

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
1st Sunday of Advent
November 28/29, 2020

Reading I	Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8
Responsorial Psalm:	Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Reading II	1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel:	Mark 13.33-37

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

November 22: Regular Collection: \$980.00

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.

MASS Intentions:

Sat. Nov. 28	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Kevin, Angus & Mina Burns By Gail Burns
Sun. Nov. 29	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For David Whitworth by Lorraine 15 th Anniversary Mass for Pat Lambert by Moe and Family
Wed. Dec. 2	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Dec. 5	4:30 p.m.	(St Columban) For Nora Ryan Somer by her estate
Sun. Dec. 6	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Ann Milks by Lorraine Whitworth 19 th Anniversary Mass for Dick Butler by Nancy & Family

SPECIAL COLLECTION: December 6th: Development and Peace

Message from the Finance Warden

As we approach the final 2 months of the calendar year, a unique year in many ways, I wanted to provide you with an update on our finances. As expected, our budget targets are significantly off as a result of the pandemic restrictions imposed on mass attendance and reduced collection opportunities over the past 7 months. Also, revenue from short term hall rentals and social events has been curtailed due to the pandemic. We have reduced some of our expenses but must maintain the majority of fixed costs to provide services to the parish and remain open. At this point, our overall revenues are projected to be below our expected expenses for the year by about fifteen to twenty thousand dollars (\$15,000-\$20,000). We have approached the provincial government for some additional financial assistance of up to \$1,500 which is promising and expected soon. However, it will not cover the expected deficit. With a couple of months still ahead in the year, uncertain as they may be in terms of continued restrictions, I am hopeful that our community can provide additional financial support to help minimize the projected deficit. If you are able to provide additional support, please do so by dropping off your contributions at mass on Sunday, the office during the week, or provide an on-line donation via the diocesan web site. Income tax receipts will be provided for all contributions. Thank you.

Jim Brownrigg.

ADVENT

The readings of the four Sundays of Advent call us to be vigilant and ready for the coming of our Lord. They tell us that Jesus has not come just once. He keeps coming. He comes and is present at all the events of our lives, the cheerful or sad ones. Jesus comes and is present in all that happens in our world and in our Church; in those who speak words of love, peace and reconciliation and in those who strive to build a new world under the reign of Christ. Today's liturgy sets the tone for the theme of being alert, watchful and prepared because Christ's second coming (the end of the world) can occur at any time. In the first reading, the Prophet calls God "Father" and "redeemer". As such, there is no situation that he cannot improve and no one is so enslaved by sin that s/he cannot be freed and redeemed. He, thus, prays for God's active presence so that the Jewish community, returning from Babylonian exile may remain faithful to their God. In the second reading, St Paul presents to us the Corinthian Christians as an example of vigilance, their shortcomings notwithstanding. God is not surprised at or shocked by our mistakes; we only need to open up our hearts to his gifts.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the servants and gatekeeper of the Master to instruct his followers to be alert and prepared so as not to be afraid of the end or the Second coming of Christ and judgement. They are expected to be vigilant because the Master is sure to return and the time of His return is uncertain. We should not be so foolish as to forget God and become immersed in worldly matters. "We are so future-oriented that we forget the present entirely. We spend too much time trying to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. We save for a rainy day, to get married, to buy a home, to send the children to college, to return in comfort and to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. But we need to be more spiritually wakeful and prepared for our eternal life because we can die any day and that is the end of the world for us." (Fr Tony Kadavil).

The Master of the house represents Jesus. While leaving this world, He entrusted His disciples with the many tasks in His house (the community). Every Christian is expected to exercise a ministry in the service of his neighbours according to his/her ability. The doorkeeper who is expected to be more vigilant than all represents those in the Christian communities who bear responsibility for more important services. These include the bishops, priests and community leaders/ministers who are expected more than anybody else to lead an irreproachable life. They must through their thoughts, words and actions, keep their weaker brothers and sisters awake when they are being tempted to adjust themselves to the views and ways of the world. On this first Sunday of Advent, may we take the right first steps as we prepare to celebrate the fond memory of Christ's first coming 2000 years ago during this coming Christmas. Amen. Happy Sunday!

Help us help our sisters and brothers in the Global South!



The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in many ways here in Canada. In the Global South, the impacts are devastating, as the pandemic is worsening poverty, hunger, conflict and gender inequality. More than ever, your solidarity and generosity are needed to support the work of Development and Peace so we are all recovering together. Our partners are working for a just recovery in their countries so all can live in dignity. There will be a collection in our parish on **December 6th**. You can also make a donation online. Your generosity allows Development and Peace to support over 100 projects in 35 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle

East! To learn more about the Recovering Together campaign, please contact: Louise MacMillan 819 643-1156 or visit the D&P website: <https://www.devp.org/en>

POSTPONEMENT OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Normally in early December St-Al's holds its' Annual General Meeting for the election of churchwardens and to provide reports of each of the portfolios. However, we have been directed by the diocese to postpone the AGM as long as Gatineau is deemed a red zone.

