

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
All Saints
October 31/November 1, 2020

Reading I	Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14
Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, this is the company of those who seek your face.
Reading II	1 John 3.1-3
Gospel:	Matthew 5.1-12a

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

October 25: Regular Collection: \$710

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. Oct. 31	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Alma and Larry Miller by Gary Miller
Sun. Nov. 1	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Rita Savoie by The Gatineau Friendship Club
Wed. Nov. 4	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Nov. 7	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Nora Ryan Somers by Her estate
Sun. Nov. 8	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Dave Whitworth by Gail and Bob Nadeau For the special intention of Richard Berube

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.

All Saints

On this Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. The Feast honours the memory of known and countless unknown and un-canonized saints who have no feast days. Through this feast, we thank God for allowing ordinary men and women to share in His holiness and glory as a reward for their Faith. Observing this feast teaches us to honour the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us before Christ, the only mediator between God and man (1Tim.2:5). The Church, through this feast, reminds us that God's call for holiness is universal: all of us are called to live in His love and to make His love real in the lives of those around us. As expected, the scriptural readings today are exuberant. In the **first reading** taken from the Book of Revelation, we read a passage of the vision by John of a great multitude from every nation, race, people and tongue – a vast procession of those who worship God and have followed Jesus, the lamb of God. *“This people includes the saints of the old Testament, starting with the righteous Abel and faithful Patriarch, Abraham, those of the New Testament, the numerous early Christian Martyrs and the Blessed and Saints of later centuries, to the witnesses of Christ in the epoch of ours”* (Pope Benedict VI). Thus, these include our family members and friends we have known and whose memory still inspires us.

In the **second reading**, the Apostle John reminds the Christians that God's love for them is so intense that they should be called children of God. He suggests that saints are people who have responded generously to the love God has showered on them. Today's **Gospel** from Matthew features a selection from the well-known beatitudes, the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. In it Jesus blesses those who are poor and downtrodden and lifts up those who exemplify the very values and commitments that mark his own ministry: the peacemakers, the merciful, the clean of heart, those who hunger and thirst for justice. The gospel is a reminder to us that all the saints whose feast we celebrate today walked the hard and narrow path of the beatitudes to arrive at their heavenly bliss. The saints thus are those who most perfectly manifested the Christ-like character described in the first part of the beatitudes, and who therefore now partake of the promises in the second part: *“Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

Why do we honour saints? We honour the saints because they put their trust in Christ and lived heroic life of faith. They are role models who teach us by their lives that Christ's holy life of love, mercy and unconditional forgiveness can, with the grace of God, be lived by ordinary people from all walks of life and at all times. They serve as our heavenly mediators who intercede for us before Christ, the only mediator between God and us (James 5, 16-18; Rev.8, 3-4). They are instruments that God uses to work miracles in our lives (Kadavil, A). *Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long for a share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins* (St. Bernard, Abbot).

The feast honours more than our beloved dead. We the living should also be listed among the “saints.” St. Paul in his letters repeatedly calls fellow Christians the “saints” or the “holy ones.” So the word “saints” somehow includes those of us who live now in this world. In Paul's view, a Christian was already graced by God, a member of the “Body of Christ.” Thus, every baptized

Christian was imbued with God's grace and therefore was "holy." Hence, St. John in the second reading expresses this too: "*Beloved, we are God's children.*" The challenge is to be "ourselves"; that is, to live a life expressive of who we truly are. "**Become what you are**" is one way of thinking about what we seek to do in living a life in accord with the gospel. Thus, this great feast, together with the feast of All Souls that follows it, views the Church as one innumerable assembly of people united and graced by God's love; a people who "*long to see God's face*" as today's **Psalm** says. There is a true belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the Church triumphant) and the living (the Church Militant). May God grant us the grace to live our lives in a way worthy of our calling as saints. Happy Sunday!

MESSAGE FOR ST. ALOYSIUS CHAIRPERSON

I'm Robert Nadeau, new chairperson of that great team of wardens you have. I'm really impressed with how talented and dedicated they are in serving you. Glad to be part of it.

Today, my duty, is to remind you of the rules and guidelines surrounding attending mass. These were put together by the Government of Quebec and our diocesan team. Its main goal is to protect us all from covid19. Now that we are considered a red zone, it is even more important to follow them explicitly. I'll go over some of them now.

First is, everyone must wear their mask at all times, except when receiving communion; the only exception is when Father and the reader have to talk, the other is the choir when they sing.

Second is we must distance ourselves by 2 meters at all times, in church and on church grounds.

Third, this is a tough one, there is to be no socializing in church; everyone must go directly to their pew and stay there.

Gathering in groups on church grounds is not permitted; we could lose our permission to operate. When you arrive and leave, please follow the markings on the floor and the instructions from the ushers. When entering your pew, do not sit on the portion marked with an X.

Please do your best to abide by these guidelines, for your safety and those near you.

If you are approached by one of the wardens to remind you of these guidelines, don't take it as an affront, he or she is only trying to protect you and those around you.

Please refer to our website, www.staloyisus-stcolumban.com/news-events, for all the directives and details.

If you wish to attend mass, make sure you call or email Carol, during the week, to preregister you; and register as well when you come into church, to assure contact tracing can be done, if needed.

I thank you in advance for your collaboration. Have a good and blessed day.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Ann Smits - 2nd
Rita Lacelle - 2nd
Gabrielle McCann - 3rd
Joe McCarthy - 4th
Maximilian McMackin - 4th
Michael Lalonde - 23rd
Paul Luc Lalonde - 30th



Reece Miller - 12th
Kathryn and Maurice Amyot - 14th
Marie Desmarais - 15th
Nicole Paiement - 15th
Roger Seguin - 23rd
Diane Cyr & Keith May - 28th

ONLINE EVENTS:

"St. Aloysius Parish is proud to offer its' first **online** events!"

Join exercise guru Diane Joannis for 30 minutes of moving and grooving once a week or exercise your brain at our ever popular Trivia Night hosted by Michelle "Alex Trebek" Cook.

Go to our website Events page for more details and to register.

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

Visit our website often to find out about upcoming events or to share ideas for online activities.

St. Aloysius Parish
Social Team"

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Adeline Gendron, Roger Seguin, Phyllis Seguin and Peter Simard.

ST. AL'S FOOD CUPBOARD IS VERY LOW



Because of the pandemic there is a higher need for help and our cupboard is getting very low. If you can help, please feel free to donate canned food, pickles, pasta, rice, toothpaste, laundry detergent, etc. which will help the less fortunate in our community. The food can be dropped off before Mass on Wednesday or Sunday mornings or give a call to the office and we can set up a time to meet. Thank you in advance.

The Charitable Fund

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy on the passing away of Cora Farbar. May she rest in peace.

FALL BACK

End of Daylight Saving Time

Turn clocks back one hour at 2 a.m.

