

**Weekly Bulletin**  
**St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**March 7, 2021**

Reading I	Exodus 20.1-17
Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, you have the words of eternal life.
Reading II	1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25
Gospel	John 2.13-25

**\*\*\* Notice \*\*\***

The church is now open for Sunday 11am mass allowing up to 25 attendees as per current pandemic provincial restrictions. Pre-registration for attending will be required to secure one of the 25 available spots in the church. Registration for Sunday Masses will begin on Wednesday mornings at 9am until the 25 spots have been filled (requests received beforehand will not be considered). Please e-mail the church at [st.aloysius@bellnet.ca](mailto:st.aloysius@bellnet.ca) or call directly at 819-663-5244 to request your spot. Your attendance will need to be confirmed (via return e-mail or phone call) for you to attend the upcoming Sunday Mass.

Wednesday morning Masses has also resumed with a maximum of 25 attendees as well. Pre-registration for Wednesday morning mass will not be required but contact information will be recorded before mass.

We will not be broadcasting Sunday mass via Zoom given the increased attendance limit of 25 but we will continue to live stream the mass on the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish Community page on FaceBook. Make sure to "like" and "follow" our FaceBook page (see link below) to be able to view the live stream at 11am.

<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 changes as they arise.

**St. Columban will be closed for the months of January, February and March.**  
**First mass for 2021 will be Sunday April 4 at 9:00 am (TBC)**

**ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION**

**February 28: Collection: \$1210.00**  
**Bishops & Societies: \$5**

## **Collections during limit restriction**

While the church is operating with number limit restrictions. As such, your weekly donations are still very much needed to cover our regular expenses during this time. Since we cannot meet in person, please take advantage of the diocesan on-line donation system to make your contributions (accessible via our web site under the Donations tab - Donate Now button) or drop off your collection envelopes through the mail slot at the office. You can also mail your donations/collection envelopes to us at St. Aloysius Parish, 300 rue de l'Abbe-Murray, Gatineau, Qc J8P 4Z4. We appreciate your continued support during this time.

The monthly financial reports (previous 2 months) are posted on the bulletin boards at the front and side entrances of the church for your perusal.

## **NOTICE ABOUT YOUR ST. AL'S WARDENS.**

There is currently one position to be filled, the Public Relations Warden.

Two other positions were coming due as well; The Finance Warden and the Social Warden; both Jim Brownrigg, Finance Warden and Ann Marie Plante, the Social Warden, have accepted to continue to serve us for the next three years. The Board asks for anyone interested in the position of Public relations warden, contact Carol, our parish secretary, or Robert Nadeau at 819-663-6366, or email Bob at [rgnadeau@outlook.com](mailto:rgnadeau@outlook.com).

The duties of the Public relations Warden include:

- a) As required, forms and chairs a Public Relations committee to help in performing his/ her duties.
- b) Responsible for the maintenance of content and layout of the parish web-site and social media.
- c) In coordination with the Board, publicizes Parish-related information through various ways.
- d) Responsible for sending thank you cards or letters on behalf of the Board for special services or gifts.

The person accepting this position, will be part of a great team for two years, serving our Parish. The Board is asking you to help complete our team. Thank you.

## **MASS Intentions:**

Sun. March 7	11:00 a.m.	For Laura and Muriel Grenier by Lorraine Whitworth
Wed. March 10	9:15 a.m.	First Anniversary Mass for Laretta Michon by Marie Kielback
Sun. March 17	11:00 a.m.	For Clifford Daly by The Gatineau Friendship Club

(Maximum of 25 pre-registered attendees. On-line virtual mass via FaceBook – see News & Events for details)