If the situation improves before March 1, 2021 an announcement will be made at least six days in advance of the proposed AGM date. Note that the current churchwardens will remain in office until the election is held. Should we remain a red zone beyond March 1st, following the recommendation of the parish priest and the chairperson, the bishop will appoint new churchwardens to replace the outgoing churchwardens.

Christmas Memories



We all have heartwarming memories of Christmas and traditions passed down from generation to generation; was it roasting chestnuts over an open fire, decking the halls with boughs of holly, rocking' around the Christmas tree, walking in a winter wonderland, or do you remember sneaking down the stairs to see mommy kissing Santa Claus?

Grab a cup of hot cocoa, egg nog, or whatever your holiday beverage may be and cozy up to stories of Christmases past.

What are your favourite memories, traditions, foods, songs? What makes your season bright and your heart all a glow?

Catch up with fellow parishioners and friends for a casual stroll down memory lane on Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 pm. Register on the website to receive the Zoom link.

<https://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events>

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Robert Lalonde, Rita Lacelle, Ron and Paulette Pearce, Filipe Garrido, Adeline Gendron, Roger Seguin, Phyllis Seguin and Peter Simard.

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 will be collecting specifically for the Christmas food baskets up to December 17, 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.

ANGEL TREE CAMPAIGN



Again this year we will be having our Angel Tree Campaign. Each angel represents the children of families that are helped with our Christmas food baskets.

By choosing an angel or two, ensures that the children have gift to open at Christmas.

If you are interested in buying a gift, **please reply to this email requesting an angel by age and gender** from the list below.

GIRLS	BOYS
1 angel – 1 yr.	1 boy angel – 1 yr. 2 boy angels – 6 yrs. 1 boy angel – 4 yrs
2 girl angels – 5 yrs	1 boy angel – 5 yrs
1 girl angel – 12 yrs.	1 boy angel – 9 yrs
	3 boy angels – 10 yrs

Please wrap the gift, attach a tag with the gender and age on the outside, and do not write your name on it. Gifts may be left at the entrance of the church before or after Wednesday or Sunday mass, or contact the office to schedule a drop-off time. All gifts must be received by December 16th.

Note, that due to the current restrictions to attending mass, the Angel Tree will not have angels available on it in the church.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

The Charitable Fund

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to Nancy and Moe Lambert on the passing away of Nancy’s sister, Muriel Grenier, this past Sunday.

Also our sympathy to Lorraine and the Whitworth Family on the passing away of David’s brother, William.

May they both rest in peace.

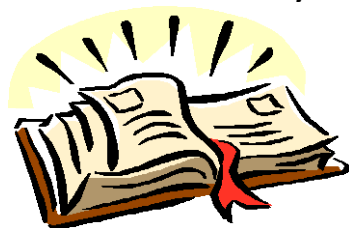
A HEALTHY WAY to spend a Thursday morning.



Diane Joanisse who is offering another way to join in on some exercising, good company and fun. She is hosting a Thursday morning exercise class at 10:00 am. She is offering her expertise to teach cardio exercises as well as body sculpting. Exercises are geared to all levels and everyone is welcome. A one-time registration on our web site at

NEWS EVENTS is all that is required.

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>

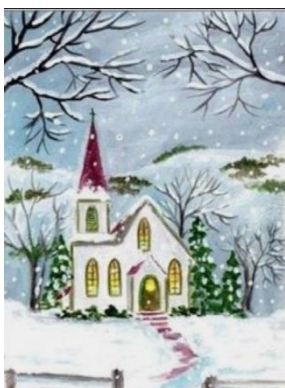
St. Al's Virtual Christmas Paint Night: Unleash your inner artist

Looking for a fun social activity to do at home? Join us on Saturday, December 12th, 7-9:00PM for a **free** hosted Virtual Paint Night, an instructor-led class you can follow in the comfort of your own home! You can either use the supplies you have at home, or order painting supplies from us for home delivery* (see note below)!

How it works: Join us on Zoom and follow along while our instructor guides you step-by-step through the featured painting. If you're feeling creative, change the colours to suit your décor or go completely rogue. This is your creative license!

Maximum 8 participants so register soon! Click here to register <https://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/events/paint-night-unleash-your-inner-artist>

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:



- 11x14 canvas (any size will work)
- Acrylic Paint - Primary Colours (White, Black, Blue, Red, Yellow)
- 3 Brushes (we suggest a small, medium and large brush)
- A table top easel (not necessary)
- Paper towel and a cup of water to clean your brushes

***Note:** Supplies can be ordered by **December 5th** for a fee of \$30 (cost includes supplies, delivery and a small donation to St. Aloysius parish). Simply order your supplies when you register

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Diane Cyr & Keith May
Paul Luc Lalonde

- 28th
- 30th



Michelle Warden Cook - 28th

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

George Lemieux - 4th

Mike Groulx - 8th

Bradley Burke - 20th

Paul & Adeline Gendron, 28th - 55th

Bob Nadeau - 5th

Carol Léonard - 16th

Lina O'Brien - 23rd

