



St. Aloysius

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October 26/27, 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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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Reading I Sirach 35.15-17, 20-22
 Responsorial Psalm: The poor one called and the Lord heard.
 Reading II 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18
 Gospel: Luke 18.9-14

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

October 20: \$944.20 Attendance: 63

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION:

October 19: \$285.00 Attendance: 25

Fri. Oct. 25	9:15 a.m.	For Fernand-Guy and Yvonne Bourdeau by Gord and Louise MacMillan
Sat. Oct. 26	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Arthur and Violet Foley by The Family
Sat. Oct. 27	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Marie Cook by the Gatineau Friendship Club
Wed. Oct. 30	8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. Nov 1	9:25 a.m.	For Miller and Mary MacMillan by Gord and Louise
Sat. Nov. 2	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Nora Ryan Somers by her estate.
Sun. Nov. 3	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Alice Arsenaault by The Gatineau Friendship Club

Humble and Honest Prayer

Last Sundays readings centred on perseverance in prayer. Today's readings continue the kerygma on prayer with emphasis on true humility and honesty as the hallmarks of authentic prayers. Sirach, in the first reading talks about the *“the prayer of the lowly, piercing the clouds and will not rest until it reaches its goal.”* Because these prayers come from the heart of those who know how much they need God, they are heard. God surely has no favourites and answers all; but the oppressed, the orphan and the widow, and the least are his special concern. St Paul, in the second reading, in his humility acknowledges his works as accomplished by the grace of God. God, he says, has enabled him to fight the good fight for which he expects a crown of righteousness. In the gospel Jesus addresses people who pride themselves on their virtue while despising everyone else with the parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector. Jesus, in this parable, teaches that God hears the prayers of those who come to him in humility with a repentant heart.

We see a contrast between the Pharisee and the tax-collector in their prayers. The Pharisee addressed his prayer “to himself.” He compared himself to the tax-collector who he described with the worst of terms. He flaunted his religious observances: fasting and paying of tithe. For all his giving, he never gives himself. The Pharisee prayed as one who needed no forgiveness and he got none. On the other hand, the tax-collector stayed at the back and his prayer was, *“O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”* He told the simple truth about himself and threw himself entirely on God’s mercy. He owned his own sin. Unlike the Pharisee whose real self is secret, the tax-collector’s real self is no secret. His prayer was heard because he was humble and asked for mercy. The tax-collector got much more than he asked for: he prayed for mercy but is now justified. His prayer “pierced the clouds; the Pharisee’s prayer reached its destination: himself. The tax-collector prayed as one who needed forgiveness, and, he received it.

Brothers and sisters, we should avoid being Pharisaic by bragging about our achievements with no credit to God, the source of all good; by seeking a praise and recognition from others for our accomplishments thereby hurting their feelings. We should not imitate the Pharisees who honour themselves by despising others. We should rather imitate the humble tax-collector by acknowledging our total dependence on God and his grace for all our achievements and blessings. Accordingly, we have to confess to God daily our sinfulness and ask for his pardon and forgiveness; and become more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others and serve them as best as we can. Jesus is known as the friend of tax collectors and sinners. But He does not put their sinfulness on hold. He rather enlarges their world by calling them away from sinfulness into the freedom of God's mercy.

Our personal and other prayers should include all the necessary ingredients; request for pardon and forgiveness for our sins, thanksgiving for the numerous blessings we receive daily from God, praise and worship, surrendering of our life and all our activities completely and unconditionally to God, acknowledging our weakness and total dependence on him and finally presenting our needs and petitions. All these should be accompanied by our fervent request for God's strengthening in our weakness and temptations by the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit.

O God, be merciful to me a sinner! Happy Sunday.

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.

SPECIAL MASS FOR VETERANS on Remembrance Day.

The celebration will be presided by Archbishop Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau. Join us to honour our Heroes.

Monday, November 11, 2019, at 10:45 a.m. at the Notre-Dame Cemetery, 75 Blvd. Fournier, Gatineau

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.

Another SUCCESSFUL Social Function at St. Al's.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincere **Thank You** to all who took part in our Annual Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction.

Thank You to the parishioners who did the cooking, serving and cleaning, as well as to those who worked on the set up of the hall.

Thank you to those of you who generously donated auction items and to those who gave of their time to set up and display those items and collect payments.

I think that our success was measured by a comment from an attendee who was helping with the clean-up at the end of the evening and stated

"This was lots of fun – just like old times".

We were able to hand over to St. Al's the sum of \$1842.00 for which we Thank You.

Our next event

will be our

Annual Turkey Supper

which will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 6:00 pm