



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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12th, 2025

Reading I 2 Kings 5.14-17

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations. (Psalm 98)

Reading II 2 Timothy 2.8-13

Gospel Luke 17.11-19

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(brought to us by Fr. John)*

The leper in Sunday's Gospel is a very just man besides being a man of deep faith which Jesus acknowledges. He is just because he gives to God what is his due: heartfelt thanksgiving for his immense goodness towards him. Blessed Thanksgiving to each of you!

*"By itself, justice is not enough. Indeed, it can even betray itself, unless it is open to that deeper power which is love". In fact, the Church's social doctrine places alongside the value of justice that of solidarity, in that it is the privileged way of peace. If peace is the fruit of justice, "today one could say, with the same exactness and the same power of biblical inspiration (cf. *Is* 32:17; *Jas* 3:18): *Opus solidaritatis pax*, peace as the fruit of *solidarity*". The goal of *peace*, in fact, "will certainly be achieved through the putting into effect of social and international justice, but also through the practice of the virtues which favour togetherness, and which teach us to live in unity, so as to build in unity, by giving and receiving, a new society and a better world".* ***(Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 203.)***

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

Friday, October 10 th	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sunday, October 12 th	11:00 a.m.	For Angelina Ntakoh and Justina Biende by Monica Nchuwa
Tuesday, October 14 th	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners

Please note that there will no longer be Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

ST. COLUMBAN MISSION MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 18 th	5:00 p.m.	For Anne Bokovay by Stuart Cameron
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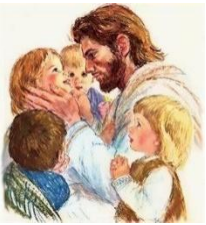
OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October has traditionally been observed as the month of the rosary, with Tuesday, October 7th as the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. **Consequently, every Sunday of October, a rosary will be recited before Mass in the church starting at 10:30 a.m.** There is so much to pray for, personally, locally, in our nation, in our world! If you so wish, you can deposit your prayer intention(s) in the lovely box for the purpose at the entrance near the main aisle. Those intentions are then placed in a basket and deposited next to the tabernacle.



BAPTISM DURING MASS – OCTOBER 19TH

During Sunday mass on October 19th, we will have the opportunity to celebrate together the baptism of **Liarah Fabillar, daughter of Hailiet Mayormita and Jundee Fabillar**. Baptism is the incorporation (becoming a member of the same Body) of the individual member into the entire Body of Christ. And it is on Sunday that the entire community, saved by baptism, comes together to offer worship to the Father by offering Jesus to the Father. On this day the entire parish community is present to welcome the new member into this community of believers, and they affirm their responsibility to nurture and support the faith of the “newborn.”



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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



On **Monday nights, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, we have a virtual gathering 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.

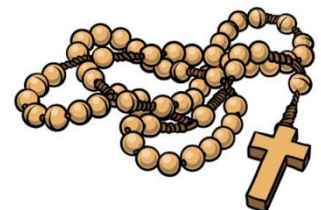
ST. AL'S MISSION OF PRAYER

The Parish Pastoral Council invites us, as a community, to focus on prayer. The weekly Zoom meetings to pray the Rosary together are on **Thursdays 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



PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS: FIRST EUCHARIST AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

The first communion is the first encounter with the Lord Jesus in the Bread of Life, the first full participation in the community celebration of the Eucharist. Parents wishing to register their child are invited to attend a meeting after mass on **October 19th, 2025**. This year we are starting sessions before Advent. Share this news with your friends.

Pick up a registration form available on the wall at the entrance of the church or contact the office administrator, Angela Kelly, at the church office, 819-663-5244 or st.aloysius@bellnet.ca. Forms are also available on the website: <https://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/firstcommunion>. All information must be filled in, including an email address and phone for each parent. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Questions? Louise MacMillan: 819-319-4121

MANHOLE PROJECT



The excavation work in the parking lot will start this coming week (Oct. 14th and on). Because it will be a short week due to Monday's holiday, the work may extend beyond the weekend. A lane will be kept open to enter the parking lot but **please park your car at the back end of the lot**. Since we are asking the school to liberate some of its parking spaces, we are allowing school personnel to park on our side for the duration of the project. Thank you for your understanding.

ST. ALOYSIUS FINANCES

Sunday collection – October 5th: Regular Collection: \$765.50

DONATIONS FOR PARKING LOT MANHOLE REPAIR PROJECT

If you would like to donate to help with the cost of repairing the manhole in our parking lot, please use the envelopes provided at the entrance, indicate your envelope number, and put your donation in the collection basket. If you do not have the Sunday Offering envelopes, please provide your name and address on the envelope in order to get a tax receipt for your donation.

MANHOLE REPAIR PROJECT	
ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA PARISH	
AMOUNT: _____	ENVELOPE #: _____
NAME: _____	
ADDRESS: _____	
Email or Phone number: _____	
<small>Please place this envelope in Collection basket located at the entrance of the Church</small>	

As of October 5th - \$ 7870.00 has been donated. THANK YOU!

