

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
1st Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021

Reading I	Genesis 9.8-15
Responsorial Psalm:	Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.
Reading II	1 Peter 3.18-22
Gospel	Mark 1.12-15

***** Important Notice *****

As of Sunday, Feb. 14th, the church has re-open for 11am mass allowing up to 10 attendees as per current pandemic provincial restrictions. Pre-registration for attending will be required to secure one of the 10 available spots in the church. Registration for Sunday Masses will begin on Wednesday mornings at 9am until the 10 spots have been filled (requests received beforehand will not be considered). Please e-mail the church at st.aloysius@bellnet.ca or call directly at 819-663-5244 to request your spot. Your attendance will need to be confirmed (via return e-mail or phone call) for you to attend the upcoming Sunday Mass.

Wednesday morning Masses have also resumed with a maximum of 10 attendees as well. Pre-registration for Wednesday morning mass will not be required.

For those unable to attend the Sunday mass in person, we will continue to broadcast the mass via the Zoom videoconferencing application and FaceBook Live stream. To access the mass via Zoom, click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92467647686?pwd=dTlrUGsxTXQ0cTBpUmZzN25JTko3UT09>

Meeting ID: 924 6764 7686

Passcode: cQxkL8

We will continue to live stream the mass on the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish Community page on FaceBook (viewing the Zoom 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 11am.

<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. Columban will be closed for the months of January, February and March.
First mass for 2021 will be Sunday April 4 at 9:00 am (TBC)

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

Deposit: February 18th: \$1416.00

Collections during limit restriction

While the church is operating with number limit restrictions. As such, your weekly donations are still very much needed to cover our regular expenses during this time. Since we cannot meet in person, please take advantage of the diocesan on-line donation system to make your contributions (accessible via our web site under the Donations tab - Donate Now button) or drop off your collection envelopes through the mail slot at the office. You can also mail your donations/collection envelopes to us at St. Aloysius Parish, 300 rue de l'Abbe-Murray, Gatineau, Qc J8P 4Z4. We appreciate your continued support during this time.

The monthly financial reports (previous 2 months) are posted on the bulletin boards at the front and side entrances of the church for your perusal.

2020 Income Tax Receipts

All un-picked up receipts will be mailed on February 22.

NOTICE ABOUT YOUR ST. AL'S WARDENS.

There is currently one position to be filled, the Public Relations Warden.

Two other positions were coming due as well; The Finance Warden and the Social Warden; both Jim Brownrigg, Finance Warden and Ann Marie Plante, the Social Warden, have accepted to continue to serve us for the next three years. 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 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:

Sun. Feb. 21	11:00 a.m.	For Norbert, Cathy and Clifford Daly by Shirley Daly In memory of Dear Friends, Dianna Lalonde, Sylvia Spallin, Diane Pearce and Louise Lortie by Ann Marie Plante
Wed. Feb. 24	9:15 a.m.	For Sandra McLean by Pat & Mireille McNulty
Sun. Feb. 28	11:00 a.m.	For Muriel and Laura Grenier by Barbara Morey For David Whitworth by Lorraine

(Maximum of 10 pre-registered attendees. On-line virtual mass via Zoom and FaceBook – see News & Events for details)

Lent: God Renews All

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. During Lent we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection. This time we are called to reorder our priorities and change our values, ideals and ambitions through fasting, prayer and self-control. Today's readings refer to baptism directly or indirectly – baptism by which we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The first reading tells the story of the Fall and how the merciful God selected Noah and his family to renew the Covenant. The original covenant was broken through the Fall. The flood is, however, not a disaster caused by God; it is only the symbol of the terrible devastation brought about by the sins of people. God never approves of evil, but when He interferes, it is always to repair, reconstruct, to renew. God says, *"I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."* To be noted is that this promise of God was unconditional, no string attached. Why? God's love is absolutely gratuitous. He does not wait for us to be good before being generous to us. Though He clearly sees that people are sinners, He loves them just the same; and this love transforms them into new creatures. Noah's rescue from the flood symbolizes how we are saved through the water of Baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ.

