

**FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS OF MEN.
MATTHEW 4:19**



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

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

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2024**

Reading I Jonah 3.1-5, 10
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make me know your ways.
Reading II 1 Corinthians 7.29-31
Gospel Mark 1.14-20

MASS Intentions:

Sun. Jan 21 11:00 a.m. For Agostinho Cabeceiras by The Oliveria Famly
 For Yves Cyr by Gloria Cyr and Family
Fri. Jan 26 9:00 a.m. For all parishioners
Sun. Jan. 28 11:00 a.m. For Isbel Villamor by Monina Leblanc
 For Sharon Shaw by the Friendship Club

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION - Jan. 14: \$535.00

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: John Nadeau, Marvella Harvey, Adeline Gendron, and Diane Morey.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT (AND FOR BODIES) IN PREPARATION FOR LENT - You are invited to a LUNCH & LEARN event (Pot Luck) on **Sunday February 4th, 2024** in the parish hall after Mass. Come eat a meal and learn from professional missionaries Evalina and Eric Filion from Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). This is how they present their conference:

“A Novena of Lents: Preparing with the Church for the 2000th Anniversary of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The year 2033 will mark 2000 years since an event that has shaped the course of human history: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What will this mean for the Church, for you, and for me? Eric and Evalina will share about what CCO is doing to prepare and how you can be a part of this extraordinary moment in history.”

Speaker Bios



Evalina and Eric Filion were married a year and a half ago and are both professional Catholic missionaries with Catholic Christian Outreach, a Canadian university ministry. Eric is a native of Ottawa where he studied Engineering, Philosophy, and Theology at university. He has lived and worked as a missionary coast to coast: Vancouver, Saskatoon, Kingston, St John's, and Ottawa. He currently serves as a manager in CCO's HR department. Evalina was born and raised in Calgary before studying Biology and Concurrent Education at Queen's University in Kingston. After several years as a missionary on campus, Evalina has taken on a role in CCO's Formation department

before going on maternity leave to care for their first child, Eden. Eric and Evalina fell in love through their common passion for canoeing and adventure... but they believe that the greatest adventure is following Jesus.

MAINTENANCE WARDEN – Unfortunately at our AGM Dec. 3rd, no one was nominated nor came forward to fill the Maintenance warden position. It is essential, by Quebec law, that we have six wardens. Please, seriously consider the possibility of volunteering for this by contacting the parish office or any one of the wardens.

2023 FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR ST. ALOYSIUS – Finance Warden

Now that 2023 is behind us, I wanted to provide an update on how we did financially. Although we have seen a significant increase in our congregation over the past year with many new wonderful parishioners, the economic realities of inflation and

unexpected expenses (eg fire doors) have had an impact on our budget. With a large deficit of close to \$12,000 projected in late November and reported at the annual AGM, the parish once again this year generously provided support over the month of December to cover the monthly expenses and most of the projected deficit. As a result, at year-end (December 31st), the parish was left with a deficit of only \$1059 which will be easily covered by funds in our bank account. Although multiple deficits from year to year are not a good thing and must be addressed, the 2023 deficit is the first deficit the parish has incurred in many years. Given the current economic times, it is important for the parish to properly manage its budget and we will need to remain vigilant to budget pressures over the coming years. Copies of the 2023 year-end report have been posted on the bulletin board at the entrances of the church for perusal. Please contact me should you have any questions.

As my term as Finance Warden is now done, I wanted to thank all parishioners for their personal, spiritual and financial support over these past six years. Jo Anne Lambert has assumed the role of the Finance Warden as of January 1st and comes with a pedigree of financial wardenship as well as many years of involvement within the parish. She will be an excellent Finance Warden. I will assist her in her transition to the role and will remain involved at the committee level. Thank you.

Jim Brownrigg
Former Finance Warden



HELP! – Following upon the insurance company's inspection, we need to upgrade two old fuse panels to newer breaker panels located in the workshop of the rectory. If you are a **qualified electrician** or if you know of one who could help us at a friendly price, please call Mike McCann at 819-893-2621.

Sacramental Preparation

Families who have registered their child for the first sacraments: First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are invited to attend the First Session Sunday January 21 after Mass:

Starting at 12:30. and will end at 2 pm. All sessions end at 2 pm.

Bring your lunch.

note this date:: Fr. Greg will meet all the families on January 28th after mass.

We look forward to meeting all of you.

Louise MacMillan (cell: 819 319 4121) and Diane Joanisse

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Children ages 7 and up are invited to gather in the sacristy 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 will 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-----

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to the Robinson family on the passing away of Maynard, this week. May he rest in peace.

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 Developments 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.

HALL AVAILABILITY

The fitness group who, for the past few years, had been holding dance classes in our hall on Tuesday and Thursday nights, has not renewed its contract. Consequently, the hall is now available on those nights. If you, or someone you know, would like to reserve the hall for a long term contract (fitness group, AA, Bridge club, whatever...) please contact our hall warden, Brian Peters, by leaving a message at the parish office.

-----MY FRIENDS-----

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Paulette Pearce – 26th

Mary Daly – 31st