

**Weekly Bulletin**  
**St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 24/25, 2021**

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| Reading I           | Acts 4.7-12  |
| Responsorial Psalm: | The stone that builders rejected has become the cornerstone. |
| Reading II          | 1 John 3.1-2   |
| Gospel              | John 10.11-18  |

**\*\*\* 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](mailto: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**

**April 18:      Collection: \$855**

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### **Letter from Father Albanus**

Dear Parishioners

My term as the administrator of our four sister parishes will expire on August 31st. I am not going to have it renewed. It was a very difficult decision for me to take. I have spoken with the Archbishop about this.

I came up with this decision after due and prayerful consideration of various factors top of which is my inner desire to be closer to my mother for a couple of years at this stage of her life. I understand what this means for these four churches. I am praying that whatever decision to be made be regarding our parishes be such that would satisfy the spiritual and religious longings of our loved parishioners and the glory of God

Please, continue to pray for me as I plan to make this huge move.

May you continue to have great and wonderful Easter celebrations.

Fr Albanus

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

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

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:**

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| Sat. April 24 | 4:30 p.m.  | (St. Columban) For Martin & Annie Burke and Angus & Mina Burns by Gail Burns   |
| Sun. April 25 | 11:00 a.m. | (St. Aloysius) For John Dunlop and Lorelei Smits by Ann Smits<br>For Ellen Geraldine Hickey (Lemieux) by Betty Leach |
| Wed. April 28 | 9:15 a.m.  | For all parishioners   |
| Sat. May 1    | 4:30 p.m.  | (St. Columban) For all parishioners  |
| Sun. May 2    | 11:00 a.m. | (St. Aloysius) For David Whitworth by Lorraine   |

### **Risen Lord, the Good Shepherd**

On this fourth Sunday of Easter we continue our reflection on the meaning of the Resurrection. Today, there is a special emphasis on the Good Shepherd. The Gospels of the fourth Sunday of all three cycles come from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. Hence, it is called the Good Shepherd Sunday. The risen Lord is celebrated as the Good Shepherd who lays down His for His sheep. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream (prophecies) of a Good Shepherd. Today is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St Peter continues his speech in answer to the authorities questioning the healing of the cripple. He asserts that there is no salvation except through Christ, the Good Shepherd. Jesus is the one rejected and crucified by the leaders. He faced this in order to fulfill the mission entrusted to Him by the Father. It is in His name the apostles preached and healed. Faithfulness to Christ may land the apostles in similar situations. We should however remind ourselves that unswerving loyalty to the Gospel is more important than human friendship. What moved Peter to action on behalf of the cripple was his faith in the Lord Jesus who, as a Good Shepherd, cares for such people. The Lord Jesus, according to St Peter, is not offering just physical healing (salvation). The healing of the cripple is only a sign of the total salvation that Jesus has in store for people.

In the second reading, St John tells us how God, the Good Shepherd expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children. This letter is said to have been addressed to the Judeo-Christian community at the time some members were advocating false doctrines, denying the full divinity and full humanity of Jesus, disregarding the commandment of love of neighbour and refusing to accept the faith in Christ as the source of sanctification, and denying the redemptive value of Jesus' death. John argues that we are privileged to be called children of God and that is who we are. The life of God that we, as Christians, received in Baptism is a spiritual life. It is a gift from God; its presence cannot go unnoticed because it produces concrete signs that all can see. This new reality that is in us will be made manifest only when the veil of this physical life of ours is removed. When we see God as He really is, when we are like Him, then we shall realize fully what we already were (Armellini, F Vol.B, p. 123). In the Gospel Jesus introduces Himself as the Good Shepherd.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd is a protector, the fighter who, at the risk of His own life, stands up to anyone who threatens His flock. This is the picture John uses in today's Gospel. Jesus is the true shepherd not because He cuddles and caresses His sheep, but because He loves them so much that he is ready to lay down His life for them. It is a comforting Good News that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows us, provides for us and loves us. He is in contrast with the hired person, the mercenary whose contract would not demand that s/he should lay down his/her life for the sheep. A mercenary is concerned with the money, his salary. S/he sticks to the minimum laid down in the contract. The good shepherd does not stop to consider his/her rights, duties, what the law asks of him, what agreement binds him to the master; his/her law is just one: his/her love for the sheep, and love knows no limits, runs risks, and is ready to suffer for the flock. Jesus claims that as a Good Shepherd, He knows His sheep and His sheep hears His voice; He knows each of us, our needs, our merits, and our faults. More than intellectual, the knowledge here is the one that comes from love and leads to care and concern for the other. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and He expects us to receive and return His love by keeping His word. He speaks to us in the Scripture, through our pastors, parents, families and friends and through our lives. He gives eternal life to us His sheep by receiving us into His sheepfold by baptism and strengthens us through the rest of the sacraments. He protects His sheep by placing them in the loving hands of His Almighty Father. He guides and protects us from the spiritual wolves of this world. He goes in search of the stray ones and heals the sick ones (sacraments of reconciliation and anointing of the sick). More than the true shepherds of the ancient days who protected their sheep from wild animals and thieves by risking their lives, Jesus died in expiation for the sins of all people. We are all being challenged to become good shepherds to those entrusted to our care and good sheep to those placed over us in various capacities. The Christian should not fear to give up his/her life because s/he knows that death cannot destroy the life that God has put in him/her. Giving up one's life is necessary so that the fullness of life may be revealed. Happy Sunday!

