



Weekly Bulletin

St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 26/27, 2021

Reading I	Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24
Responsorial Psalm:	I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.
Reading II	2 Corinthians 8.7, 9, 13-15
Gospel	Mark 5.21-43

FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY

The Faith that Saves

Today's readings speak of the gift of life that God has given us as well as the importance of having faith in the power of God to save us from both the physical and spiritual illness. The **first reading** from the book of Wisdom tells us that God gave us life and health. It was the jealousy of the Satan that produced illness and death. It also tells us the goal of our lives on earth: to know, to love and to serve God here with perfect health in body and soul and to share God's immortal life forever. The reading complements the Gospel by explaining the origin of evil and death in the world. Our God is a God of life. His will for us is that we should have more abundant life. Our real destiny is an unending life with God. In the **second reading**, St. Paul pleads with the Corinthian Christian community to show to their Jewish brothers and sisters in Jerusalem, living in poverty and sickness, kindness and compassion which Christ expressed in His healing ministry. The reading gives us two reasons Paul uses to persuade the Christians to be generous. First is the example of Christ who was rich and made Himself poor to help us. Second reason is the need for some kind of equality: it is not that one has to make oneself poor to help the others, but a matter of not keeping for oneself the goods that God wants us to share among the poorest. The reading is a reminder to all our communities of the duty to help others and share what we have. A Christian cannot lead a life of plenty and let some of his/her brothers and sisters go hungry.

The **Gospel** describes two miracles of Jesus that happened on the same day: healing of Jairus' daughter and the healing of a woman suffering from hemorrhages. The girl was twelve years old and the woman has suffered for twelve years. The number 12 is symbolic here. Both of them who benefited from Jesus "healing powers" could signify the people of Israel cured and

brought back to life by faith in the one who was sent by God. The woman could represent those people who are avoided and often despised as impure because of some kind of shameful and repugnant diseases which they may be blamed of contracting or which they may have caught through no fault of their own. As Disciples of Christ we should strive to assist our brothers and sisters rather than just express empty sympathy. There was a crowd that touched Jesus on all sides, pushed Him and even hampered His movements. But amid all Jesus states that only one person really touched Him: the sick woman touched Him with faith. The crowd surrounding Jesus represents the large number of Christians living today: they are close to Jesus, can listen to His Word, and “touch” Him in the sacraments, but for most their lives are not transformed, their “illness” is not cured. Their relationship with Jesus is still skin deep despite the seeming closeness. If closeness to Jesus does not bring about radical changes in our lives, it means that we are like the crowd. We throng all around Him without ever touching Him with faith. Our contact remains external and superficial. His Word is just a sound entering our ears but not penetrating our hearts. While raising Jairus’ daughter back to life, Jesus said “Do not be afraid, only have faith.” By this He affirms that His power cannot be stopped even by the worst enemy of humans: death. He shows that faith can gain even this kind of victory. He wants to tell us that He has defeated death. He has defeated it because He has changed it into a birth; He has turned it into the passage to full and final life. Jesus accepts us as we are. Thus we have to bring Him our bodily illness and spiritual wounds and ask for His healing touch. Jesus continues to heal us through His instruments in the world. We need to continue the healing mission of Christ. It is our vocation to be healers. We share in Christ’s healing by visiting the sick, praying for their healing, and boosting their morale with our loving presence, words of encouragement and inspiration. Through this way we enable them to experience the compassion of Jesus, the healer. Happy Sunday!

*****DECONFINEMENT UPDATE*****

Masses at St. Aloysius church now allow up to 60 attendees given our current configuration of pews. Pre-registration is NOT required for mass attendance.

Disposable tri-fold masks remain mandatory (FABRIC or CLOTH MASKS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE) as per diocesan directives. Masks may now be removed, once you are seated in the church.

Social distancing of 2 meters between individuals must be maintained. Upon arrival and during mass, attendees are not to move about in the church but must remain in their pews. During communion, those wishing to receive the Eucharist are to stand in their pew and wait for a Eucharistic minister to bring the Eucharist to them.

Wednesday morning mass will follow the same protocols as Sunday mass.

For those unable to attend the Sunday mass in person, we will continue to live stream the mass on St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish Community page on Facebook (viewing the LIVE mass as it takes place). Make sure to “like” and “follow” our FaceBook page (see link below) to be able to view the live stream at 11 a.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/StAloysius-Gonzaga-Parish-Community-141740569252256>

The live stream will be saved on the FaceBook page to be viewed at any time.

We will keep you informed of any further changes as they arise.

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

June 20: \$630.10

Carpet Fundraising: \$255.00

MASS Intentions:

Sat. June 26	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Mark Foley by Amanda, Marty and Hannah
Sun. June 27	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For those of our parish struggling emotionally, physically or financially because of the pandemic
Sat. July 3	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sun. July 4	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Marie Hermance Carrier-Cook and John Robert Cook by the Cook and Warden Family (This would have been their 62 Wedding Anniversary)

OUR NEW PRIEST

Our new priest for the four parishes (St. Aloysius, St. Columban, St. Malachy and Our Lady of Victory) will be Rev. Gregory Murray of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart. Fr. Murray will arrive in our diocese to celebrate the four masses of July 3rd and 4th.

We will be having NO Weekday Masses until further notice.

