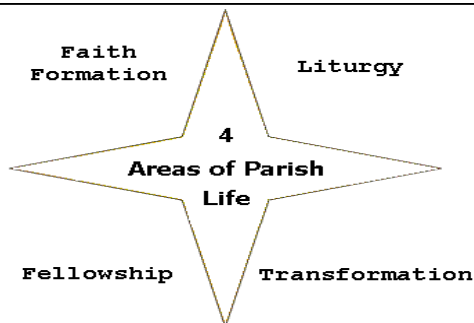




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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9 – 10, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Dec. 14 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Mary Doherty by Family & Friends James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by the Estate
Saturday	Dec. 16 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Kathleen Maloney by Ethel Pearson Eric Ryan by Greg & Patricia Lavell
Sunday	Dec. 17 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bride Martin by Anne, Paul & Monique Robitaille Alma Miller by Ken Simpson & Family Evelyn Robitaille by Erin, Barbara & Geraldine Edmond Bedard by Pauline & Family Christopher Farnand by The Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
December 2 - 3, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$811.00	\$195.00
December 2 - 3, 2017 - Support	271.00	237.00

THE BISHOP'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2017

"Let us pray for the older persons in our families and our communities whose experience and wisdom are inspiring models to our society where they contribute, in their own way, to the transmission of faith and the education of new generations."

Question We Ask Ourselves: In this time of preparation for Christmas, I take time to listen to an older person. I may help him/her to go shopping and/or cook a few meals.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The theme of Advent is always vigilance and readiness as we wait for the coming of the Lord. Today's readings, in the context of this vigilance, speak about homecoming. They focus on the importance of getting ready for the homecoming of Christ into our hearts and lives by true repentance, prayers and the renewal of our lives. They remind us that the comings of Jesus are in fulfilment of God's saving plan for us, a plan He has from all eternity. In the **first reading**, the Prophet Isaiah speaks about the hope that the slavery of the Babylonian exiles (the Israelites) is about to end and the exiles may soon return to the land of their ancestors, Judah and their holy city of Jerusalem. He urges them that the Lord will lead them in a grand procession to their homeland and take care of them as the shepherd takes care of his sheep.

In the **second reading**, St. Peter invites us to get ready to go home to Heaven with Jesus at His second coming. The early Christians were under the impression that Jesus would return to this world soon and so were discouraged by the seeming delay in His return. Thus, Peter explains that God's way of measuring time is different from ours and that God has His own reasons for 'delaying' Christ's second coming. He says; "with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day." (v8). Again, God wants all people to be given a chance and time to convert and be served. It is therefore useless to make calculation (as some do) in order to foresee the coming of the Lord for He will come suddenly like a thief. So Christians should not lose heart, but should keep up their commitment so that "new heavens and a new earth" may finally come.

The **Gospel** tells us, through John the Baptist, how we should prepare to receive Jesus our Saviour's "coming home" into our lives during the Advent by repentance and renewal of life. Mark presents in this passage the mission of the John the Baptist. John dressed in a strange way and lived an austere life. By this Mark is telling us that John is a new Elijah, preparing the way for the Messiah. John too lived in a desert like the Israelites and ate wild food. John was inviting everyone to join him in that desert in order to repeat the experience of Exodus and start a new people that would be led by the new Moses – the Messiah. He preached that the appropriate behavior for those preparing "the way of the Lord" was to be baptized "as they confessed their sins." He wanted the Jews to prepare their lives for the Messiah by filling in the valleys of prejudice, levelling the mountains of pride and straightening out their crooked paths of injustice and immorality. John the Baptist is saying the same things to us today. We are invited to review our lifestyles, to break away from a style of life that is irreconcilable with a new world where peace is to be the fruit of justice. Let us use these days of preparation for Christmas to ready ourselves for Christ's daily coming and second coming, remembering that the second coming will occur for each one of us on the day of our death, or on the Day of the Lord, whichever comes first.

