



## St. Aloysius

300 rue l'Abbé-Murray,  
Gatineau, Quebec  
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**November 9/10, 2019**

## 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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**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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Reading I 2 Maccabees 7.1-2, 7, 9-14  
 Responsorial Psalm: I shall be satisfied. Lord, when I awake and behold your likeness.  
 Reading II 2 Thessalonians 2.16 – 3.5  
 Gospel: Luke 20.27-38

### ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

November 3: \$855.65 Attendance: 69

### ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION:

November 2: \$299.00 Attendance: 29

Fri. Nov. 8	9:15 a.m.	For John Gregory by Gord and Louise MacMillan
Sat. Nov. 9	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Martin and Annie Burke by Gail Burns
Sun. Nov. 10	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Bert Braiden by Gaby & Mike McCann
Wed. Nov. 13	8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. Nov. 15	9:15 a.m.	For deceased members of the Bourdeau family by Gord and Louise McMillan
Sat. Nov. 16	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Willy and Eunice Murphy by The Family
Sun. Nov. 17	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Lenard Forsyth by Cathy Forsyth Smith For Pat Lambert by Moe and Family

### **Jesus, the Sadducees and Resurrection**

Towards the end of the liturgical year, the readings usually become more eschatological -- having to do with the end times. The main theme of today's readings is the reality of life after death and of the relationship between our lives on earth and the life of glory or punishment that will follow. The readings invite us to consider the true meaning of the Resurrection in our lives. The first reading taken from the second book of Maccabees tells a story of a Jewish family, consisting of a mother and her seven sons, who refused to give in to the pressure from the Syrian King to eat pork, forbidden as "unclean" by Jewish Law. Because of their Faith in, and obedience to, God, they endured suffering and accepted martyrdom. During their torture, three of the brothers spoke, and each of them found strength in the belief that they will eventually be raised and rewarded by God. The second reading dwells on the second coming of Jesus. St Paul encourages the Thessalonians, waiting for the second coming of Christ, to trust in the fidelity of God who would strengthen their hearts in every good work and word. The Gospel also carries the same theme of the resurrection of the dead. This is the basis of the confrontation described in Gospel between Jesus and the Sadducees. Jesus ingeniously escapes from a doctrinal trap set for him and explains the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead. The resurrection is supported by the Pharisees and denied by the Sadducees.

The Sadducees regard the resurrection of the dead as an unorthodox innovation. Putting the Mosaic Law on Levirate marriage (Deut 25:5) to the fore they try to ridicule the idea of the resurrection of the dead. Jesus speaks of God as the God of the living; he also explains that Heavenly life with God in glory is totally different from earthly life, and that there is no marriage in heaven in the earthly sense. The resurrection from the dead,

according to Him belongs to those who “are accounted worthy.” As children of God, they cannot die again and so, marriage does not apply to them. With this, Jesus makes the question of the Sadducees irrelevant. As resurrected sons and daughters, their relationship is as members of the same family. Marriage among them therefore does not make sense heavenly wise.

Jesus puts forward the idea that is also appealing to the Sadducees: that God is the God of the living. Moses in the past has described God as the “God of Abraham, Isaac and of Jacob”. If He is the God of the living, then He will continue to be so to those who have died. Relationship with God does not end in death: to God all people are alive. Through this argument Jesus reveals his image of God – a God who keeps his promise to his faithful ones even when they die. This is true even so in Jesus’ own case. He undergoes death and experiences the glory of the resurrection. God refuses to let death have the last word in his case. The Risen Jesus is the greatest argument against the Sadducees!

Brothers and sisters, we need to live like the people of the Resurrection. This means that we are not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins and evil habits. Instead, we are to live joyful and peaceful lives, constantly experiencing the real Presence of the Risen Lord. In addition, the hope of our resurrection and eternal life with God gives us lasting peace and celestial joy amid the boredom and tensions of our day-to-day lives. The awareness of the all-pervading Presence of the Holy Spirit will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behaviours. The salutary thought of our own resurrection and eternal glory, or eternal punishment, should also inspire us to honour our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits, and to respect those with whom we come in contact, rendering them loving and humble service.

We need to offer living worship to a living God. If our God is the God of the living, our worship of this living God also has to be alive. Our participation in prayers and songs during the Holy Mass should be active and our behaviour in Church reverent, as we offer our lives and all our activities to our living God on the altar with repentant and grateful hearts. Happy Sunday!

### **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Our deepest sympathy to Louise and Shannon Lortie on the passing away of Louise’s mother, Carmel Gauthier. Her funeral was held in Buckingham on Thursday. May she rest in peace.

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**ST. AL'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 1<sup>st</sup> following the 11 o'clock mass. There will be two wardens' position available. A light lunch will be served.**



### **St. Al's Annual Turkey Supper**

**will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

**For tickets see Ann Marie, Susan or Carol**

**Adults: \$15, Children 6 to 12: \$7**

### **ST. COLUMBAN PARISHIONERS' Annual General Meeting and Fabrique Election.**

The AGM will be held immediately after mass on Saturday, November 23, 2019. This meeting will provide a brief summary of the past year, identify priorities for 2020 and elect a new warden.

Paul Paiement's warden term will end on December 31, 2019.

The term for the new warden position will be from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023. Any parishioner who may be interested in serving as a warden is kindly asked to provide his/her name to Marc Maisonneuve. You may also nominate a parishioner of your choice for this position.

### **ST. ALOYSIUS WEBSITE REDESIGN**

You may have noticed that our website seems a bit outdated. We are looking at redesigning the website and would like to hear from you! We have volunteers who have offered to help us with the technical aspects of the website, however we would like to hear from the parish in regards to the content. What would you like to see in a new website? Please contact Carol, our parish secretary and provide her with your contact information and a member of the wardens board will contact you with next steps.

## **FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Ron Lortie, John Cook, Roger Seguin, Phyllis Seguin, Jack Wiggins, Adeline Gendron and Dave Whitworth.