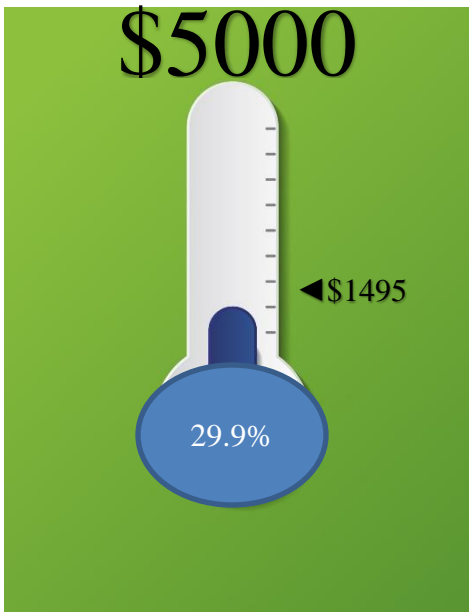
FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Sheila Brisson, Atreyu Harvey, Adeline Gendron, Diane Morey and John Harney.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FUNERALS

Les Jardins du souvenir is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Diocese. They offer complete funeral services, prearranged funerals and cemetery products. Because they are a nonprofit organization, they guarantee that you will pay less for funerals and prearrangements. They also offer a 15% discount on all services offered by them, to all volunteers including members of the fabrique council, liturgy committees, pastoral committees, members of the choir, diocesan committees, members of religious organizations such as Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, etc. They also offer a 2% rebate to parishes, for each contact signed to use their services. For complete information on all the professional services they offer, visit their website at www.lesjardinsdusouvenir.com

CHURCH ALTAR CARPET REPLACEMENT FUNDRAISING



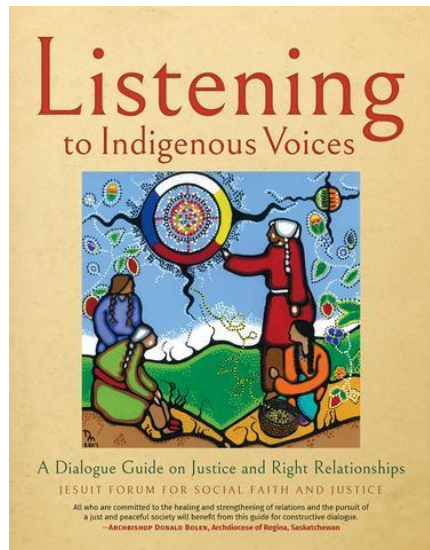
As you may have read in the recent maintenance update in the bulletin, the church altar carpet needs to be replaced as a priority. The current carpet was installed back in 2007 and is currently quite worn and has buckled in several spots creating a hazard for anyone walking in those areas. As a result, we are looking to replace the carpet in late summer or early fall and have received several quotes to complete the work. It is estimated that it will cost \$5000 to remove and replace the carpet around the altar. We are seeking financial support from the parish to raise the funds necessary to cover these costs as our current budget will not allow us to do so. If you wish to contribute towards this initiative, simply drop off your contribution in the collection basket at the back of the church on Sundays. If you are using a collection envelope, please indicate "Carpet replacement fund" on

the envelope and how much is offered for the fund. A standard envelope will do as well but be sure to indicate the carpet replacement fund on it. Include your envelope number, if pertinent. All contributions from individuals will be eligible for income tax receipts. We thank you in advance for your support to the parish and your generosity in maintaining our beautiful church.

Maintenance Warden.

ONLINE EVENTS

THE VOICE OF THE CHILDREN - Many have expressed deep concern following the news of the discovery of the bodies of 215 Indian children buried near a residential school in British Columbia. We were horrified and wondered "what can we do about this?"



The Jesuit Forum in Toronto recently published a book **Listening to Indigenous Voices**. In its presentation it states:

"To engage in this process, we need to listen deeply to what Indigenous Peoples are saying, open ourselves to be transformed by their words, and act based on what they are telling us so that we can begin to address injustices, heal relationships, and bring about a post-colonial Canada."

The book provides a method for 11 group sessions to do just that: **listen, open ourselves, act.**

If you would like to participate in these group sessions, please register at this link: www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events/thevoiceofthechildren
Please also invite others, especially friends and neighbors who feel that their culture is not respected, who could add a lot to our discussions.

We will have an initial zoom meeting on Tuesday June 29th at 7:00 p.m. to decide on a calendar for our meetings. In the meantime, you can order the book at www.novalis.ca

A MIND-OPENING WAY TO SPEND A MONDAY EVENING.



Pauline Leduc is hosting a Monday evening at 7:pm session on Reflection on Scriptures. The participants are asked to read over the scriptures for the up-coming Sunday. Everyone is asked to take a few minutes to really reflect on what is written. The discussions that follow are very heartfelt and mind opening.

We are finding that each participant, when celebrating the mass the following Sunday, listens to and understands the homily more meaningfully. Join us by Registering on our web site. <http://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/newsevents>

THE MASS - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT



The Bishop has not yet concluded his youtube series on the Mass Unconfined so we have come to the end of what is presently available.

This attentive study of the Eucharistic Prayers has made us aware of how rich they are! The Preface gives us a multitude of reasons to give thanks. We call on the Holy Spirit to make us one body to give thanks with the saints and angels in heaven, our brothers and sisters on earth, with Jesus who offers Himself as food and drink. We proudly proclaim the very core of our faith. We pray for the Church, for our loved ones, for our community, for our deceased relatives and friends, for the whole world. All this we do with Jesus, for the glory of God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Little wonder that we can

firmly state our AMEN!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June Quinn	5 th	Margaret Paiement	9 th
Adeline Gendron	14 th	Kathy Amyot	17 th
Jane Pickering	17 th	Carole Fraser	19 th
JoAnne Lambert	20 th		
Paulette & Ron Pearce	– 24 th		

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAY FOR JULY

Diane Joannis	2 nd
Yves and Gloria Cyr	4 th – 68 yrs.
Paul Gendron	13 th
Dick and Jane Pickering	15 th - 54 yrs.
Nancy Grenier-Lambert	16 th
Gary Burns	20 th
René-Paul Gendron	28 th
Louise MacMillian	31 st

