



Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
Ascension of the Lord
May 15/16, 2021

Reading I	Acts 1.1-11
Responsorial Psalm:	God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Reading II	Ephesians 1.17-23 or Ephesians 4.1-13
Gospel	Mark 16.15-20

***** Current Status *****

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:

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
Wed. May 19	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. May 22	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Walter Willcott by Marty and Amanda
Sun. May 23	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Ellen Hickey (Lemieux) by Carol and Pierre Léonard

He Ascended into Heaven!

Today is Ascension and all the readings describe it. Jesus ascended into His Heavenly glory following His promise of the Holy Spirit to His disciples and the command to them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching. Jesus is still with us: *I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.* The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives an account of the event of Ascension. Jesus instructed His apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the “promise of the Father”- the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would empower them to become His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Jesus was taken into the cloud and there appeared two Heavenly messengers who assured them of Jesus’ return in glory. In the second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, St Paul gives the theological meaning of Jesus’ exaltation. He prays that the Lord may enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know what hope to which He has called us is. As Christians, our great hope is that one day we too will be ascending to heavenly glory as far as we complete our part of the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. We are called to preach the Good News of salvation to the whole world by word and deed.

The Gospel too describes how Jesus ascended into Heaven after giving His final blessing and missionary command to His disciples. He commissioned them to be His witnesses. Our goal in life should be completing Jesus’ mission and the driving force of our lives should be the prospect of sharing the glory of the ascended Jesus. The Ascension of Jesus was the culmination of God’s

Divine plan for Christ Jesus. With mission accomplished, Christ was to return to His Father. Though a culmination, the Ascension was not a conclusion. He still remains with us, dwelling with us together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The focus of the Feast is the Heavenly reign of Christ and the Lord's being "seated at God's right hand", meaning that He alone will be in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit, unrestricted by time, space and culture. It is there at the "right hand of God", that Jesus continues to make intercession for all of us with the Father. Hence, the Paschal Mystery – Jesus' passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit – is a single, unbroken Reality, which is to be understood by Faith. -

While reading the biblical accounts of the Ascension our focus should be not so much on details of the event as on the mission Jesus gave to His disciples. They are not to be seen as a newspaper account of events. Despite the discrepancy in details, all accounts agree that the Ascension, a real event happening in real time and observed by real people, took place on a mountain. Even regarding the time period of its occurrence, the writers were not aiming at accuracy of historical details but were more concerned with transmitting our Lord's message. Having been commissioned, the apostles are to tell and retell the story of Jesus' life, suffering, death and Resurrection, Ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit. They are assured of the assistance of the Holy Spirit.

Brothers and sisters, the mission that Jesus gave is to all the believers, not a select few. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and evangelizer. As we celebrate this Feast of Christ's return to the Father, we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace by the witness of our lives. On this day we need to renew our commitment to be the disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish. All baptised people no matter our position in the Church are agents of evangelization. Happy Ascension!

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.

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.

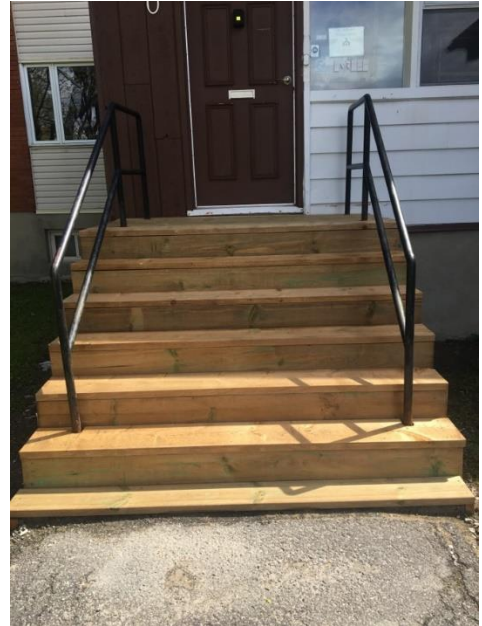
For the balance of 2021, the following priority items are planned to be addressed time and funding permitted:

- 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.staloyisus-stcolumban.com/events/trivia> Registration is free; however, donations to the church are greatly appreciated.

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

THE MASS - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT



In segments 29 and 30 the Bishop comments on Eucharistic Prayers II and III respectively.

The second Eucharistic Prayer is the shortest one. It includes its own Preface which connects us with creation, incarnation, redemption, resurrection which leads us into the Holy, Holy. All the other elements of the prayer then flow coherently. This prayer is particularly appropriate for small groups, weekday masses.

The third Eucharistic Prayer was composed at the request of Pope Paul VI since Vatican II had asked for more choices of Eucharistic Prayers. It is more universal in tone often referring to the whole world and all times “from the rising of the sun to its setting” and looking forward to Jesus’ second coming. It also has more explicit reference to God, to Jesus, to the Holy Spirit. When naming the saints in this prayer, possibility is given to name our parish patron and/or our national saints.

The Bishop has not yet concluded this youtube series on the Mass Unconfined so we have come to the end of what is presently available.

This attentive study of the Eucharistic Prayers has made us aware of how rich they are! The Preface gives us a multitude of reasons to give thanks. We call on the Holy Spirit to make us one body to give thanks with the saints and angels in heaven, our brothers and sisters on earth, with Jesus who offers Himself as food and drink. We proudly proclaim the very core of our faith. We pray for the Church, for our loved ones, for our community, for our deceased relatives and friends, for the whole world. All this we do with Jesus, for the glory of God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Little wonder that we can firmly state our AMEN!

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

