



Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban
MY CHURCH, MY COMMUNITY, MY FRIENDS

-----**MY CHURCH**-----

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 3, 2024

Reading I Exodus 20.1-17
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of eternal life.
Reading II 1 Corinthians 1.22-25
Gospel John 2.13-25

MASS Intentions:

Fri. March 1 9:00 a.m. For all parishioners
Sun. March 3 11:00 a.m. For John Kehoe by the Gatineau Friendship Club
Fri. March 8 9:00 a.m. For all parishioners
Sun. March 10 11:00 a.m. For all parishioners

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION - Feb. 25: \$719.00
Funeral Collection: Feb. 24: \$529.65

ST COLUMBAN

St. Columban Mission looks forward to welcoming you back for 2024! Our first mass will be Easter Sunday morning March 31 at 9:00.

Effective Saturday April 6, we will return to our Saturday 4:30 schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION is available fifteen minutes before all Sunday masses at St. Aloysius. This sacrament is an important part of our continual preparation for the eternal kingdom.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Phil Thibodeau, James MacMillan, John Nadeau, Marvella Harvey, Adeline Gendron, and Diane Morey.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Wednesday (March 27)	7 p.m.	Chrism Mass – St. Joseph Cathedral
Holy Thursday (March 28)	7 p.m.	Mass of the Lord’s Supper - Our Lady of Victory
Good Friday (March 29)	2 p.m. 3 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (St. Aloysius) The Lord’s Passion (St. Aloysius)
Easter Vigil (March 30)	9 p.m.	Our Lady of Victory
Easter Sunday (March 31)	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	St. Columban St. Aloysius

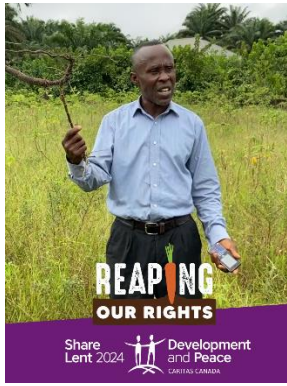
God calls us to serve in many ways. **Saint Aloysius invites families to “bring up the gifts” at Mass.** The presentation of the gifts marks **the beginning of the second major part of the Mass:** the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The priest prepares the gifts to be offered. During the mass, the offertory involves very simple gestures. **Families will pick up the bread and the wine from the table in the back near the entrance.** Then, they will **bring the gifts forward to present to the priest** to be brought to the altar. After giving the gifts to the priest, it is **customary to bow to the altar before returning to your pew.**

Do not be afraid! In presenting the gifts, you are carrying the very bread and wine that will be changed substantially into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Do you or your family feels called to bring up the gifts at Mass? Contact Louise MacMillan 819 319 4121

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS - On Sunday, March 3rd we will have a short meeting of all parishioners to elect a 6th warden which we had not succeeded in doing at the December annual general meeting. In fact, Mr. Kevin Jude has accepted to be nominated for Maintenance warden. We hope you can all stay for this very short meeting.

DENOUNCING OIL POLLUTION IN NIGERIA



Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands.

To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our [Mini-magazine](#) and watch the video at devp.org/lent.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Children ages 7 and up are invited to gather in the hall and listen to the Word. (Readings and Gospel). This activity is during mass and the children return to their parents just after the prayers of the faithful. Two adults take turns in leading this activity.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS



If you would like to read, with a group of fellow parishioners, the Scripture readings of the following Sunday in order to better absorb them and let them speak to you during the week, send your e-mail address to the parish office and we will get in touch with you.

-----MY COMMUNITY-----

An Invitation to a two-evening Lenten Retreat,
led by Mgr. Paul-André Durocher,
Archbishop of the Gatineau Diocese


When: Sunday, March 10th at 7:00
Monday, March 11th at 7:00

Where: Our Lady of Victory Church
490 Charles Street
Gatineau (Buckingham Sector)

The first night, the Archbishop will focus on Baptism in terms of Synodality.

The second night will focus on Confirmation in terms of mission.

BOOK
Talk & Motivation
 (Author: Dez Kamara 2023)



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LOOKING BACK
 From the Unthinkable to the Unimaginable
 How a Single Moment in Time Can Change a Lifetime
 Author: Dez Kamara (Following an
 Kidnapping Drama)

Admission
 Free

*This book speaks to everyone, especially
 new immigrants and refugees.*

Sunday
 April 7th, 2024
 12.00 Noon EST
 300 rue de l'Abbe - Murray
 Gatineau
 Refreshments - FREE

MEET & GREET APRIL 7th - As you will see beside, we will have a special Meet & Greet in the hall after Mass April 7th so make time to read Dez' book so we can have a lively discussion. Though the poster says "Refreshments Free", we all know that it is not heavenly angels who bring the food but earthly angels so, if you are able, please bring something to share.

HALL RENTALS - please contact our hall warden, Brian Peters, at 613-600-1987.

STAMPS



Let's get back into the habit of cutting out the stamps from our mail and putting them in the box at church. A member of Development and Peace has already patiently counted 12,934 stamps that we had collected over the past few years in Gatineau. It is therefore a great invitation to resume our stamp collection. Did you know that since its beginnings in 1992, this initiative has raised more than \$600,000 for Development and Peace.

Please place your stamps in the box labelled 'STAMPS' at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing this information with your friends and family.

-----**MY FRIENDS**-----

BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

- John Stanyar - 6th
- Diane Ford - 10th
- Janice Nadeau - 14th
- Anne Bokovay - 15th
- Anthony Lalonde - 19th
- Travis Schoenfeldt - 21st

