

Reading I Responsorial Psalm: Reading II Gospel Exodus 24.3-8 I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. Hebrews 9.11-15 Mark 14.12-16, 22-26

# \*\*\*\*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.

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**

May 30:	\$1030.00
Carpet Fundraising:	\$600.00

#### **MASS Intentions:**

Sat. June 5 Sun. June 6	4:30 p.m. 11:00 a.m.	(St. Columban) For Kevin Burns by Gail Burns (St. Aloysius) Anniversary Mass for Diane Price by Bob Anniversary Mass For Lorne Morey by Barbara & Family 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass For Louise Lortie by Shannon For Elleen Hickey Lemieux by Susan Arnold
Wed. June 9	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. June 12	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Arthur and Violet Foley by the Family
Sun. June 13	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Sheila Berrea by her family

## Corpus et Sanguis Christi – Body and Blood of Christ

Today, we celebrate Christ's gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church. Before Jesus left the world, He gave us as a precious gift and spiritual food, the Holy Eucharist. The feast of *Corpus Christi* is a celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel* - God with us. It is also an opportunity for us to learn more about the importance and value of the *"Real Presence"* of Jesus so as to better appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist and receive maximum benefit from it. We believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist (Jn.6; Mt. 26; Mk.14; Lk. 22; 1Cor.11). This happens through *"Transubstantiation"*. The term means that the entire *substance* of bread and wine is changed into the entire *substance* of the Risen and Glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the *"accidents"* (taste, colour, shape) of bread and wine. Our readings for today's celebration emphasize the theme of covenant blood. The ancient peoples sealed covenants with the blood of ritually sacred animals. Jesus sealed His New Covenant with His own blood, shed on Calvary. The first reading describes how Moses sprinkled the blood of a sacrificed animal on the altar and on the people as a sign of the covenant between God and His people.

In the second reading, St Paul affirms that Jesus sealed the New Covenant with His own blood, thereby putting an end to animal sacrifices. The Gospel describes how Jesus converted this ancient ritual into a Sacrament and Sacrifice. Instead of the blood of the lamb, Jesus offered His own Divine/Human Body and Blood; and instead of sprinkling us with blood, Jesus put it into our hands as food and drink. He said "Take...eat....This **IS** my Body which will be given up for you". He also said "Take...drink....This **IS** my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant which will be poured out for you and for many...." It has to be noted that Jesus did not say 'This represents my body' or 'This represents my blood'. The Jewish Passover is transformed into the Eucharistic celebration. Jesus instituted the Eucharist in the context of the Passover meal, the annual feast of the Jews to commemorate their deliverance from slavery by God. Thus, the New and perfect Paschal Lamb accomplished for people of every nation what Mosaic sacrifices only imperfectly achieved for the Jews.

The Eucharist instituted by Jesus is both a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a **Sacrament**, the Eucharist is the outward sign in and through which we meet Jesus who shares His life of grace with us; a visible sign that gives us God's grace and God's life. It is the meal that

nourishes our souls. In it we do meet Jesus, the Risen Lord who comes to us under signs of Bread and Wine to nourish and strengthen us for our journey through life. As a **Sacrifice**, the Eucharistic celebration is a **re-presentation** or **re-enactment** of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection. During the celebration of the Eucharist, we offer (*bring to present*) Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols. It is the reliving in an unbloody manner of Christ's Death on Good Friday and of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. By means of signs, symbols and prayers, we share in Christ's passion, death and Resurrection made really present for us in an un-bloody manner. The re-enactment assures us of Jesus' love for us and of his forgiveness of our sins. Through the sacrifice, the risen Jesus becomes present on the altar, offering Himself to the Father through the ministry of the priest.

The Eucharist gives us a message of unity and sacrificial love. It teaches us the importance of community, the bond that results from the sacrifice. Just as numerous grains of wheat are pounded together to make the host, and many grapes are crushed together to make the wine, so we become unified in this sacrifice. Christ is the Head and we are the Body. Together we are one. We need to always prepare properly to receive Holy Communion (ICor.11:27-29). We should receive communion with fervent love and respect – not merely as a matter of routine. Our outward piety towards the consecrated Bread and Wine cannot exist with rudeness, unkindness, slander, cruelty, gossiping or any other breach of charity toward our brothers and sisters. As we receive Holy Communion we become Christ bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplaces, as love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service. We pray with St. Thomas Aquinas this prayer of adoration: **O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine! All Praise and Thanksgiving, be every moment Thine!** Happy Sunday!

#### 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 <u>www.lesjardinsdusouvenir.com</u>

### **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**

#### MIXED BAG TRIVIA – via ZOOM



Another mixed bag trivia evening for the St. Aloysius Trivia Zoom social distancing event. Your host (Michelle Cook) will have....

**3 rounds** of different types of general questions, name that theme song, artist and/or movie/show and this time, a Father's Day questions **bonus round**. If you <u>STILL</u> haven't gotten a chance to check it out on ZOOM, you still can join

in on the fun. On **Friday, June 25, 2021 at 8:00 pm**. Don't forget to think up a team name for yourself.

Don't delay and register for this fun event now! For more details and to register please visit <u>https://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/events/trivia</u> Registration is free; however, donations to the church are greatly appreciated.

#### 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. <u>http://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/newsevents</u>

# 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 $5^{th}$ Adeline Gendron $14^{th}$ Jane Pickering $17^{th}$ JoAnne Lambert $20^{th}$ Paulette & Ron Pearce -  $24^{th}$ 

Margaret Paiement9thKathy Amyot17thCarole Fraser19th

