



Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
6th Sunday of Easter
May 8/9, 2021

Reading I	Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.
Reading II	1 John 4.7-10
Gospel	John 15.9-17

***** Important Notice - UPDATE *****

The church is open for Sunday 11 a.m. mass allowing up to 25 attendees as per current pandemic provincial restrictions.

Pre-registration for Sunday masses is now required. Please contact the office to register at 819-243-0250 or email at st.aloysius@bellnet.ca

Disposable tri-fold masks are now mandatory (FABRIC or CLOTH MASKS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE), as per diocesan directive.

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 but pre-registration is not required.

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 changes as they arise.

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

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SPECIAL COLLECTION – May 15/16 – Papal Charities

MASS Intentions:

Sat. May 8	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Robert Lalonde by Gary and Margaret Burns
Sun. May 9	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Clifford Daly by his mother, Shirley Daly For Eugene & Alan Joannis by Jim & Diane Brownrigg For Marie-Hermance Carrier-Cook by Michelle and Family
Wed. May 12	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. May 15	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For the baptism of Easton Roderick McLaren
Sun. May 16	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Allen Teske by the Gatineau Friendship Club

God is Love

The scriptural readings of this Sunday speak with emphasis about love and the truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey His commandment of love. Jesus says *“Love others as I have loved you”*. In the first reading, St Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love. God loves everyone, both Jews and Gentiles, and He wants all to be saved through His Son, Jesus. The decision to yoke the Jews and the Gentiles was a tough one for the early Church. Thus, the story of the baptism of Cornelius is a response to the difficulty the early Christians had about admitting the Gentiles into the Church. Peter is in Jaffa and the Lord invites him to go to Caesarea and enter the house of Cornelius without fear of contamination because all are pure in the eyes of the Lord. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Cornelius and his family even before baptism is a pointer to the irresistible freedom and universality of the love of God. God shows Peter that there are no pure or impure people; anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to Him.

In the second reading, the apostle of love, John, defines God as love. *God is Love* is the greatest single statement about God in the whole Bible. St John explains that God expressed His love for mankind by sending His Son to die for all as expiation for sins. This divine love gives us the command as well as a duty to love our brothers and sisters as we have been loved by God. Love has its origin in God (1 John 4:7); to be like Him, we must also love. Love comes from God and leads back to God. It is by love that God is known, and the best demonstration of God comes, not from argument, but from a life of love. God’s love is demonstrated in Jesus Christ (1 Jn. 4:9). It is a love without reservation; a love that is totally undeserved because God loves poor and disobedient creatures like us. God created us out of love, gave us freewill out of love, and follows His creating act by His constant care. Out of love, God continues to save His creation and provides remedy for our sin. The love of God too explains the life beyond; the chances and changes

do not have the last answer as He, out of love, continues to readjust the balance of this life. We, His children, should be like Him and love as He does. The thread of love continues in the Gospel where the word “love” is used eleven times.

Today’s Gospel passage narrates the after-dinner table-talk of Jesus with His disciples. In this heart-to-heart discourse, Jesus reminds the apostles (and us too) that the ultimate expression of Christian love lies in self-sacrifice for others. This pericope speaks about the love of God for Jesus, the love of Jesus for His disciples and the love of the disciples for Jesus. Though this love is steadfast and sure, it is also a love that may be lost. Thus, Jesus urges His disciples to “abide” or “remain” in His love. The condition for receiving and keeping this unconditional love is to keep the commandments: *if you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love*. Therefore, the disciples must receive, and respond to Jesus’ love by keeping his commandment if they are to be able to continue receiving Jesus’ love. Jesus urges the disciples to choose obedience and to experience His abiding love so as to experience total joy as He does, thanks to His total obedience to His Father. His joy comes from a relationship of perfect obedience to the Father and the unity that the Father and the Son share. This joy can be extended and complete when Jesus’ disciples enter into the obedient, loving relationship between the Father and the Son by their own loving obedience.

Jesus also calls us to be His friends and the friends of the Father. He has given us this intimacy with God so that He is no longer a distant stranger but our close friend. He speaks further about discipleship by divine selection. This divine friendship is unmerited. Discipleship comes about by divine choice, not by human merits and actions. The outcome of this choice is the disciples’ ability now to go out and bear fruit, bear abiding fruit. The love, the friendship that comes from Christ is concretely manifested in the disciples’ lives. As friends of Jesus, the disciples have access to virtually unlimited powers. They only need to invoke His name and God will respond. Invoking Jesus’ name makes manifest the very presence of Jesus Himself. Therefore, as his disciples, we have to cultivate an abiding and loving relationship with Jesus. In that lies our effectiveness. Happy Sunday!

FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATE

Christopher McMackin

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

NEW WARDEN

Dear parishioners, it is the warden’s board pleasure to announce to you that Desmond Kamara has graciously accepted, and was approved by the diocese, to be our Public Relation Warden. Welcome Desmond, and thank you for continuing to serve our parish.

UPDATE FROM THE MAINTENANCE WARDEN

Given we have been unable to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) because of the pandemic, I wanted to provide the parishioners with an update as to the various maintenance and repair items that have been addressed since I took over as Maintenance Warden in February 2020.

The following items that were on a “to do list” by the previous Maintenance Warden have been completed as of April 30th, 2021.

- 1) 4 new ceiling fans were installed.
- 2) minor repairs to hall and patch hole in Gyproc.
- 3) repaint hall walls and women’s washroom.
- 4) replace bi-fold doors where chairs are stored.
- 5) urinal in men’s washroom unblocked
- 6) replaced missing shingles on church roof.
- 7) repaired crack in step leading to church, east entrance.
- 8) wooden storage box inside fence dismantled.
- 9) installed a door handle that locks for visitor’s bedroom.
- 10) repaired two leaking toilets tanks.

Other items that were not on the previous maintenance list but have also been addressed:

- 1) painted cloak room near the stage and installed new coat racks.
- 2) blocked cracks in cement outside east entrance, bee problem.
- 3) repainted cement steps leading to hall from church and from outside, west entrance and beside stage
- 4) repainted hand railings beside stage.
- 5) replaced wooden stairs leading to office.
- 6) painted over stage mural and surrounding walls.
- 7) repairs and modifications to furnace ducts.
- 8) Plumber removed toy from toilet in men’s washroom.

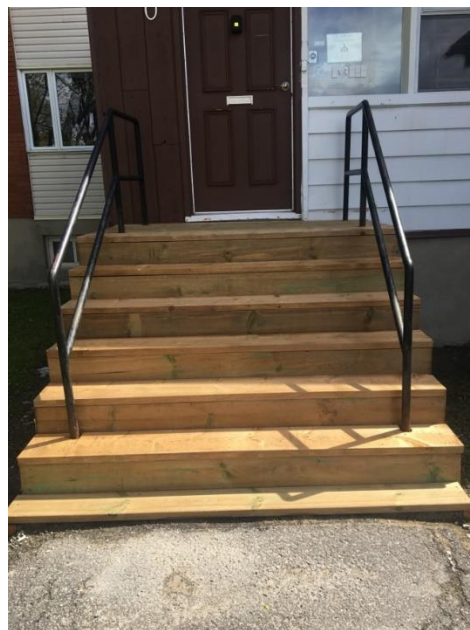
For the balance of 2021, the following priority items are planned to be addressed time and funding permitted:

- 1) remove and install new carpet around alter area, awaiting cost estimates.
- 2) remove and replace floor tiles in women’s washroom.

Special thanks go to the following parishioners for their continued support and help in regard to maintenance and repairs of our church facilities:

Dan and Diane Ford, Joe McCarthy, and John O’Farrell.

Thank you,
Mike McCann
Maintenance Warden



ONLINE EVENTS

MIXED BAG TRIVIA – via ZOOM



This time, for the St. Aloysius Trivia Zoom social distancing event, we have a mixed bag trivia evening. Your host (Michelle Cook) will have....

3 rounds: General multiple choice questions, Mother's Day questions, name that tune and/or artist and a new matching bonus round. If you still haven't gotten a chance to check it out on ZOOM, you still can. On **Friday, May 28, 2021 at 8:00 pm..** Come join in the fun. Don't delay and register for this fun event now! For more details and to register please visit <https://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/events/trivia> Registration is free; however, donations to the church are greatly appreciated.

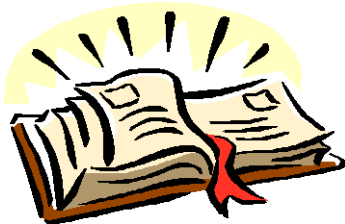
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: ONLINE EXERCISES (Spring session)



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 **April 22nd to June 3rd**. Exercises are geared to every fitness level and equipment is not required. Register on our website at [https://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/news-](https://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events)

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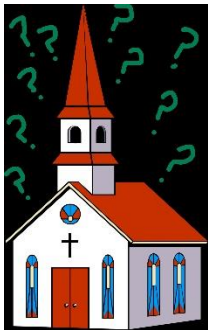
A MIND-OPENING WAY TO SPEND A MONDAY EVENING.



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.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/newsevents>

THE MASS - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT



This week the Bishop presented the Eucharistic Prayer. This recalls when Jesus "gave thanks". Eucharist means give thanks.

The Eucharistic Prayer starts with the dialogue: The Lord be with you... Lift up your hearts...Let us give thanks... and ends with the great AMEN.

