



St. Aloysius

300 rue l'Abbé-Murray,
Gatineau, Quebec
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February 2, 2020

St. Columban

311 St. Columban Rd.
Gatineau, Quebec
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Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday 9:15 a.m.

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Presentation of the Lord

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Reading I	Malachi 3.1-4
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory.
Reading II	Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18
Gospel:	Luke 2.22-40

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

January 26:

\$976.40

Attendance: 57

Sun. Feb. 2	11:00 a.m.	For Father Yves Masse by The Gatineau Friendship Club
Wed. Feb. 5	8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. Feb. 7	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. Feb 9	11:00 a.m.	For Doris Lemieux by George and Family.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Loretta Michon, Ron Lortie, Roger Seguin, Phyllis Seguin, Jack Wiggins, and Dave Whitworth.

Monthly Prayer Intentions of our Bishop In communion with Pope Francis
Monthly Intention February 2020

Together with Pope Francis, let us pray that the cry of so many migrants is heard and heeded: they are our brothers and sisters in humanity.

Social Reflection: Just a few weeks ago, we were reminded of the 10th anniversary of the earthquake that killed 200,000 people in Haiti in 2010. What happened to the survivors? Some remained, but thousands of others been accepted into the United States through a temporary status immigration program. Now, since 2017, it has ended. Fearing that they would have to return to Haiti many of them in order to seek asylum in Canada, chose the route of the smugglers, coming to Quebec via the Roxham road at the cost of great difficulty. While some Quebecers welcomed them, others reacted negatively even provoking clashes. So much so, that it seems now that Quebecers fear immigration more than pollution. How can we overcome these tensions?

Answer for our faith: As Christians, what attitude do we have towards the injustice caused by the exploitation of immigrants, victims of various criminal acts: overcrowding on boats or trucks, sexual exploitation, trafficking of minors, forced labour, child soldiers, forced begging, forced marriage, organ trafficking. Pope Francis reminds us that To welcome a stranger is inherent to the very nature of the Church and bears witness to Her fidelity to the Gospel. In his message for peace in 2018, he says, "every immigrant who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ who identifies himself as a stranger in every age, whether welcomed or rejected (cf. Mt 25:35.43)." Are we not all children of God?

MAINTENANCE WARDEN NEEDED

At our last AGM we had two wardens position open for election; our Public Relation Warden which was previously help for 2 full terms by Shannon Lortie and our Maintenance Warden which was previously held for the past year by Michelle Cook. We successfully filled our Public Relation Warden position by Julie McCann which graciously accepted her nomination but sadly we are still searching for our Maintenance Warden to complete our Team. Should you feel you or know of someone that could fill the Maintenance Warden position please bring your nomination to any of our warden's board members or contact Carol at the office. The primary duty is to ensure and coordinate the upkeep of the church and the church property. The initial time commitment is a monthly evening meeting at the church, usually the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We would kindly ask that you discuss your nomination with nominee prior to the meeting. An Ad-hoc Parish meeting to elect our next Maintenance Warden will be held February 9th, 2020 following our regular Sunday mass. We greatly appreciate your support to assist us in filling this position.

Please Join us in thanking our departing Wardens Shannon Lortie and Michelle Cook for their support and dedication to the board and their beloved St-Al's parish and welcoming on board our new Public Relation Warden Julie McCann, thank you for coming on board!

Yours truly, St- AL's Warden's Board

ST. COLUMBAN Closed for January and February

St. Columban will close during the months of January and February 2020.

During this time you are encouraged to celebrate mass with other local parishes.

The first Mass of 2020 will be celebrated on **March 7th**.

ENVELOPES – FOR TAX PURPOSES

If you are interested in having collections envelopes for either parish, please contact the office or one of your Wardens. Envelopes are a convenient way to make your contribution to support your church and at the same time receive an Income tax receipt. Receipts are issued at the end of the year in time for your tax return.

The 2019 tax receipts are **now available**. Please see Jim Brownrigg after mass or other member of the wardens board."

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Lorraine Whitworth - 1st
Robbie Miller - 1st
Amanda Foley - 4th
Julie McCann - 10th
Charlie Long - 11th
Maynard Robinson - 12th
David Whitworth - 21st
Louise D'Entremont - 21st
Hannah Burns - 22nd
Dan Ford - 29th