

**Weekly Bulletin**  
**St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 10/11, 2020**

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| Reading I           | Isaiah 25.6-10a  |
| Responsorial Psalm: | I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. |
| Reading II          | Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20                                 |
| Gospel:             | Mathew 22.1-14   |

**ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION**

**October 4: Regular Collection: \$830**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION: October 17/18 for Propagation of the Faith**

**MASS Intentions:**

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| Sat. Oct. 10 | 4:30 p.m.  | (St. Columban) For James Foley by<br>The Foley Family   |
| Sun. Oct. 11 | 11:00 a.m. | (St. Aloysius) For David Whitworth by Barbara Morey<br>& Family<br>For Doreen Harney by The Friendship Club |
| Wed. Oct. 14 | 9:15 a.m.  | For deceased members of the Bourdeau Family by<br>Louise and Gord MacMillan                                 |
| Sat. Oct 17  | 4:30 p.m.  | (St. Columban) For Louise Lortie by Ann Smits   |
| Sun. Oct. 18 | 11:00 a.m. | (St. Aloysius) For Ann Milks by The Gatineau<br>Friendship Club   |

**Invitation to A Banquet**

Today we are being presented with the theme of Banquet in both the first reading and the Gospel. The banquet in the biblical terms is the symbol of the happiness and joy of the Messianic times. Whoever accepts God will experience the most profound and real joy. In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah describes the Messianic banquet on the Lord's mountain in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which God is preparing for His people. It is a great feast of "rich food and choice wines." The enemy that has been defeated in the prophecy is Death. It is not just physical death but all that for humans is defeat and death; it includes a meaningless life, derision, failure, pain and sorrow, hunger, disease, marginalization. At the Messianic times, every "death" situation will be transformed. Whatever is "non-life" will be wiped out. There will be only cheerfulness and happiness for all. It will be a time of feast, the banquet of the kingdom. In the second reading, St. Paul advises the Philippians to put their trust in the power and goodness of a provident God, Who, in Jesus, has given His Church everything needed to enable His followers to participate in the Heavenly banquet.

The Gospel presents two parables, the parable of the wedding feast and that of the wedding garment. The king invites guests to the wedding feast of his son. With everything ready, the king

sends his servants to inform the invitees but they refuse to come. The king is the figure of God. The first and second groups of servants stand for the prophets of the Old Testament up to John the Baptist and the first apostles. The invitees who refuse to come represent the chosen people of Israel. The original invitation speaks of God's gracious call to His chosen people; the second shows the patience of God: even when all is ready, God still hopes there will be a change of heart. The consequence of the refusal is huge. The armies sent by the king represent the Roman armies which besieged and captured Jerusalem in AD 70. They demolished the Temple and burnt the city. The extension of the invitation to the highways and byways represents the carrying of the Gospel to the Gentiles, after the chosen people have rejected it.

Despite the various symbols, the central image of the Gospel is that of a God who as a gracious host hopes that everyone will come to His banquet. The wedding garment, the condition for entering the banquet, is readiness, that is, conversion. At the final judgement, for the good and the bad, only those who are clothed in goodness will be invited to the banquet of life. "We need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness, the state of grace, all the time and appreciate and make use of the provision for God's graces in the Church: we received the "*wedding garment*" of sanctifying grace in Baptism, and we receive additional graces to retain it through the other Sacraments. Our participation in the Eucharistic celebration and in personal and family prayers helps us to recharge our spiritual batteries and enables us to lead Spirit-filled lives. Jesus nourishes us in the Church through the proclamation of word of God and through His own body and blood in the Holy Communion. We need to participate in the Eucharistic banquet with proper preparation by repenting of our sins and by actively participating in the prayers and singing during the Holy Mass. Participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and source of power for our future participation in the Heavenly banquet" (Fr Kadavil). Happy Sunday!

### **CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT**

We are pleased to inform our parishioners that Mr. Robert Nadeau has stepped up to serve our parish as the Chairperson of St Al's Fabrique following the vacancy in that position. His appointment has also been confirmed by the Archbishop. We thank him for this wonderful disposition to serve.

In the same vein, we thank the outgoing chairperson, Ms. Marie Desmarais, for her many years of dedicated service to our parish.

We cannot thank you enough Marie!

We pray for both of them for God's guidance, protection and blessing.

Fr Al



## FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

## BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Mary Jane Champagne  
Michael McCann  
Margaret Burns  
Ghislaine Cook

13<sup>th</sup>  
19<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup>  
28<sup>th</sup>

