



Whoever is not
against us is for us

Mark 9.40

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept. 25/26, 2021

Reading I	Numbers 11.25-29
Responsorial Psalm:	The precept of the Lord are right and give joy to the heart.
Reading II	James 5.1-6
Gospel	Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48

*******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. Masks may now be removed, once you are 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

Sept 5: \$565

Sept 12: \$520

Sept 19: \$640

Parishioners donations through the Diocese for August: \$950

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The Needs of the Canadian Church – September 25/26

MASS Intentions:

Fri. Sept. 24	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Sept. 25	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sun. Sept. 26	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For all parishioners
Wed. Sept. 28	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Friday, Oct 1	9:00 a.m.	For Phyllis Seguin
Sat. Oct. 2	2:00 p.m.	(St. Aloysius) Baptism of Jacob MacMillan son of David MacMillan & Kaitlyn Lavergne
	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sun. Oct. 3	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) 2 nd Anniversary Mass for Marie-Hermance Carrier-Cook by the Cook and Warden Families

Father Greg will be away on vacation from October 4 to 14th, so there will be no weekdays. Father will be back for the Friday Mass on October 15th.

Please note: There will be no Mass at St. Columban's on Saturday, October 9th and you are ask to join us at St. Aloysius on Sunday, October 10th.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to Roger and the Robinson and Seguin families on the passing away of Phyllis on September 9th.

There will be a mass held for Phyllis at St. Al's on Friday, October 1 at 9 a.m.

Also a private funeral service by invitation only will be held on Sunday, October 3rd at the Co-operative Funeral Home on La Vérendrye Ouest in Gatineau.

May she rest in peace.

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

LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP DUROCHER:

Announcing the Preparatory Phase of the Synod of Bishops and the Québec Synodal Process

September 20, 2021

I enthusiastically welcome Pope Francis's invitation to engage our diocese in the preparatory phase of the XVIth ordinary assembly of the Synod of Bishops which will take place in 2023 under the theme "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission".

Along with all the dioceses of the world, we will live this preparatory phase from mid- October until the end of March, meeting in small groups to pray, dialogue and discern how to better live synodality in our local Church. The Pope's initiative comes to us unexpectedly, but it fits perfectly with our own synodal process that I closed on May 25th with the publication of a pastoral letter entitled "Our Project: Christ's Mission; Our Path: Synodality."

In this letter, I noted, among the fruits of our process, this realization: "The very principle of synodality has prevailed among us: people want to continue to exchange, to deepen the questions together and to participate actively in the discernment of the paths to be taken for the future."

I also confirmed one of the pastoral priorities identified during the process: "We will strengthen the synodal structures that already exist at both the parish and diocesan levels (councils and committees) so that they can play their deliberative role more actively in discernment and decision-making."

The approach proposed by our Pope will help us examine our life as Church in the light of a fundamental question: "How does this 'journeying together,' which takes place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to Her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? "

We have only just received the background documents that will help us set up this preparatory phase. But already, I can announce that the opening liturgy of this phase will take place on Saturday October 16 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Priests, deacons, pastoral workers and parish and diocesan representatives will be invited. It will be held a few days after the diocesan feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, our principal patron, and will give us the opportunity to entrust this new experience to her intercession.

I'm also glad to announce that the bishops of Québec, at their plenary assembly last week, unanimously decided to follow this preparatory phase of the Synod of Bishops with a project specific to our province: a québécois synodal process. This will take place over the next few years and will address challenges common to all the dioceses of our province. Our hope is that this process will enable us to better discern the ways that the Spirit urges us to follow in this time of radical change for the Church in Québec.

I invite all of you to begin now to pray for the success of both the preparatory phase of the Synod of Bishops and the eventual Québec synodal process.

Together, let us walk in the Spirit's ways!

+ Paul-André Durocher

FUNDRAISER - RAFFLE



Once again one of our parishioners has come to our aid. Paulette Pearce has donated, not one, but two beautifully framed DIAMOND DOTZ art pieces. They will be displayed at the back of the church. A raffle will be held for the two pieces – the First Prize Winner will have the choice of either piece and the second piece will go to the Second Prize Winner.

Tickets will be made available at the back of the church. Because of the easy transmission of the Covid Virus we are being extra careful about handling tickets and money. Anyone who wants tickets can pick up their books when leaving the church. They are asked to complete the tickets at home and return the completed stubs and the money on their next visit.

Since we are not openly soliciting ticket sales we are hoping that each of you will lend us a hand and ask your family and friends to buy tickets. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

More tickets can be available from Carol at the church office 819-663-5244 or Ann Marie at 819-663-0295.

Thank you for your patronage.

ONLINE EVENTS

ONLINE FITNESS CLASSES



You are invited to join my 40 minute fitness class, this is class will take place Tuesday from 10:00-10:40.

When: Every Tuesday from September 28-November 9, 2021, 10:00-10:40AM

Equipment: Exercise mat or towel, light weights (1-5lbs your choice) if you don't have weights you can also use 2 filled water bottles or no weights, bottle of drinking water

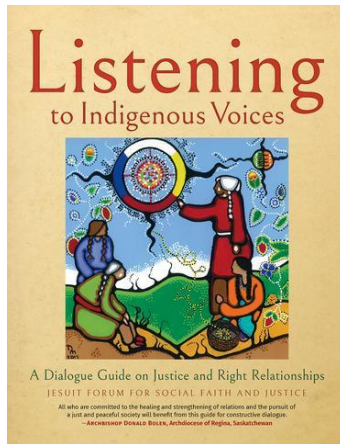
You can register in advance for this Zoom meeting:

<https://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. I look forward to working out with you!

Diane Joanisse

THE VOICE OF THE CHILDREN –



Many have expressed deep concern following the news of the discovery of the bodies of 215 Indian children buried near a residential school in British Columbia. We were horrified and wondered “what can we do about this?”

The Jesuit Forum in Toronto recently published a book **Listening to Indigenous Voices**. In its presentation it states:

“To engage in this process, we need to listen deeply to what Indigenous Peoples are saying, open ourselves to be transformed by their words, and act based on what they are telling us so that we can begin to address injustices, heal relationships, and bring about a post-colonial Canada.”

The book provides a method for 11 group sessions to do just that: **listen, open ourselves, act.**

If you would like to participate in these group sessions, please register at this link: www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events/thevoiceofthechildren Please also invite others, especially friends and neighbors who feel that their culture is not respected, who could add a lot to our discussions.

We will be meeting on Zoom bi-weekly on Tuesday nights, 7 :00 p.m. starting July 6th until Nov. 23.

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE – Food for Eternal Life

Our Monday night 7:00-8:00 p.m. zoom meetings for **Reflection on Scripture** has resumed on **Sept. 6th**. All are most welcomed to join in when you can; simply go to 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 IN OCTOBER

Mary Jane Champagne	13 th
Michael McCann	19 th
Margaret Burns	21 st
Ghislaine Cook	28 th



Cemetery Service

St. Stephen’s Cemetery Service is Sunday, November 7 after 9 a.m. Mass