## Lent: Purifying our Temple and Religion

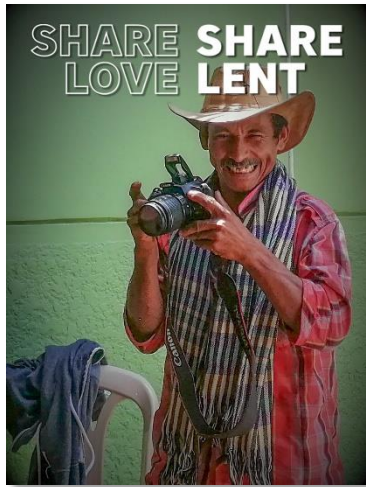
This Third Sunday of Lent, the readings invite us to purify the temple of our hearts and to offer to God Divine worship by obeying the Commandments and allowing the Holy Spirit to control our hearts and lives. We are challenged to keep our covenant with Jesus Christ just as the Israelites tried to keep the agreements of the Old Testament Covenant with God by promising to obey the Ten Commandments. The **first reading** carries the Ten Commandments. Having liberated His people from slavery, God promised to make the Jews His own and to lead them to the Promised Land and protect them from their enemies. The people on the other hand, agreed to obey the Ten Commandment and other laws given by Yahweh through Moses. The Ten Commandments form a list of directives and instructions for living out our covenant relationship, a kind of *constitution* of the people of God. This is because; the Commandments are part of a Covenant which God entered into with a specific people, the Israelites. They are based on two basic principles: the principle of reverence seen in the first four commandments that demand from us reverence for God, His name, His Holy Day (Sabbath), for our parents; and the principle of respect seen in the remaining six commandments that ask us to respect life, the good name of people, our words in the court of law, our neighbour's wife and property. The **second reading** from I Corinthians summarizes Paul's preaching: Christ crucified.

A crucified Christ did not fit into the Jewish concept of a triumphant political messiah; it is a scandal. Jesus was not meant to be a winner, but a loser, a man apparently accursed by God. For the Greeks too, who only trusted in their reasoning and wisdom, the doctrine about Christ is folly. The death of Jesus on the cross was against all logic, sheer madness. Thus, Paul reminds the Corinthians that the 'foolishness' of God is wiser than human wisdom and the 'weakness' of God is stronger than human strength. The 'wisdom' of humankind sees happiness only in those who enjoy themselves, their likings, their pleasures and their satisfaction. Hence, accepting the cross of Christ would mean transforming one's life into an unselfish giving of self to others like Christ. The logic of the Gospel cannot be placed on the same level as the logic of the world. Therefore, for the disciples, it is essential to follow Jesus Himself rather than series of laws. The only way is to imitate Jesus' dying and rising whether it 'scandalizes' others or not. We must appreciate the Divine 'foolishness' of the crucified Christ and obey the commandment of love as expression of our Divine worship. The **Gospel** tells the story of Jesus driving traders from the temple during the Passover festivities, a time when thousands of pilgrims would come to Jerusalem.

Jesus met God's House of prayer, the symbol of Jewish religion and the only centre of Israel's common worship and sacrifice, being turned into a market-place. There was unjust extortion at the expense of poor and humble pilgrims. Jesus considered this a clear social injustice and it is more by the fact that it was perpetrated in the name of religion. The Temple was converted into a hideout of thieves by the authorities and their collaborators, the merchants and money changers. By chasing them from the Temple, Jesus was questioning the validity of the entire sacrificial system itself. He condemned the combination and confusion between religion and economic interests. He fiercely reacted to commercialized faith. Religion has often been used to hide or justify interests, advantages and profits that had nothing to do with the Gospel. In this event, which arguably is one of the unsung of His miracles, Jesus, filled with zeal for the House of

God (Ps. 69:9) – that special place where humans and God meet – challenged religious practice that was simply external, answering the call of a higher Authority, obeyed it, regardless of the consequences. Beyond the cleansing of the Temple, the emphasis of this story is on the replacement of the Temple. “*Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up*” (v.19). Jesus was now speaking of a new Temple and the beginning of a new religion; “*He was speaking of the temple that was His body*” (v.21). With Jesus coming on the scene, the Temple was no longer important. God’s glory will be manifested, not in a building but in a person. Jesus has replaced and surpassed everything the Temple had formerly symbolized. Jesus is the New Temple in Whom His followers come into contact with God. Our Father is person-centred, and we are dealing with a relationship. By raising His Son from the dead, the Father has laid the foundation of this new holy place. Together we make up the Body of Christ, the new Temple where God now lives: Christ and the community of believers. With Christ and in Christ, we are the Temple of God. That has great implication! Happy Sunday!

