



Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
Most Holy Trinity
May 29/30, 2021

Reading I	Deuteronomy 4.32-34, 39-40
Responsorial Psalm:	Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.
Reading II	Romans 8.14-17
Gospel	Matthew 28.16-20

***** Current Status *****

The church is open for Sunday 11 a.m. mass allowing up to 25 attendees as per current pandemic provincial restrictions.

Pre-registration for Sunday masses is now required. Please contact the office to register at 819-243-0250 or email at st.aloysius@bellnet.ca

Disposable tri-fold masks are now mandatory (FABRIC or CLOTH MASKS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE), as per diocesan directive.

Social distancing of 2 meters between individuals must be maintained. 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 morning mass will follow the same protocols as Sunday mass but pre-registration is not required.

For those unable to attend the Sunday mass in person, we will continue to live stream the mass on St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish Community page on Facebook (viewing the LIVE 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 11 a.m.

<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. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

May 23: \$410

MASS Intentions:

Sat. May 29	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Martin St. Amour by Marty, Amanda and Hannah Burns
Sun. May 30	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Ellen Hickey Lemieux by The Gatineau Friendship Club
Wed. June 2	9:15 a.m.	For Isabel Poças by The Family
Sat. June 5	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Kevin Burns by Gail Burns
Sun. June 6	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) Anniversary Mass for Diane Price by Bob Anniversary Mass For Lorne Morey by Barbara & Family 1 st Anniversary Mass For Louise Lortie by Shannon For Elleen Hickey Lemieux by Susan Arnold

Trinity Sunday

Today's feast invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is a doctrine enunciated by the Ecumenical Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople. It is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. The Trinity does not suggest that we are 'tri-theists' (believing in three gods) or that we are 'modalists' (believing that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are simply different appearances taken on by God in various stages of history). Instead, we believe that there is only the One God, revealed in salvation history and existing as the Trinity, a community of three Divine persons. God is not a lonely old man but he is a 'family'. He is the model of unity for all people and the model of community among people.

Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that $1+1+1 = 1$ and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith. The importance of this doctrine for the Christian life cannot be overemphasized. All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. All Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven and our marriage blessed and our Bishops, priests and deacons ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. Church bells ring thrice daily, reminding us to pray to the Holy Trinity. We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Any biblical proofs? There are only vague and hidden references to the Trinity in the Old Testament. But the New Testament gives clear teachings on the Holy Trinity. At the Annunciation, God the Father sends His angel to Mary, God the Holy Spirit overshadows her and God the Son becomes incarnate in her womb. At the baptism of Jesus, when the Son receives baptism from John the Baptist, the Father's voice is heard and the Holy Spirit appears as a Dove. At the

Ascension, Jesus gives the missionary command to his disciples to baptize those who believe, in the name of the Trinity. In John, chapters 15-18, we have a detailed account of Jesus' teaching of the role of each Person of the Holy Trinity: God the Father creates and provides for His creatures; God the Son redeems us and reconciles us with God; God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, teaches us and guides us to God.

The Trinitarian God is so good, so understanding and so compassionate. We on the other hand, can often be petty, narrow minded and hardhearted. He is one to whom we can go in all confidence. Today's readings show that. In the first reading, Moses meets God in Sinai to plead for the guilty people. What did he meet? Not a God raging at the sin of the people's flagrant idolatry! Rather, the reading says: *'The Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'* God's love is significant because it is fully aware of the sin and brokenness and the stupidity that are part of our life. We need to imitate these qualities of God. The second reading shows that God comes to us as one who radiates love and peace. Thus St Paul encourages the Corinthians: *"Be united; live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with us."* The Gospel shows that at the centre of the mystery of God is everlasting love and fidelity. God is constant: A God that continues to be faithful even when He sees continued infidelity in those He loves. Jesus told Nicodemus: *"God so loved the world that He gave His Only-Begotten Son"* God's ceaseless love of the world is so great that He sent His beloved Son among us. He sent Him not to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through Him. In celebrating the Trinity today we celebrate the awesome stubbornness of God's extravagant love for our world. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all three reveal the fullness of the unity of God's love. None of the Trinity retires from the task of loving the world. God's love is sure and everlasting.

Any lessons from the Trinity? As children of the one God, we never grow out of the need of His love. Neither do we outgrow the responsibility to share it with others. We ought to respect ourselves and others because everyone is the temple of the Holy Spirit where all the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity abide. Let us have the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us, that He is the Source of our hope, courage and strength and that He is our final destination. He is not one in a far away heaven where he does not care about our joys, sufferings, problems or anxieties. He is "God with us," the God who stands at our side every day, to the end of time. The three Persons reveal the fullness of the unity of God's love. Let us practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity also in the family relationships of father, mother and children because by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family.