There are 4 commonly used Eucharistic Prayers but there are also others specifically for reconciliation, children's Mass, Mass for large gatherings, marriage.

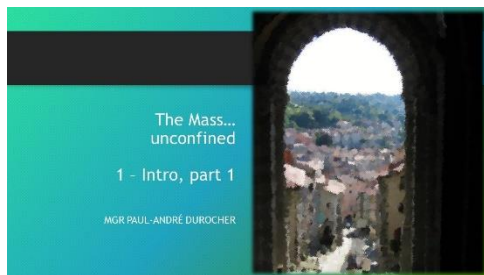
There are common elements to all these prayers: the **Preface dialogue**, a Preface which gives the reason for giving thanks (there are 87 to choose from), **Holy-Holy**, the epiclesis: which is the calling on the Spirit, the institution narrative, union with the saints, prayers for the Church ministers and its people living and dead, **anamnesis** which is our summary proclamation of faith in Jesus' death-resurrection-coming in glory, the great doxology: through Him, with Him and in Him... **AMEN**. Throughout this prayer the priest

speaks on our behalf and our various responses (in bold here) acknowledge our active participation in the prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer 1 (the Roman Canon) is the oldest and longest and was the standard in the western Church for many centuries. Its central axis is the institution narrative. It includes the naming of myriads of saints and recalls the sacrifices of Old Testament figures as far back as Abel and Abraham. This gives the prayer more solemnity and a feeling of union with all ages and with all heaven.

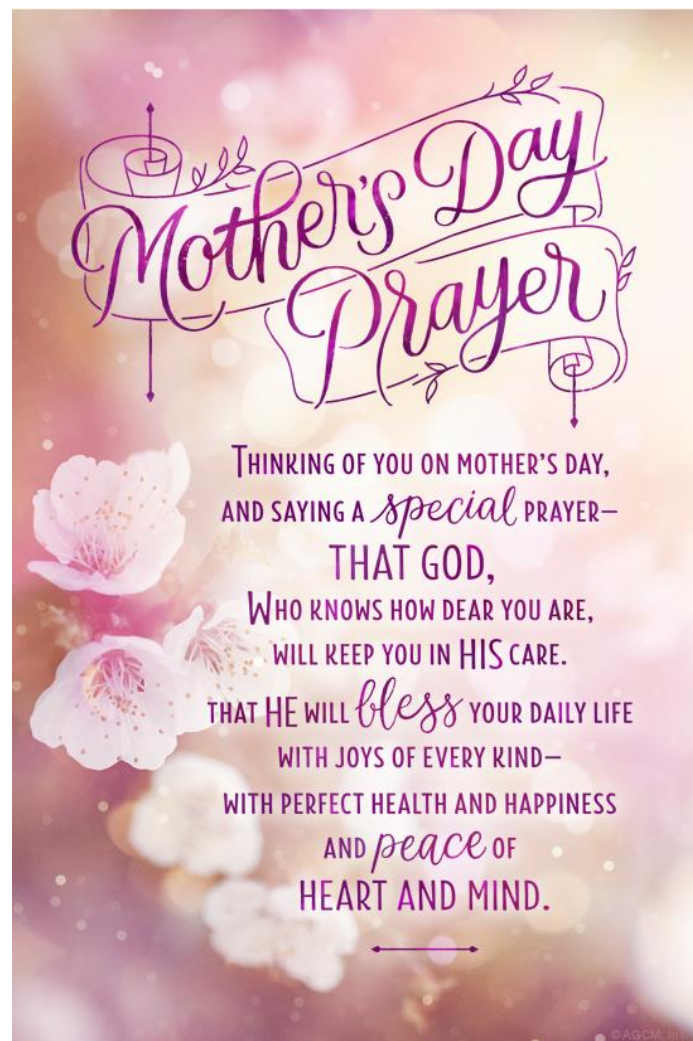
Next week we will be discussing episodes 29 and 30 at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbJ6fn0C5Zc&list=PL9yp6nuVNMtiz1-7itdm2RgSYO114v4M&index=29>



The Mass, Unconfined (29-30) YouTube

Archbishop Durocher launches a series of videos on the meaning of the Mass.



BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY

Moe Lambert – 2nd
Blaise Foley – 10th
Barbara Morey – 12th
Judy Grandmaison – 13th
Louise & Gord MacMillian – 15th
Gail Nadeau – 17th
Pauline Leduc & Mike Groulx – 18th
Pat Prud'homme – 27th
Paul Paiement Jr. – 28th
Margaret and Gary Burns – 30th

Jim Brownrigg - 5th
Avery Miller – 12th
Moe Amyot – 13th
Shirley Daly – 14th
Pauline Leduc – 16th
Ron Pearce – 18th
Donna Escander – 26th
John O'Farrell – 28th
Nora Prud'homme – 28th

