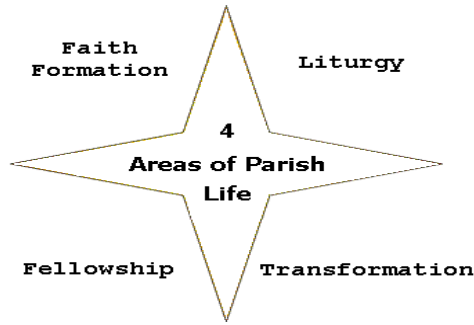




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**THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 18 – 19, 2017**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Mar. 23 rd	OLV @ 10:00 am	NO MASS
Saturday	Mar. 25 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Philip Pearson by Joe & Ginny Roos
Sunday	Mar. 26 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bride Martin by Nicole Charbonneau Gaston & Michael Deschatelets by Grace Joan Teske by Kathy & Ann Teske
Tuesday	Apr. 4 th	OLV @ 7:00 pm	Penitential Service with Individual Confessions
Wednesday	Apr. 12 th	St. Joseph Cathedral	Chrism Mass

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Mar. 11 - Mar. 12, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$467.00	\$217.00

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

Women are breaking the chains of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

This week, we meet with Cécile Kazadi, a woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who explains why community radio is an essential tool for women denouncing sexual violence. "Thanks to RCK radio, our lives have changed a lot. We are now aware of our rights."

This year, why not share a year-round by joining Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's monthly donor program? More information can be found online at devp.org/shareyearround.

Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006.

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions – March 2017

“So that the particular contributions of women is recognized in the different spheres of society.”

Questioning ourselves Sunday, March 19, 2017: In a few days it will be **WORLD WATER DAY**. I take the time to reflect on my own consumption of water. Is there something I can do to improve it?

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The Living Water

Living water represents God's Spirit Who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst. The Holy Spirit of God, the Word of God and the Sacraments of God in the Church are the primary sources of the *living water* of Divine Grace. We are assembled here in the Church to drink this *water* of eternal life and salvation. Washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word and daily empowered by the anointing of the Spirit, we are challenged by today's Gospel to remain thirsty for the *living water*, which only God can give (Tony Kadavil). The first reading taken from Exodus tells the story of the Jews complaining about the thirst, a figure of human longing for God and spiritual satisfaction. The Israelites doubted God's faithfulness and promises. The rock which Moses strikes represents God who gives the water (God's own life) essential for our spiritual life. The reading shows us a time when God's people literally thirsted, and God satisfied them. In the second reading St. Paul states that as the Saviour of mankind, Jesus poured the *living water*, or the gift of the Holy Spirit, into our hearts. We need the Holy Spirit to sustain us spiritually, just as we need water to sustain us physically. Paul realized that he and all the Jews who kept the Law of Moses were trying to become justified on their own. But keeping the Law is not an adequate means of justification because we are unable to make ourselves worthy of God's favor, whether by good works, keeping the Commandments, rituals or prayers. Grace means the gratuitous, unearned, undeserved love and favor of God for us.

The Gospel presents the detailed dialogue between Jesus and an ostracized Samaritan woman. In revealing Himself as the Messiah to the woman, Jesus speaks to her of the fountain of water. He will give her the life giving water. The water that Jesus promises is closely linked to, conversion and forgiveness of sin. Jesus wants to get personal with us, especially during this Lenten season. Jesus wants to get into our "private" lives. We have a "private" personal life which is contrary to the will of God. Christ wishes to come into that "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, not to be unkind or malicious to us. Rather, Christ comes into our "private" personal life to free us, to change us and to offer us what we really need: *living water*. The *living water* is God the Holy Spirit Who enters the soul of the woman through Jesus and His love. We human beings are composed of four parts: mind, body, emotions and spirit. When we let God the Holy Spirit come into us and take control of our thinking, our physical activity, our emotions and our spirit, He can bring harmony to the way we live with all four parts of our humanity. We can find this *living water* in the Sacraments, in prayer and in the Holy Bible.

This Gospel also teaches us how to get along with those who are different, sharing with them the love of God. Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well shows how free and independent His behaviour is, something that should make us reflect. He is not bound by restrictive customs that discriminate and are based on suspicion. Furthermore, He recognizes the gifts and ministries of women in His future Church. This Gospel is also a narrative about God wooing the outsider or, as Paul will say, "the godless". The Jewish man of that time would not have anything to do with the Samaritan, not definitely with the woman. The woman would be as surprised about it as anybody. When she just met Jesus, she was surprised that even He talked to her. Once converted, she became an evangelist, authoritatively introducing Jesus to her fellow villagers. Her past did not hinder her from being a messenger of the Good News. She did not keep her experience a secret. She turned her experience of Jesus into a message for others.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Alma Miller. Our prayers and sympathy are with her family and friends during this time of loss.

CHRISM MASS: Wednesday **April 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL, 245 Saint-Joseph Boulevard, Gatineau. Free parking available behind the Church and on the streets nearby.**

Archbishop Paul-André Durocher invites *ALL PARISHIONERS* to this celebration. The Oil for the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Holy Chrism consecrated. At the end of the Mass, the Archbishop will distribute the oils to representatives from the parishes and institutions where they will be used in the course of the year.

OLV Easter Flower Envelopes: Are included in this week's bulletin and will be accepted for the collections on March 26 and April 2. Tax receipts will be issued. Please help beautify our Church.

AN INVITATION FOR A BOOK LAUNCH!

The Psalms For Our Lives Volumes 1, 11 & 111: **Author:** Archbishop Paul-André Durocher. **Place:** Saint-Paul University Auditorium, 233 Main Street, Ottawa.
Date: Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm. *The Psalms*, presented in a thoughtful and poignant way. This will be a bilingual event. Contact for more information: luc.lanthier@novalis.ca

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Andrews United Church presents "A Night in The Tropics" featuring Eddie Alleyne on Steel Drums, Saturday, April 1st at 7 pm. Tickets \$10 for adults, kids 12 and under free. Prize will be awarded for the best tropical shirt. Monies raised will go towards roof renovations.

For tickets call Stacey 819-281-6337 / Donna 819-986-9359 or e-mail at st.andrews.buckingham@gmail.com .

HISTORY OF OLV

Every month there will be an historical write up of the founding of our church. We thank Dorothy Ann Casey for providing us with this information.

The parishioners of the newly formed OLV immediately began to take the necessary steps to have their Church built. The property on Charles Street was purchased from the Town of Buckingham for \$1.00. (This had been the site of the Brisebois Hotel, which had burned down in the mid 1920's)

On October 13, 1942 the ground was broken by a crew and power shovel provided by the Electric Reduction Company. Digging was completed in three days, and the construction of the "Basement Church" began.

Once again because this was wartime, supplies were hard to obtain. Wooden pillars had to be used as steel ones were unobtainable but would be replaced with steel at a later date. The church bell was donated by the Town of Buckingham. The church was completed in April 1943 at a cost of about \$50,000.00!

The parishioners celebrated their first Mass on Christmas Eve in 1943.

It should be noted at this time, due to the generosity and determination of the parishioners, they were able to pay in full the construction of the basement church, the first rectory and deposit \$40,000.00 in the bank for the future construction of the upstairs church.