

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban
My Church, My Community, My Friends

-----**My Church**-----

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Confession: Available 15 minutes before weekend Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: By appointment. Registration required. Please call or email the office.

First Communion & Confirmation: Registration required. Please call or email the office.

Wedding: Couples are asked to call the office for an appointment **at least one year** prior to their date of marriage to allow adequate preparation time. A marriage course is required.

Visiting the sick: Please call or email the office to make arrangements.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14th, 2025

Reading I Numbers 21.4-9

Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78)

Reading II Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel John 3.13-17

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

Friday, September 12 th	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sunday, September 14 th	11:00 a.m.	For Jean Foot by Jo Anne Lambert
Tuesday, September 16 th	NO MASS - Fr. John will be away	
Wednesday, September 17 th	NO MASS - Fr. John will be away	

ST. COLUMBAN MISSION MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 18th 5:00 p.m.

ST. COLUMBAN MISSION CEMETERY SERVICE

Once a year we gather as a community to remember our loved ones. St. Columban Mission Cemetery service will be held on **Sunday, September 28th at 2:30 p.m.** at the Cemetery. Please join us in remembrance and prayer.

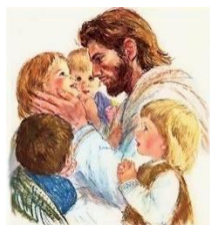


BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING



As the new school year is getting underway, students, teachers and their families are invited to join us for a blessing of school bags during Mass on **Sunday, September 14th at 11:00 a.m.** This is a chance to bring God's blessing on all the hopes and dreams every student and their families have for the year ahead. So please **share this with friends, family and neighbours** by word of mouth and social media.

We are hoping that many of our St. Al's family and friends will attend.



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.

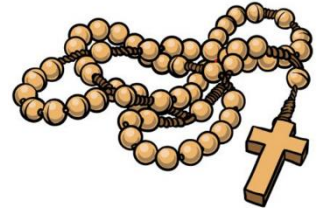
ST. AL'S MISSION OF PRAYER

The Parish Pastoral Council invites us, as a community, to focus on prayer. Please note that the weekly Zoom meetings to pray the Rosary together will be resuming on **Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m.** Please use the following link to join:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81922462787?pwd=JVXJApqCypbxbHyMj2nAO1kcWLbPAV.1>

Meeting ID: 819 2246 2787 Passcode: 3Peqzg

If you are having trouble signing in, please contact Louise Macmillan at 819-319-4121



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



On **Monday, September 8th**, we resumed the Monday night 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. virtual gatherings to reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings. This very pleasant gathering requires nothing more than a willingness to listen carefully to what God is telling us and to enrich each other with our perceptions. All are welcome! If interested, please send an e-mail to the parish office.

My Community

WARDENS' BOARD

By Quebec provincial law, the Act Respecting Fabriques, a parish must have 6 wardens to administer the assets of the parish. In our parish each warden is assigned a particular task to oversee and report to the Board or consult with the Board for a decision. Normally, at the end of December each year, two wardens have completed their three-year term and can either be re-elected for a second three-year term or must be replaced after two consecutive terms. **This year we will need to replace three wardens: Maintenance and Public Relations for three-year terms and Secretary to complete two years of a term.** The titles give the responsibility of each. Broadly speaking, the Maintenance warden oversees all maintenance requirements for the church and rectory and grounds. Public Relations sees to all announcements and thanks and outside contacts. The Secretary warden takes the Minutes of the Board meetings. **PLEASE**, if you feel you could fulfill one of these services, contact the chair of the Board, Ann Marie Plante, Fr. John or any one of the present wardens. If you know of someone who could do this, try to convince him/her to step forward. What is really required is a profound love for this parish and a deep commitment to have it thrive.

ST. ALOYSIUS FINANCES

Sunday collection – September 7th:	Regular Collection:	\$740.00
	Operating expenses:	\$100.00

Thank you for continuing to support our Church.