The Psalm (25) has a penitential tone (in line with Lenten time). The Psalm acknowledges human insufficiency and our radical dependence upon God, His mercy and forgiveness. The second reading from First Peter shows how Noah's episode prefigured Baptism. As Noah and his family were saved from the waters of the flood, we are saved through the waters of Baptism. Baptism is an outward sign of the New Covenant that God made with His people. It makes us adopted children of God, heirs of heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. Through the waters of Baptism in which we die to sin, we become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and the living Christian community. The Gospel presents to us the temptation of Jesus. Mark describes the main temptation Jesus faced during his public life, namely, the temptation to become a political messiah of power and fame (according to the Jewish expectation), to use his Divine power for personal comfort, and to avoid suffering and death. The temptations Jesus faced and defeated help us to understand the conflicts that were in Jesus' own life and which will be found in ours too. Instead of yielding to the temptations, Jesus said a firm "Yes" to His Father's plan, even when it came to giving over His life. He faced and defeated the tempter by His forty days of prayer and penance in the desert immediately after His baptism. The Gospel also tells us how Jesus started preaching his messianic mission, *"The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."*

Brothers and sisters, like Jesus, we have to conquer our temptations through prayer, penance and timely use of the word of God. This is even more pertinent during this Lenten period. Lent should be a time for personal reflection on where we stand as Christians in accepting the Gospel challenges in thought, word and deed. It is also a time to assess our relationships with our family, friends, working colleagues and other people we come in contact with, especially those of our

parish. We should examine whether we are able to give any positive contribution to other people's lives and to eradicate the abuses which are part of our society. Lent reminds us that we have to take up the fight each day against the evil within us and around us, and never give up. Jesus has given the assurance that the Holy Spirit is with us, empowering us so that final victory will be ours through Jesus Christ. Happy Sunday!

Share Love, Share Lent: (Re)discover Development and Peace.



The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign is inspired Pope Francis's encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* and its call "for a love that transcends... geography and distance" and "allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person."

Each week, the campaign explores a different aspect of Development and Peace's work and offers you ways to become involved. This week, meet one of our partners from the Global South and create your own fundraising web page!

Discover more activities and join Catholics across Canada on a journey of love and solidarity throughout the Lenten period.

Follow our solidarity calendar at devp.org/lent.

2021 REGISTRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

Preparation for Sacraments Registration

Note that a registration fee will be charged to cover the cost of materials and administration. Details will be provided at the first meeting.

Due to the pandemic, all meetings will be held virtually via Zoom.

First Communion and First Reconciliation:

Parents of children who are in grade 2 or older (7 years old or +) may register their child for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation. Please complete the form found on the website at <https://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/firstcommunion> and return it by email to the parish along with a copy of the child's baptismal certificate (if baptized in a parish other than St. Aloysius).

One of the best ways you can help your child prepare for sacraments as a family is to attend weekly Mass together. Please review the Directives for Attending Mass at <https://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events>. Registration is required to attend in person, or the Mass may be viewed live on our Facebook page.

Contact Louise MacMillan (gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com) or the parish office if you have any questions.

Did you know that there are excellent videos from our bishop on the Mass. Take the time to view them and learn.

Msgr Paul André Durocher on Youtube : **The Mass, Unconfined (26) - The Eucharistic Prayer (1) - Introduction**

Copy and past this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFAUyaSi4HM>

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Atreyu Harvey, Rita Lacelle, Filipe Garrido, Adeline Gendron, Roger Seguin, Phyllis Seguin and Peter Simard.

ONLINE EVENTS



We had fun at the January 30th Trivia Night – **Social Distancing St Aloysius version of Family Feud,**

Michelle Cook Warden has kindly agreed to host another one on **Saturday, February 27, 2021** at 7:00 pm.

The St. Al's Family Feud event will consist of families going head to head (families will be made up of registered participants). Survey says, don't delay and register for this fun event now! For more details and to register please visit

<https://www.staloyisus-stcolumban.com/events/familyfeud>

Registration is free however, donations to the church are greatly appreciated.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: ONLINE EXERCISES

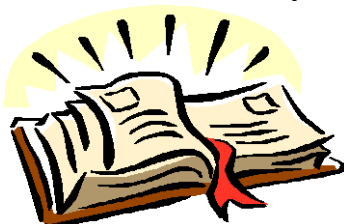


Diane Joannis has kindly offered to do a second session of the online exercise classes. The classes will be every Thursday morning at 10:00am beginning January 7th until February 25th. Exercises are geared to every fitness level and equipment is not required. Register on our website at [https://www.staloyisus-stcolumban.com/news-](https://www.staloyisus-stcolumban.com/news-events)

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Note: if you registered for the previous session you must register again for the classes beginning in January.

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>

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Lorraine Whitworth - 1st

Robbie Miller – 1st

Amanda Foley- 4th

Maximilian McMackin – 4th

Julie McCann - 10th

Charlie Long - 11th

Joseph McMackin - 11th

Maynard Robinson - 12th

Louise D'Entremont - 21st

Hannah Burns - 22nd

Dan Ford - 29th

The Gatineau Friendship Club – 30th Anniversary on Feb. 21st