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

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

## **ONLINE EVENTS**

### **TRIVIA is BACK!! – via ZOOM**



We are changing the social distancing event from Family Feud back to trivia. We all have to be home by 8:00 p.m.; so if you still haven't gotten a chance to check it out, you still can, on **Friday, April 23, 2021 at 8:00 pm**. Michelle Cook Warden has kindly agreed again to host. Come join in the fun. The St. Aloysius Trivia event will consist of 3 rounds and a bonus round,

all with a Canadian theme . EH....don't delay and register

for this fun event now! For more details and to register please visit <https://www.staloyusius-stcolumban.com/events/trivia> Registration is free; however, donations to the church are greatly appreciated.

## St. Al's Virtual Paint Nite: Summer Vibes!



Looking for a fun activity to keep yourself busy until summer comes knocking at your door? Join us on Saturday, May 1st, 7:30-9:30PM 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!

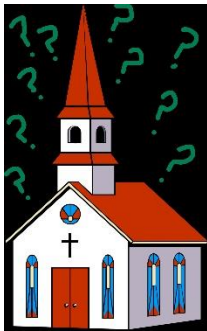
**\*\*WHAT YOU'LL NEED!\*\***

- 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.staloyisus-stcolumban.com/events/st-als-virtual-paint-nite-summervibes>

## THE MASS - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT



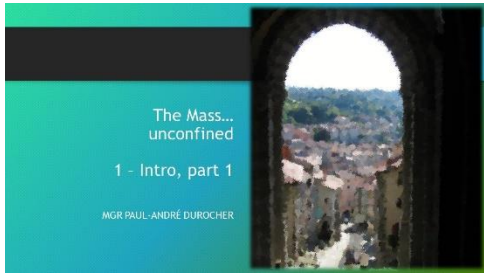
This week we listened to the segments on the homily, the Creed and the prayers of the faithful.

The priest's **homily** is intended to connect the readings to our culture so that the Word of God may touch us today. It helps if the people are actively searching to retain a specific sentence or idea in the readings. Nobody should be a passive observer.

The **Creed** is the summary of our faith. The Apostles' Creed emphasizes the humanity of Jesus while the Nicene Creed emphasizes the divinity of Jesus. The Creed is what draws us together as one Body; it is the common profession that binds all Christians.

With the **Prayers of the Faithful** we assume our role of "priestly people", that is, with Christ, we intercede in prayer to God our Father for the needs of the world. It is ok to use the prayers provided in the Missal but it is important to add prayers for specific needs according to current world events.

Next week we will be listening to segments 23-25. Go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFn-5Zs\\_sV8&list=PL9yp6nuVNMtiz1-7itdm2RgSYO114v4M&index=23](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFn-5Zs_sV8&list=PL9yp6nuVNMtiz1-7itdm2RgSYO114v4M&index=23)



## The Mass, Unconfined (23-25) - Intro I - YouTube

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

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

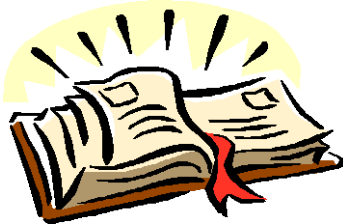


Diane Joanisse has kindly offered to do a second session of the online exercise classes. The classes will be every Thursday morning at 10:00am beginning **April 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Exercises are geared to every fitness level and equipment is not required. Register on our website at <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>

### **BIRTHDAY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

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| Marty Burns              | -2 <sup>nd</sup>   |
| Fr. Al                   | - 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Anne-Marie Plante        | - 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Diana Foley              | - 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Carole Douaire           | - 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Isabel Carolina St-Louis | - 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Daphne Vachon            | - 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Cornelius Foley          | - 29 <sup>th</sup> |