Please remember to continue your regular donations as we still need to pay our monthly expenses. Thank you for continuing to support our Church. Jo Anne Lambert, Finance Warden

CONFERENCE

We are blessed with people of many different cultural backgrounds in our parish. This is a source of amazing opportunities and particular challenges. If you understand French, next Saturday morning, **October 18th, 9:00 a.m. to noon**, Mrs. Alessandra Santo Padre will be giving a conference at the diocesan centre, 180 Mont-Bleu Blvd, to discuss this topic. If you want to attend, please register at pastorale@diocesegatineau.org

NEXT DIOCESAN GATHERING IN THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Saturday, October 11th, 2025 – Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church and Patroness of our Diocese



In this Jubilee Year of Grace, we are filled with joy to invite you to take part in a diocesan pilgrimage — a special time of communion, prayer, and walking together — on the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, Patroness of our Diocese.

Together with dioceses around the world, we want to mark this meaningful day, a sign of our Church on the move, united under the gaze and protection of the Virgin Mary. The path we will walk together is a symbolic invitation to listen to the Word, to rekindle our hope, and to radiate the light of Christ here in the Outaouais.

Departure: St. Paul of the Syriacs Church (formerly Notre-Dame-de-l'Île Parish)

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Arrival: St. Joseph Cathedral

The pilgrimage will conclude with the Jubilee Mass, celebrated with joy and thanksgiving at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish.

Whether you come alone, with your family, or as part of a parish or community group, you are warmly invited to join us. It will be a wonderful opportunity to:

- Entrust our diocese to the maternal protection of Mary
- Renew our commitment as missionary disciples
- Live together a profound moment of ecclesial communion

Let us walk together, strengthened by faith and united in hope!

RITE OF LECTOR CEREMONY

During this Jubilee Mass, on **Saturday, October 11th, at 11:00 a.m.**, our deacon candidate Dez Kamara will be receiving his Rite of Lector ceremony as part of his diaconate formation program. Please join us in celebrating this important milestone in Dez's formation!

COLLECTION OF SUNDAY OFFERINGS DURING MASS

On **October 19th**, the Greeters (aka ushers) will begin to collect the financial offerings (envelopes or cash) by passing a basket through each pew during the Offertory. Please have your donation ready before this point of the Mass.

The role of the Greeters is not only to collect the offerings but also to assist parishioners and visitors with questions, ensure a reverent and orderly flow of the liturgy, and that everyone has what they need to participate in the Mass. Please join me in thanking the following people for taking on this significant role in our parish:

Mike McCann
Sarah Milko
Bob Price
Sacha Mathew

Jim Brownrigg
Stephanie Nkwate
George Lemieux

Jo Anne Lambert
Carol Leonard
Gord MacMillan



The door is always open for more volunteers so if you are interested in being a Greeter or want to do something else within our parish, please contact Julie McCann at 819-598-2609 (cell) or mccannjd@icloud.com

WE NEED NEW WARDENS!

Please consider putting your name forward to serve on the Wardens' Board which is an administrative body for our church. The election is on the first Sunday of December, but we do not want to wait to the last minute to consider this important decision.

[A copy of the St. Aloysius Wardens Board General Regulations and By-laws can be viewed at this link.](#)

HALL RENTAL

Would you love to have family and friends over for a special occasion but simply do not have the space? Your problem is easily solved: rent our parish hall! Simply phone our hall warden Syveren Kamguia at 343-551-7586 to reserve the date and time and arrange for payment. Please let your colleagues and acquaintances know about this possibility.



ARCHBISHOP'S BRUNCHES



The 3rd edition of the Archbishop's Brunch (Archdiocese of Gatineau) is taking place this fall with one of the brunches being organized by five local English parishes (English-speaking pastoral zone), Our Lady of Mount

Carmel, Kazabazua; Our Lady of Sorrows, Venosta; St. Martin's, Martindale; Holy Cross, Fieldville and St. Camillus, Farrellton. Come and enjoy some fabulous food, music and an opportunity for a leisurely social gathering to connect with friends, family and acquaintances and at the same time support many organizations. Proceeds from the brunch will be used to support local organizations.

Date: Saturday November 8, 2025

Location: Heritage Hall, 4 Ch D'Amour, Low, QC

Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Cost: \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 (children 12 and under).

For more information and to purchase tickets, please use the following link:

<https://arch.diocesegatineau.org/en/conferences-trainings/detail/archbishops-brunch-for-parishes-in-the-english-speaking-pastoral-zone/71118>

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/>

CHEZ VINCENT

For a great selection of clothing for the whole family at affordable prices, please visit the new Chez Vincent, just two minutes away from our parish! <https://chezvincent.org/en/about-us/>



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 FOR OCTOBER

If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary included in our bulletins, please email the office at st.aloysius@bellnet.ca or call us at 819-663-5244.

We wish to celebrate all parishioners!

Mary Jane Champagne	13 th
Michael McCann	19 th
Margaret Burns	21 st
Angela Kelly	29 th