Christmas Mass Schedule for OLV & St. Malachy

Saturday, December 23rd: Mass at 7pm at St. Malachy
Sunday, December 24th: *Christmas Eve*
No morning Mass at OLV
Mass at 7 pm at OLV
Mass at 9 pm at St. Malachy
Monday, December 25th: *Christmas Day:* Mass at 9 am at OLV

Father Bill will be saying Christmas Eve Masses at OLV & St. Malachy, as well as Christmas morning Mass at OLV

Saturday, December 30th: Mass at 7:00 pm at St. Malachy
Sunday, December 31st: Mass at 9:00 am at OLV
Monday, January 1st: Mass at 9:00 am at OLV

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Penitential Service: *Will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at OLV at 7:00 pm.*

Cereal Bars: There will be no collection this month and will begin again in January.

Thank You: A special note of thanks is sent out to Dorothy Ann Casey for providing us with the enjoyable reading of the "History of OLV" during the year. Thanks so much.

OLV Wardens: Meeting on Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 pm.

St. Malachy – Election of Wardens: Each year two Church wardens are to be elected for a term of three years and can remain in office for two consecutive terms. At the present time we have wardens who have served their two terms and because no one came forward, they agreed to remain as wardens until replacements could be found. If you or someone you know, with his/her approval, would like to become a warden and help the Parish in that capacity, please submit the name to a member of the Fabrique or call the office at **819-986-3763 by December 8th**. If an election is necessary it will be held on **December 16th** after our Eucharistic celebration. Thank you.

Christmas Tea: Another successful event and thanks to you a profit of **\$2267.00** was achieved. To all who donated the food – **THANK YOU**. To our servers, dishwashers, hall setup helpers, our hall decorating elves, our sandwich makers & cutters, to our helpers at the door, food table, craft table and Bric & Brac table – **THANK YOU**. Our raffle winners were: Blanket – Randy Riley , Maxi Gift Certificates – Debra Guindon & Barry Teske. To Susan, Joan and Monique - **THANK YOU** for taking on this task and pleasing all who came.

OLV - Mark These Dates on Your Calendar: A **card party** will be held on April 10th in the church hall. A light lunch will be served. Card playing parishioners are encouraged to sign up and participate.

The **Spring Supper & Balloon Auction** will be held on Friday, May 18th. The menu will include spaghetti and desserts. Tickets for the event will be \$15.

A **Family Gathering and Musical Afternoon** will be held Saturday, September 15th. In addition, two musical guests, corn on the cob and hot dogs on the BBQ will be served. Tickets to the event will be \$10.

Volunteer Appreciation and 75th Anniversary: The objective is to both close out the church's 75th Anniversary celebration and at the same time honor our volunteers. Both groups will be meeting to finalize the event scheduled for January 21st following the Mass.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Heart & Soul Christmas Concert: Will be held at OLV on **Thursday, December 21st at 7:30 pm**. Advance Ticket Prices: \$10.00 per person or 2 for \$15.00. Cost at door \$10.00.

La Chanterelle Christmas Concert: At OLV on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:30 pm. **Tickets are \$20 per person** and are available at Librairie Rose-Marie, through choir members or at the door.



The Lions Club Annual Telethon held last Sunday, December 3rd at the Knights of Columbus Hall was once again a success, with over \$92,000 raised.

A total of \$955.00 was presented to the Lions Club during the Telethon on behalf of Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy parishes.

Lions Club members expressed their appreciation for our parishes continued generosity in the telethon and asked that this thanks be conveyed to all parishioners concerned. Many thanks!

La Grande Guignolée des Médias held last Thursday at three local roadblocks from 6 to 9 a.m. generated \$7,333.00 and many bags of non-perishable food. All the proceeds of these three local roadblocks go to the local food bank, **La Mie de l'entraide** located at 129-B Joseph Street. Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause!