, the secretary and all those who work behind the scene to keep our parish going. I welcome the visitors who have come to share the joys of Christmas with us. **I wish you all Merry Christmas and a prospective New Year!**

New Year's Mass Schedule:

Saturday	Dec. 31 st	7:00 pm	St. Malachy
Sunday	Jan. 1 st	9:00 am	OLV

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Holidays: Father Albanus will be away from January 2nd to February 3rd, 2017. Our weekend masses will be celebrated by Father Jean de Dieu Ntibeshya.

Thursday Mass: There will be no Thursday masses from December 22nd to February 2nd. Will begin again on February 9th, 2017

Fellowship: There will be **NO** fellowship after mass on January 1st. Will resume this activity again on Sunday, February 5th.

A Christmas Message : The Wardens of Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy, as well as, the members of the Inter-Parish Planning Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Parishioners a Blessed Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year. To our many Parish volunteers, thank you for your continuous support over the year. We remain grateful for your commitment to the well-being of our Faith Communities.

75th Anniversary Celebration - OLV:

2017 marks the year Our Lady of Victory will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. The first mass was said on January 25th 1942, just three days after the Parish was officially decreed on January 22nd.

On January 22nd 2017, on the exact date of the decree establishing our parish, a commemorative mass will be celebrated by **Archbishop Paul-André Durocher at 10:00 am**. The mass will be followed by a brunch where present and former parishioners can share fellowship and renew acquaintances. It is our hope to attract as many past and present parishioners to this event as possible. So spread the word.

In order for us to plan for the brunch, for which there will be no charge, we need your cooperation; some forward planning is required. **Tickets are limited, so please be sure to register by calling the office at 819-986-3763 or Mike Legault at 819-281-4870.** Also, following mass on January 8th & 15th we will be accepting requests for tickets to attend the brunch. **Tickets will be mandatory to attend.** Don't be disappointed.

During the year other celebration events are planned and details will follow at a later date.