

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
April 10/11, 2021

Reading I	Acts 4.32-35
Responsorial Psalm:	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Reading II	1 John 5.1-6
Gospel	John 20.19-31

***** 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

Easter Collection: \$1340

Holy Land: \$280

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 [ragnadeau@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:

Sat. April 10	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Robert Lalonde by Gail Burns
Sun. April 11	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Todd Milks by Barb Morey For Clifford Daly by his sisters, Donna, Olive & Lucy For Sheila Berrea by her Family
Wed. April 14	9:15 a.m.	For Ellen Hickey (Lemieux) by Kathy & Fred Buske
Sat. April 17	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Alma and Larry Miller by Gary Miller
Sun. April 18	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Brenden Desveaux by Dennis and Marie Kielback For Clifford Daly by his grandchildren, Tessa & Zac

Faith in the Risen Lord

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and the readings reflect that. They also speak about the necessity for trusting Faith and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer and the responsorial Psalm mention God's mercy which is manifested in sending His only Begotten Son to become our Saviour and Lord through His paschal mystery. The **first reading** from the Acts of the Apostles stresses the corporal acts of mercy practised by the early Christian community. The **second reading** also echoes the same message of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. St John reminds us that we practise spiritual works of mercy by obeying God's commandments and especially Jesus' commandment of loving others as He loves us with selfless, sacrificial, agape love. Loving others as Jesus loves them demands that we treat others with God's mercy and compassion. The **Gospel** describes how Jesus showed His mercy to the doubting Thomas and emphasizes the importance of faith. The declaration by Thomas is very important. It is the foundation of our Christian Faith. Our faith is based on the Divinity of Jesus as proved by His miracles, especially by the supreme miracle of the Resurrection from the dead. Thomas' profession of faith is the strongest evidence we have of the Resurrection of Christ and his faith culminated in his own self-surrender to Jesus and his heroic missionary work in India, his fearless preaching and the powerful testimony given by his martyrdom around A.D 72.

The early Christians practised sharing love and compassion in the breaking of bread and the gathering of the community, as Jesus taught. The Apostles continued to testify to the resurrection with great power. The testimony was certainly powerful because it was done with courage, but this is not the main quality of their 'power'. They came up with irrefutable evidence of the living Christ but not by doing marvels and performing miracles. The real proof, the one that all could see, was different: it was the completely new life of the community of the first Christians. They were united in heart and soul; no one claimed private ownership of any possessions as everything they owned was held in common. The Christians appeared as citizens from a different world because of their extraordinary life. The only reason for all this is: Christ has risen! The Risen Christ was not visible but the community born of His Spirit was there for everybody to see.

How do we prove to our world that we are people of the resurrection? We ought to live in communion of hearts; a life that is devoid of domination of others and imposition of ideas, options, tastes and opinions. Our community life should be that of sharing of goods and not one obsessed by effort to accumulate wealth for oneself and leave as little as possible for others. We must make an effort to share our possessions, since our instinct leads us to withdraw into ourselves and to look only after our own interests. What 'strong' evidence can we give to others that Christ is risen and alive? Is it words, beautiful words, plenty of words or should we rather provide faith that shows clearly that Christ is living? St John writes this story not just to give us some news but to describe the sentiments and relations that must prevail within an authentic Christian community led by faith in the risen Lord. The great generosity showed by the first Christian community born at Easter is seen as a fulfillment of the prophecy in Deut.4:36-37 that one day there would be no poor among the people of God. Only when we are able to form such a community inspired by love, generosity and selflessness shall we be able to prove that the Spirit of Christ is among us. In this new logic, our attitude towards material goods cannot be the same. In the Thomas' story, St John wants to tell us that the risen Lord now has a life which cannot be detected by our senses, a life that cannot be touched by our hands or seen with our own eyes; it can only be the object of our faith. Faith can never be founded on what one sees. The resurrection can never be proved scientifically. That is why Jesus said 'blessed are those who have not seen and believed'. They are blessed because their faith is more genuine and purer. One who sees has the certainty, not the faith; s/he has an irrefutable proof, and, therefore does not really need faith (Amellini, F vol.B, p. 113). The proof for faith is in the Gospel which contains the word of Christ. Where can this word of Christ be heard? It is in the gathering of believers for the celebration of the Eucharist. The Risen Lord appeared when all the believers are gathered together. Whoever, like Thomas, is not present at the community gatherings, cannot experience the Risen Lord, hear His word, receive His peace and forgiveness, feel His joy and receive His Spirit. Whoever stays at home on the day of the Lord, even if it is to pray alone, may experience the presence of God but cannot experience the Risen Lord, because He manifests Himself only where the community is gathered. And if s/he does not meet the Risen Lord, what does s/he do? Like Thomas, s/he will look for 'proofs' to believe, but will never find them. Thomas was not there but was there the following Sunday! Happy Divine Mercy 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



ALPHA is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Our parish is offering an Alpha every Thursday night 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. starting April 8th and until June 17th. Though each one of us has the responsibility to make Jesus known, we find it hard to start a conversation about Jesus. That is why Alpha can be so helpful.

PLEASE invite that person you have been praying for to join our Alpha session. It starts this Thursday April 8th at 7:00 p.m. Tell him or her to go to www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events to register and a link will be sent.

THE MASS - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT



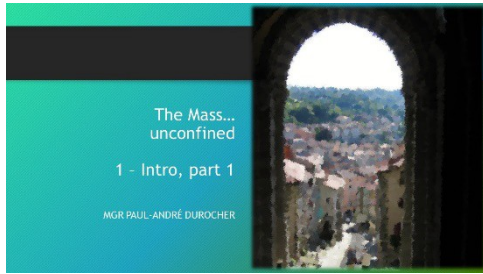
For our discussion this week we had listened to the Bishop's comments on the Gloria, the Opening Prayer and his introduction to the Liturgy of the Word.

DID YOU NOTICE that the Gloria is in two parts: In the first part we praise God; in the second part, as a priestly people for the whole world, we ask Jesus to have mercy. We then conclude with an elaborate doxology (praise to the Father, the Son and the Spirit).

DID YOU NOTICE that after the priest says "Let us pray" for the Opening Prayer (Collect) he keeps a moment of silence during which time he collects in his mind and heart all the concerns and intentions of the people. He then addresses the prayer to God giving Him a specific attribute, asking Him something specific, with a specific purpose. All this is always in relation to the readings we will then hear. The prayer is always to God, through Jesus, in the unity of the Spirit. Our loud and clear AMEN is an affirmation that we agree.

DID YOU KNOW that the Liturgy of the Word includes the first reading, the psalm, the second reading, the acclamation, the Gospel, the homily, the Creed and the intercessions. This is a unit rooted in Jewish ritual life. It is an **EVENT**: we listen to God speaking to us and we respond. The reader is lending his/her voice to **GOD SPEAKING**. The moments of silence after each segment are there for us to absorb what we have just heard, let it touch us, adhere to it (Creed), so that we can then touch the world around us (intercessions).

In preparation for next week, please go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=DiDwFaGD3Dc&list=PL9yp6nuVNMtiz1-7itdm2RgSYO114v4M&index=16 and listen to segments 16,17,18,19. Join the discussion at 3:00 p.m on Zoom April 14th.



The Mass, Unconfined (1) - Intro I - YouTube

Archbishop Durocher launches a series of videos on the meaning of the Mass. Today, he starts with a story and a question.

www.youtube.com

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: ONLINE EXERCISES (Spring session)



Diane Joannis has kindly offered to do a second session of the online exercise classes. The classes will be every Thursday morning at 10:00am beginning **March 11th to April 15th**. 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

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