Jo Anne Lambert, Finance Warden

ST. ALOYSIUS PARKING LOT MANHOLE REPAIR PROJECT

WHAT AND WHERE

A manhole in the parking lot is gradually sinking and is blocked. This has caused a depression around the manhole which will only get worse and cause an accumulation of water hiding the hole, making it dangerous when there is a heavy rainfall. A plumbing company has come twice to empty the manhole and analyze the problem at a cost of \$7,361.26. The base of the manhole is broken and disintegrating which means that the cement walls will continue to sink. The wall is also cracked, which means that the sand and earth is seeping into it. The water cannot flow out of it because the pipes leading out of it have collapsed which causes a blockage.

HOW TO FIX IT

An excavator must re-empty the manhole, cut and remove all the pavement around it and along the pipeline and get rid of the rubbish, remove the damaged manhole and pipes, replace them, refill and repave. One estimate of cost is \$32,750 plus taxes.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE

The City is not responsible for manholes on civilian properties. In fact, the property owner of a parking lot or any large solid surface that does not allow rainwater to seep through, is legally responsible for ensuring that the area does not flood and that the water does not flow into city streets. This manhole is on our property, and it is our responsibility.

WHY REPAIR IT

The alternative is to ignore the problem or do a quick surface patch as we have done in the past. However, the problem will not be solved but will only increase. Furthermore, there is the risk that the water-clogged earth eventually expands the problem to affect the church itself. We are the present guardians of our church and its property. Sixty-eight years ago, the English people of Gatineau worked hard and with great personal sacrifice raised the funds to build this church. The responsibility to keep it fresh and beautiful for the worship of God and the strength of the community is passed on from one generation to the next. It is now our turn.

WHEN

We are working with the Diocese to secure a loan to have this work done as soon as possible.

MAJOR FUND RAISING

Needless to say, each and every one of us is asked to contribute financially to this project according to our means and creative initiatives without diminishing our regular Sunday collections which are essential for paying our regular bills. We will keep you informed as soon as exact financial needs are known.

SEWING GROUP

We resumed our weekly get-togethers in the hall **Tuesday, September 9th at noon**. If you would like to join us, you are most welcome. Here is a short description of who we are:

The St. Al's Sewing Group meets in the hall every Tuesday from noon to 3:00 p.m. We bring our lunch and chat while we work on our projects. It really is a friendly environment. Anyone is welcome to join and there are no obligations to attend every week. The chatting often revolves around an up-coming social function and the help that will be needed, which we of course, get involved in. Since 2014 when we started meeting, every year (except during the pandemic years) we made a quilt to be raffled at a church function. Some pictures of these quilts are posted on the bulletin board. From the revenues of these raffles, we keep whatever is needed to buy supplies for our next quilt and donate the remainder to the church.



WELCOME BACK POT-LUCK LUNCH



We've had a great summer season! We've renewed our energy and are slowly getting back into the normal routine which also has its own charm. It will be fun to get together again with our parish community to catch up on news and share our summer adventures at our annual Welcome Back Pot-Luck Lunch **Sunday, September 14th** in the hall after Mass. When you bring your dish or dessert, please indicate ingredients that may cause medical problems or that some people may not be familiar with. We are all looking forward to this great kick-off of the pastoral year!

DIOCESE NEWSLETTER:

Learn more about the events taking place within the Archdiocese of Gatineau by signing up for their newsletter: <https://www.diocesegatineau.org/en/newsletter/>

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Suzanne and Glenn Harvey's family, Adeline Gendron, Diane Morey, and Pat McCann (brother of Mike McCann).

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR SEPTEMBER

*If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary included in our bulletins,
please email the office at st.alloysius@bellnet.ca or call us at 819-663-5244.
We wish to celebrate all parishioners!*



-George Avon	14 th
-Nadine Njita	17 th
-Gaby & Mike McCann	20 th
-Pierre Léonard	21 st
-Irene Lalonde	22 nd
-Bella-Kristine Kamguia	23 rd
-Ashley Fogu	25 th