



Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
Christmas 2021

December 25 to January 9, 2022

Reading I	Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm:	Today is born our Saviour; Christ the Lord.
Reading II	Titus 2.11-14
Gospel	Luke 2.10-11

*******COVID RESTRICTIONS*******

Provincial directives now require that Vaccination Passports and picture ID be validated to attend mass. Please consider arriving a little earlier before mass in order to validate your vaccination passport and ID. A list of validated passports will be maintained to reduce re-validation from week to week.

St. Aloysius mass capacity is now set at **72** in the church.

Procedural tri-fold masks remain mandatory (FABRIC or CLOTH MASKS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE) as per diocesan directives. Procedural masks must now be worn AT ALL TIMES, even while seated in the church. The exceptions are ministers can remove their face coverings when intervening in the liturgy and choir members can remove their masks to sing if they can keep a distance of 2 m between themselves.

Social distancing of 1-meter 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 or the pastor 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 19: \$910.00
\$2960.00 Donations for November through the Diocese

**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:

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
Wed. Dec 29	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. Dec. 31	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. January 1	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) 1 st Anniversary Mass for Clifford Daly by his mother, Shirley
Sun. Jan. 2	11:00 a.m.	For Agostinho Cabeceiras by the Oliveria Family
Wed. Jan. 5	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. Jan. 7	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. Jan. 9	11:00 a.m.	20 th Anniversary Mass for Cathy Daly by her mother, Shirley

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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 st	St. Aloysius	11:00 a.m.
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To a world that has problems building bridges between right and left, young and old, lifelong citizens and immigrants, God offers his Son, universal brother and warmest welcome.

To a world scarred by wounds, exclusions, judgments and violence, God offers his Son, haven of peace, source of healing and path of reconciliation.

To a world that ignores its own history while struggling to imagine a future, God offers his Son, the eternal Word that entered time to reveal the eternal breadth of all our moments.

To a world which seeks the meaning of things, a purpose in life, a reason for being, God offers his Son, embodied wisdom and light in the shadows.

To this efficient and connected world which still yearns for true encounter and faithful relationship, God offers his Son, the intimate friend who wants only our good.

May the children of this world have a beautiful child's Christmas, full of evergreens and snow, gifts and candy. But my deepest wish is that the adults of this world experience an adult Christmas: a time to recognize the depth of things, the fragile beauty of existence and the possibilities that the starry night of Bethlehem opens to us all.

Merry Christmas!

+ Paul-André Durocher



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 or Diane Brownrigg at djoanis45@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

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).

ONLINE 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.staloyusius-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

Paul & Adeline Gendron , 28th - 56th

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Alice Burich - 19th
Paulette Pearce – 26th
Mary Daly – 31st

