



Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4/5, 2021

Reading I	Baruch 5.1-9
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Reading II	Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11
Gospel	Luke 3.1-6

*******DECONFINEMENT STATUS*******

Masses at St. Aloysius church now allow up to 144 attendees given our current configuration of pews. Pre-registration is NOT required for mass attendance.

Disposable tri-fold masks remain mandatory (FABRIC or CLOTH MASKS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE) as per diocesan directives. Given vaccine passports are not required, procedural masks must now be worn AT ALL TIMES, even while seated in the church.

Social distancing is now set at 1-meter. The pews have been adjusted accordingly.

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 and Friday morning masses will follow the same protocols as Sunday mass.

We will keep you informed of any further changes as they arise.

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

November 28: \$945.00

St. Columban Mission will be closed for January and February 2022.
The first mass in 2022 will be Saturday March 5 at 4:30 pm.

MASS Intentions:

Fri. Dec. 3	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Dec. 4	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Robert Lalonde by Irene Lalonde
Sun. Dec. 5	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Kevin King by George Lemieux
Wed. Dec. 8	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. Dec. 10	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Dec. 11	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sun. Dec. 12	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Richard Chisholm by Louis and Maureen Madore For Sheila Berrea by her family For Pat Lambert and Dick Butler by Moe and Nancy and Family

Watching and waiting, that is our calling as people of the Kingdom, as children of God. Watching and waiting for the coming of the Redeemer who frees us from sin and death and directs us into the loving arms of our Heavenly Father, which is the completion of our existence. We are made for God, to reign forever with our creator. But here and now we're called to watch and wait, as we don't know when our Lord Jesus will come again.

But this period of expectation cannot be a passive one, it must have purpose and a goal, and we are all called to be participants in seeking this goal, not idle observers. Jesus has left it to us to prepare the world for his coming by living in imitation of him and by proclaiming to the world around us his revelation of the Father's Kingdom.

The Advent season, which we begin again this year, is a mixture of end and beginning, of revelation and consummation. As we celebrate the coming of the Son of God into the world on that first Christmas, we also look forward to his second coming in glory, which is the true purpose of his humanity. But as I said, it is not just a matter of sitting back and watching Jesus do everything for us, we have a part to play in this drama, a major role, in fact. In the absence of Jesus we, his disciples, are called to play his role, we're given the responsibility to be Christ to the world, as His body, His Church. We wait for our saviour by expressing to those around us the true humanity which Jesus has revealed to us. We proclaim new life in Christ. May the Lord bless you richly in this Advent season.

Father Greg Murray, SCJ

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Registrations are now open for children 7 years old and up. First Reconciliation & First Communion will begin in early January on Sundays after mass (12:30 pm).

If you have any questions contact Louise MacMillan– 819-643-1156 or email gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com or Diane Brownrigg at djoanisd45@gmail.com. Registration forms for sacraments are available on the wall at the back of the church or contact the parish secretary, Carol Leonard at the church office, 819-663-5244 or st.aloysius@bellnet.ca

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Reconciliation Service/Confessions – Friday, Dec. 17th – 7:00 p.m. (St. Aloysius)

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: St. Aloysius 7:00 p.m.

St. Columban 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25: St. Aloysius 11:00 a.m.

NEW YEARS

January 1st St. Aloysius 11:00 a.m.



The 2022 collection envelopes are now available (new numbers)

The 2022 collection envelope boxes are now available at the back of the church. To help reduce our operating costs, we have reduced and consolidated the number of envelope boxes for 2022. As a result, **some of you may have a new envelope number assigned to you.** Please make sure you note the new number when providing donations without using one of your envelopes to ensure we properly record your donations. Should anyone like to register for collection envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church where the boxes are. A box with your name will be generated within a week. Thank you.

Jim.
Finance Warden

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH IS LOOKING FOR A NEW CUSTODIAN

The Wardens Board is looking for interested candidates to fill our vacant Custodian position. This is a part-time paid contractual position. The Custodian is responsible for a number of maintenance and janitorial duties for the church, rectory and hall on a weekly basis. If you are or know a reliable and hard-working individual who may be interested in this position, please contact the Maintenance Warden, Mike McCann for further details. He can be reached via the church office at 819-663-5244.

In the interim, given the current vacancy, we are looking for volunteers to help out with some of the basic maintenance and janitorial tasks until such time as a Custodian is in place. If you can spare some time during the week to assist, please also contact Mike for further details. We appreciate your on-going support.

St. Als Wardens Board

St. Aloysius Annual Spaghetti Supper - Friday, December 10th



It has been some time since we were able to host a community gathering for our parish. The St. Aloysius Pastoral Committee in cooperation with the Wardens Board is pleased to invite all parishioners and guests to our Annual Spaghetti Supper which will be held on **Friday, December 10th**.

Since the Patron Saint of our parish was a native Italian – it is only fitting that we honor his memory by kicking off the pastoral social calendar with our annual Italian meal.

Our hall will be turned into an Italian Bistro with tables set up at social distances – tables for four or six + will be available. The meal service will be somewhat revamped to follow Covid Protocol. Hand sanitizing and the wearing of masks while moving about will be mandatory.

Covid Vaccine Passports will be verified on entrance.

To ensure that Covid Protocols regarding social distancing are respected in the hall, a maximum of **75 tickets** will be sold. *Take-Out dinners will also be made available on request, for those who are not able to attend.* (Pick-Up between 5:00 pm & 5:30 pm).

When: Friday, December 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the church hall
What: Pasta, Meat Sauce, Buns, Dessert, tea and coffee, BYOB
How much: \$5.00 per ticket (See Ann Marie 819-663-0295 or Carol 819-663-5244)

A 50/50 draw will also be held to help raise funds for the church operating expenses.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Atreyu Harvey, Adeline Gendron, Diane Morey and John Harney.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE – St. Al's and St. Columban



The annual Christmas food drive has started. Please feel free to donate canned food, pickles, pasta, rice, toothpaste, laundry detergent, etc. We need everything. We will be collecting specifically for the Christmas food baskets up to December 17th, but please continue to donate throughout the year. Thank you for your cooperation in bringing a Merry Christmas to the less fortunate in our community.

The Charitable Fund

ONLINE EVENTS

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE – Food for Eternal Life

Our Monday night 7:00-8:00 p.m. zoom meetings for **Reflection on Scripture** has resumed. All are most welcomed to join in when you can; simply go to www.staloyisius-stcolumban.com/news-events to register and the link will be sent to you (register again even if you registered last term). It is really an opportunity and a privilege as a group to truly listen to what God is saying to us,

enriching each other with our insights and then letting that seed germinate within us during the week, a week spent attentive to God's voice. So register now before you forget.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

George Lemieux -	4 th	Bob Nadeau -	5 th
Mike Groulx -	8 th	Carol Léonard -	16 th
Bradley Burke -	20 th	Lina O'Brien -	23 rd
Paul & Adeline Gendron ,	28 th - 56 th		

