

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 10/11, 2021
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 17/18, 2021

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Reading I Amos 7.12-15
Responsorial Psalm: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
Reading II Ephesians 1.3-14
Gospel Mark 6.7-13

July 17/18

Reading I Jeremih 23.1-6
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Reading II Ephesians 2.13-18
Gospel Mark 6.30-34

*******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

July 4: \$900.00

Carpet Fundraising: \$550.00

MASS Intentions:

Sat. July 10	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Robert Lalonde by Marty, Amanda and Hannah
Sun. July 11	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Domingos da Cruz by The Family
Wed. July 14	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. July 16	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. July 17	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sun. July 18	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Alex Beauchamp by Raymond and Mirella Bernier
Wed. July 21	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. July 23	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. July 24	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Robert Lalonde by Irene & Family
Sun. July 25	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Sheila Brisson by The Gatineau Friendship Club

WEEKDAY MASSES will be Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m.



Carol will be away on vacation from Friday, July 9th to Tuesday, July 20th. If you have an emergency or would like to speak to Father Greg. Please call the office 819-663-5244 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Emails will not be answered during this time.

2021-06-09

COMMENTARY ON THE DISCOVERY OF 215 UNMARKED GRAVES AT THE KAMLOOPS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL – ARCHBISHOP DUROCHER

Gatineau, June 3 2021

Dear friends,

Like you, I am shocked by the news of the discovery of 215 unmarked graves of Aboriginal children on the grounds of Kamloops Residential School. I grieve for our Indigenous brothers and sisters whose suffering is rekindled by this news. As a member of a Church that has contributed to this desolation, I am ashamed.

This discovery throws a harsh light on what the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) taught us eight years ago. Indeed, the TRC had commissioned [research on the issue of the fate of children who died in residential schools](#). This study concluded that many children died of tuberculosis in these residential schools, especially before 1950. The CVR had counted more than 3,000 registered deaths, a death rate two to three times higher than in the general population. As the registers are partial, one can believe that the real figure is higher. The report noted that health care was almost non-existent in these boarding schools, which were underfunded and far from large urban centers. In addition, the government refused to fund the repatriation of the bodies of deceased children so that their parents could properly bury them in their communities. They were often buried in cemeteries on school grounds, without gravestones, without identification. The TRC had concluded that at least 90 children had died during the Kamloops residential school's years of existence, from 1890 to 1969. Underground radar searches of the school grounds revealed that there at least 215 are buried there. Research continues, and additional graves can be expected.

This sad discovery rekindles the deep wounds of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters who attended these institutions. It also highlights how iniquitous the whole residential school system was. Even if some former students can name positive aspects of their experience at these residential schools, the system itself was founded on the racist view that native people had to be educated “white” in order to integrate into Canadian society. It sought to assimilate native children and kill their culture. It tore families apart, created places for the spread of disease and, all too often, violence. At the time, Christian churches, dioceses and religious communities thought they were doing well by participating in this system. Today, our eyes have been opened.

I join with the many leaders of local churches and religious institutions who ran these schools in asking forgiveness for the harm that has been done. With them, I want to contribute to repairing this evil, inasmuch it can be repaired. I know the road will be long, but I pledge to walk it with all people of good will.

Faced with such revelations, what can we do? We can learn about the work of the TRC if it has not already been done and familiarize ourselves with its calls to action, [which can be found here](#).

We can make our own the apologies that have been offered since the early 1990s by those in charge of the religious organizations that have run these schools. [You can find them here.](#) Regarding the recent discoveries in Kamloops, you can read the comments

- i. [of the Provincial of the Oblate Fathers who had managed this school;](#)
- ii. [of the Archbishop of Vancouver on whose grounds the school was located during its years of existence;](#)
- iii. [of the president of the CCCB;](#)
- iv. [of the president of the AÉCQ.](#)

Finally, Ms. Julie Cool, diocesan pastoral worker, is ready to lead discussion groups based on the recent text "Listening to Indigenous Voices. A Dialogue on Justice and Right Relations" published by the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice. To indicate your interest in such a group, contact her at coolj@diocesegatineau.org.

The Gospel of Jesus-Christ urges us to ask forgiveness for our sins, to reconcile and to seek unity. Animated by this Gospel, let us denounce past injustices, accompany present distress and, together, build a better future.

+ Paul-André Durocher,
Archevêque de Gatineau

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

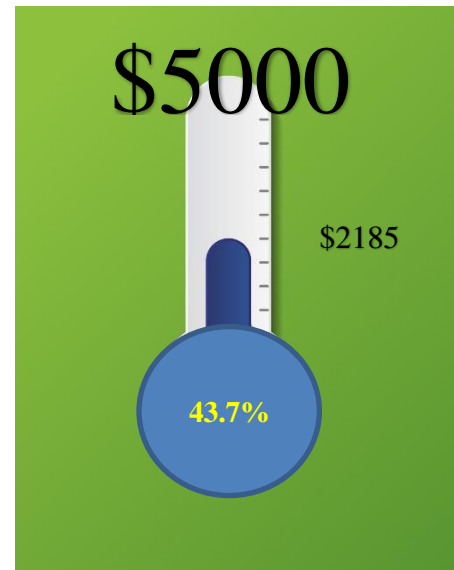
Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Atreyu Harvey, Adeline Gendron, Diane Morey and John Harney.

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

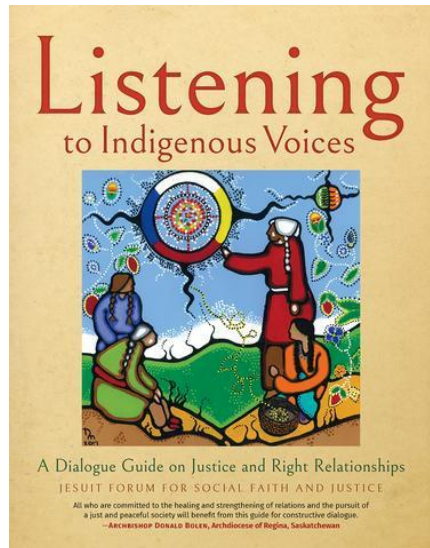
CHURCH ALTAR CARPET REPLACEMENT FUNDRAISING

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 be meeting on Zoom bi-weekly on Tuesday nights, 7 :00 p.m. starting July 6th until Nov. 23.

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.staloysius-stcolumban.com/newsevents>

This event is taking a break for July and August; we will be resuming with renewed energy on Monday night, Sept. 6th at 7 :00 p.m on Zoom.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAY FOR JULY

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

