



**Weekly Bulletin**  
**St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

***December 18/19, 2021***

Reading I	Micah 5.2-5a
Responsorial Psalm:	Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Reading II	Hebrews 10.5-10
Gospel	Luke 1.39-45

**\*\*\*\*\*DECONFINEMENT STATUS\*\*\*\*\***

Masses at St. Aloysius church now allow up to 144 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. Given vaccine passports are not required, procedural masks must now be worn AT ALL TIMES, even while seated in the church.

Social distancing is now set at 1-meter. The pews have been adjusted accordingly.

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 and Friday morning masses will follow the same protocols as Sunday mass.

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

**ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION**

**December 12:       \$625.00**

**St. Columban Mission will be closed for January and February 2022.  
The first mass in 2022 will be Saturday March 5 at 4:30 pm.**

**MASS Intentions:**

Fri. Dec. 17	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
	7:00 p.m.	Reconciliation Service/Confessions
Sat. Dec. 18	9:00a.m.	(St. Columban) For the deceased members of the Foley and Burns families by Margaret and Gary Burns and Family
Sun. Dec. 19	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For The Harney and Whitworth Families by Lorraine Whitworth
		For Ivka and Henry Zawadka by their family
Wed. Dec. 22	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Christmas Eve	7:00 p.m.	St. Aloysius
	9:00 p.m.	St. Columban
Christmas Day	11:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius
Sun. Dec. 26	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For David Whitworth by Lorraine Whitworth
		For Agostinho Cabeceiras by the Oliveria Family

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Reconciliation Service/Confessions – Friday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. (St. Aloysius)

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24:           St. Aloysius           7:00 p.m.

  St. Columban           9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25:       St. Aloysius           11:00 a.m.

**NEW YEARS**

January 1<sup>st</sup>                           St. Aloysius           11:00 a.m.



**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS**



We will be decorating the Church for Christmas after mass on December 19th, 2021 and we will be going out for brunch afterwards if anyone would like to join us.

Hand sanitizing and the wearing of masks while moving about will be mandatory.

COVID Protocols regarding social distancing will be followed as well.

For any questions, please contact Jo Anne Lambert @ [819-663-9620](tel:819-663-9620).

## **PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION:**

Registrations are now open for children 7 years old and up. First Reconciliation & First Communion will begin in early January on Sundays after mass (12:30 pm).

If you have any questions contact Louise MacMillan– 819-643-1156 or email [gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com](mailto:gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com) or Diane Brownrigg at [djoanisd45@gmail.com](mailto:djoanisd45@gmail.com). Registration forms for sacraments are available on the wall at the back of the church or contact the parish secretary, Carol Leonard at the church office, 819-663-5244 or [st.aloysius@bellnet.ca](mailto:st.aloysius@bellnet.ca)

## **The 2022 collection envelopes are now available (new numbers)**

The 2022 collection envelope boxes are now available at the back of the church. To help reduce our operating costs, we have reduced and consolidated the number of envelope boxes for 2022. As a result, **some of you may have a new envelope number assigned to you**. Please make sure you note the new number when providing donations without using one of your envelopes to ensure we properly record your donations. Should anyone like to register for collection envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church where the boxes are. A box with your name will be generated within a week. Thank you.

Jim, Finance Warden

## **ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH IS LOOKING FOR A NEW CUSTODIAN**

The Wardens Board is looking for interested candidates to fill our vacant Custodian position. This is a part-time paid contractual position. The Custodian is responsible for a number of maintenance and janitorial duties for the church, rectory and hall on a weekly basis. If you are or know a reliable and hard-working individual who may be interested in this position, please contact the Maintenance Warden, Mike McCann for further details. He can be reached via the church office at 819-663-5244.

In the interim, given the current vacancy, we are looking for volunteers to help out with some of the basic maintenance and janitorial tasks until such time as a Custodian is in place. If you can spare some time during the week to assist, please also contact Mike for further details. We appreciate your on-going support.

St. Als Wardens Board

## **FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Atreyu Harvey, Adeline Gendron, Diane Morey, John Harney and Linda Matthews (cousin of Dez).

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER HELD IN HONOUR OF OUR PATRON SAINT



Our first Parish Supper since the onset of the pandemic was a resounding success.

A Big **THANK YOU** to our Guests.

Our 60 plus guests entered into an Italian Bistro with socially distanced seating, decorated with a touch of Christmas. Awaiting our guests was a meal of Italian Spaghetti and Desserts. Guests were serenaded by Christmas music.

The door prizes were won by Diane Ford and Paulette Pearce. The 50/50 draw was won by Julie McCann, who generously donated her winnings to the Parish.

As always, our Social Functions – as with this supper, would not be possible but for the dedication and hard work of our volunteers.

A Sincere THANK YOU TO ALL.

Social Warden

## ONLINE EVENTS

### ST. AL'S VIRTUAL PAINT NITE: CHRISTMAS CHEER!



Looking for a fun activity to keep yourself busy on a chilly winter evening? Join us on Tuesday, December 21st from 7:30-9:30pm for another fun 🎨 virtual Paint Nite. This event is an instructor lead class organized via

Don't forget to wear a Christmas 🎄 hat 🧢 and have your favourite Christmas beverage on hand!

How it works: Using the link provided after registration, join the Zoom session and follow along while our instructor guides you step-by-step through the featured painting. If you're feeling creative, change the colours to suit your décor or go completely

rogue.

**\*\*WHAT YOU'LL NEED!\*\***

- 11x14 canvas (any size will work)
- Acrylic Paint -Primary Colours (White, Black, Blue, Red, Yellow)
- 3 Brushes (we suggest a small, medium and large brush)
- A tabletop easel (not necessary)
- Paper towel and a cup of water to clean your brushes

Note: You may need more black and white paint for this project.

**Limited to 12 participants**

Please register early to guarantee your spot!

[www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events](http://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events)

## **REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE – Food for Eternal Life**

Our Monday night 7:00-8:00 p.m. zoom meetings for **Reflection on Scripture** has resumed. All are most welcomed to join in when you can; simply go to [www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events](http://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events) to register and the link will be sent to you (register again even if you registered last term). It is really an opportunity and a privilege as a group to truly listen to what God is saying to us, enriching each other with our insights and then letting that seed germinate within us during the week, a week spent attentive to God's voice. So register now before you forget.

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER**

Bradley Burke - 20<sup>th</sup>  
Lina O'Brien - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Paul & Adeline Gendron , 28<sup>th</sup> - 56<sup>th</sup>



## **BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY**

Alice Burich - 19<sup>th</sup>  
Paulette Pearce – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Daly – 31<sup>st</sup>