**Share Love, Share Lent: Strengthening vulnerable communities.**



Did you know that Development and Peace supports a school for peasant filmmakers in Colombia?

This week in the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign, discover the creative ways in which we assist communities in speaking for and taking charge of their own development.

In keeping with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of participation, let your Lenten journey make a difference in the world. Learn about our work and consider giving to help sustain it.

**Discern and donate at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).**

**Follow our solidarity calendar at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).**

**FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

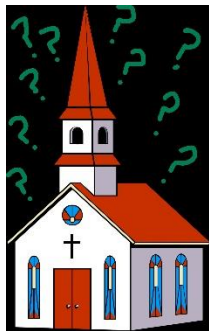
Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Atreyu Harvey, Rita Lacelle, Adeline Gendron, Roger Seguin, Phyllis Seguin and Diane Morey.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Our deepest sympathy to the Berrea family on the passing away of Sheila on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Sheila was a former parishioner of St. Aloysius and living in Ottawa. May she rest in peace.

Also our sympathy to Peggy and Dez Kamara on the passing away of Peggy’s mother, Marie Anthony this week in Newfoundland. May she rest in peace.

## **ONLINE EVENTS**



### **THE MASS - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT**

Why do we do this or that?

What does it all mean?

So what?

Archbishop Paul-André Durocher's series

**THE MASS UNCONFINED** helps us answer these questions

for our kids and grandkids (and for ourselves!)

Join us on Zoom every Wednesday 3 to 4 p.m.

starting March 17, 2021

Register at [www.staloyisius-stcolumban.com/events/the-mass](http://www.staloyisius-stcolumban.com/events/the-mass)

and a link will be sent.

### **St. Al's Virtual Paint Nite: Spring is in the Air!**



Looking for a fun activity to keep yourself busy until spring has sprung? Join us on Saturday, March 20th, 7-9:00PM for a free hosted Virtual Paint Nite, an instructor lead class you can follow in the comfort of your own home! You can either use the supplies you have at home, or order painting supplies from us for home delivery!

How it works: You will be provided with a Zoom link for the date and time of the event, login 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. This is your creative license!

#### **\*\*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: Paint, canvas and brushes can be ordered beforehand for a fee of \$30 (cost includes supplies, delivery and a small donation to St. Aloysius parish)

Please register early to guarantee your spot!

For more details and to register please visit <https://www.staloyisius-stcolumban.com/events/st-als-virtual-paint-nite-spring-is-in-the-air>

## **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: ONLINE EXERCISES (Spring session)**

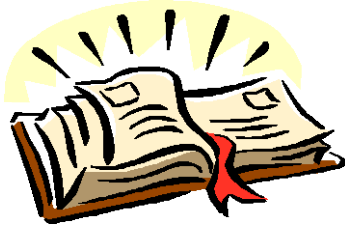


Diane Joanisse has kindly offered to do a second session of the online exercise classes. The classes will be every Thursday morning at 10:00am beginning **March 11<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Exercises are geared to every fitness level and equipment is not required. Register on our website at [https://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-](https://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events)

[events](https://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events) There is no fee to register, however donations to the parish would be greatly appreciated. Get a healthy start to your day with friends!

Note: if you registered for the previous session you must register again for the classes in March.

### **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>

## **BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH**

John Stanyar

- 6<sup>th</sup>

Katy Brownrigg

- 15<sup>th</sup>

Diane Ford

-10<sup>th</sup>

Anthony Lalonde

- 19<sup>th</sup>

Mary Connelly

-10<sup>th</sup>

Janice Nadeau

- 14<sup>th</sup>

Anne Bokovay`

-15<sup>th</sup>