We are called to become more like the Triune God through all our relationships. We are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only as one member of a relationship of three partners. The self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with all other people and in a vertical relationship with God. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. Modern society follows the so-called "I-and-I" principle of unbridled individualism and the resulting consumerism. But the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an "I-and-God-and-neighbor" principle: "I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people." Like God the Father, we are called upon to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of our family, our Church, our community and our nations. Like God the Son, we are called upon to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to put back together that which has been broken, to restore what has been shattered. Like God the Holy Spirit, it is our task to uncover and teach truth and to dispel ignorance. Are our communities signs of this presence of God in the world for those who suffer, for those who go wrong, and for those who are poor?

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

Happy Trinity Sunday!

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FUNERALS

Les Jardins du souvenir is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Diocese. They offer complete funeral services, prearranged funerals and cemetery products. Because they are a nonprofit organization, they guarantee that you will pay less for funerals and prearrangements. They also offer a 15% discount on all services offered by them, to all volunteers including members of the fabrique council, liturgy committees, pastoral committees, members of the choir, diocesan committees, members of religious organizations such as Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, etc. They also offer a 2% rebate to parishes, for each contact signed to use their services. For complete information on all the professional services they offer, visit their website at www.lesjardinsdusouvenir.com

CHURCH ALTAR CARPET REPLACEMENT FUNDRAISING



As you may have read in the recent maintenance update in the bulletin, the church altar carpet needs to be replaced as a priority. The current carpet was installed back in 2007 and is currently quite worn and has buckled in several spots creating a hazard for anyone walking in those areas. As a result, we are looking to replace the carpet in late summer or early fall and have received several quotes to complete the work. It is estimated that it will cost \$5000 to remove and replace the carpet around the altar. We are seeking financial support from the parish to raise the funds necessary to cover these costs as our current budget will not allow us to do so. If you wish to contribute towards this initiative, simply drop off your contribution in the collection basket at the back of the church on Sundays. If you are using a collection envelope, please indicate "Carpet replacement fund" on the envelope and how much is offered for the fund. A standard envelope will do as well but be sure to indicate the carpet replacement fund on it. Include your envelope number, if pertinent. All contributions from individuals will be eligible for income tax receipts. We thank you in advance for your support to the parish and your generosity in maintaining our beautiful church.

Maintenance Warden.

ONLINE EVENTS

MIXED BAG TRIVIA – via ZOOM



This time, for the St. Aloysius Trivia Zoom social distancing event, we have a mixed bag trivia evening. Your host (Michelle Cook) will have....

3 rounds: General multiple choice questions, Mother's Day questions, name that tune and/or artist and a new matching bonus round. If you still haven't gotten a chance to check it out on ZOOM, you still can. On **Friday, May 28,**

2021 at 8:00 pm.. Come join in the fun. Don't delay and register for this fun event now! For more details and to register please visit <https://www.staloyisus-stcolumban.com/events/trivia> Registration is free; however, donations to the church are greatly appreciated.

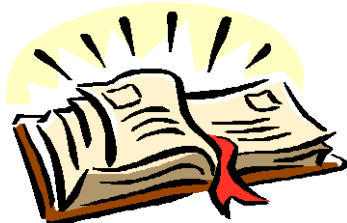
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: ONLINE EXERCISES (Spring session)



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 **April 22nd to June 3rd**. 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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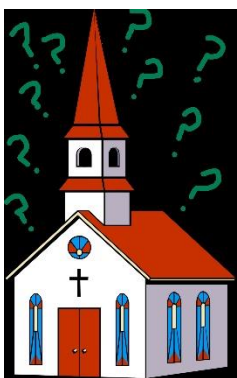
A MIND-OPENING WAY TO SPEND A MONDAY EVENING.



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.staloyisus-stcolumban.com/newsevents>

THE MASS - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT



The Bishop has not yet concluded this youtube series on the Mass Unconfined so we have come to the end of what is presently available.

This attentive study of the Eucharistic Prayers has made us aware of how rich they are! The Preface gives us a multitude of reasons to give thanks. We call on the Holy Spirit to make us one body to give thanks with the saints and angels in heaven, our brothers and sisters on earth, with Jesus who offers Himself as food and drink. We proudly proclaim the very core of our faith. We pray for the Church, for our loved ones, for our community, for our deceased relatives and friends, for the whole world. All this we do with Jesus, for the glory of God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Little wonder that we can

firmly state our AMEN!

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY

John O'Farrell – 28th
Paul Paiement Jr. – 28th
Nora Prud'homme – 28th
Margaret and Gary Burns – 30th



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June Quinn 5th
Adeline Gendron 14th
Jane Pickering 17th
JoAnne Lambert 20th
Paulette & Ron Pearce – 24th

Margaret Paiement 9th
Kathy Amyot 17th
Carole Fraser 19th