



St. Aloysius

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February 16, 2020

St. Columban

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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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| 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>February 16, 2020</i> |
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| Reading I | Sirach 15.15-20 |
| Responsorial Psalm: | Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord. |
| Reading II | 1 Corinthians 2.6-10 |
| Gospel: | Matthew 5.17-37 |

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

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| February 9: | \$1034.85 | Attendance: 89 |
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| Sun. Feb. 16 | 11:00 a.m. | For Suzanne Paquette by Christine Lemieux And André Savard |
| Wed. Feb. 19 | 8:00 a.m. | Eucharistic Adoration |
| | 9:15 a.m. | For all parishioners |
| Fri. Feb. 21 | 9:15 a.m. | For all parishioners |
| Sun. Feb 23 | 11:00 a.m. | 3 rd Ann. For Nobert Daly and 18 th for Cathy Daly By Shirley and Family |

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

Jesus: The Fulfilment of the Law

Today's readings challenge us to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God. He revealed His laws to His Chosen People through Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament, and through His own Son, Jesus, in the New Testament. In the first reading, the author deals with the issue of how to reconcile human freedom and personal responsibility with the sovereign will of God. He stresses that men and women are born free and they bear responsibility for the morality of their actions. They are affected by physical and external situations at times, but they always retain the capability of making the basic decisions. In the second reading, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God's saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit. This "wisdom" belongs to the world of God and is understood only by the "perfect", that is, by those "who have reached maturity"

In the Gospel, we read the continuation of the Sermon on the Mount. In today's passage Jesus shows us the way of life, the fulfilment of all Law. Matthew, the Evangelist is writing at the period when the Christian community is facing heavy criticism from the Jewish authority. They claim that the teaching of Jesus is destructive of all that is cherished in Judaism. Thus, Matthew in this Gospel tries to show that Jesus does not come to wipe out the ancient traditions (Old Testament); rather He is their completion. Jesus comes to continue with the ancient tradition. Matthew also shows the discontinuity when Jesus in the Gospel uses the 'antithetical statements': " You have heard how it was said....but I say this to you..." Hence Jesus not only completes the Law but he also goes beyond it. As the Son of God, Jesus has the prerogative to put before the people a new vision. He has authority to

reinterpret the divine commandments in the new era of the kingdom His ministry has inaugurated.

Jesus gives the specifics in the Law. He confirms the old Law in its condemnation of killing, but he goes much further in condemning the motivation that often leads to killing: anger. The commandment “you shall not kill”, for Jesus, goes well beyond physical aggression. Whosoever uses offensive language, gets angry, or harbours sentiments of hatred has already killed his brother or sister. Thus, Jesus underscores the need for reconciliation before sacrifice. Reconciliation therefore is more important than sacrifice. The duty to make peace is more urgent than the duty to offer worship to God. Adultery is wrong: but Jesus goes further in saying that a man who looks lustfully at a woman has already sinned. Women can be violated by men’s attitudes, not just by physical acts. Women are cheapened when they are treated simply as sex objects. Confirming His respect for women, Jesus in his prohibition of divorce puts the husband and wife on equal footing. Both are equally obliged to make the marriage work. Finally, Jesus talking about swearing, admonishes that sincerity should be the rule among his followers: “Yes when it is yes; no when it is no.” Swearing shows reciprocal distrust that should not be found among Christians.

In all, the Gospel shows that Jesus’ authority is greater than that of Moses. He is the Son of God whose demands are more radical; whose vision is sharper; whose expectations are greater. Moses made concessions because of people's hardness of hearts. Jesus has hope that our heart condition has improved thanks to his coming. Matthew is not writing his Gospel to grind his readers into the dirt or make them feel helpless. He is calling us to face the vision of Jesus with a willing heart and a ready spirit. He (Jesus) is the Son of God, the fulfillment of all Law. He is Love! As a community we pray that God may help us as we try to bring Christ's vision down to earth. Happy Sunday!

WELCOME NEW MAINTENANCE WARDEN

This past Sunday, February 9th, St- Aloysius Warden’s Board held an AD-HOC meeting in hope of electing our New Maintenance Warden. Please join us in welcoming our New Maintenance Warden Mike McCann who graciously accepted his nomination! Thank you Mike and Welcome on Board!

Have a Blessed week,
Your Warden's Board

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

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| Julie McCann | - 10 th |
| Charlie Long | - 11 th |
| Maynard Robinson | - 12 th |
| David Whitworth | - 21 st |
| Louise D'Entremont | - 21 st |
| Hannah Burns | - 22 nd |
| Dan Ford | - 29 th |



PANCAKE SUPPER: On Tuesday, February 25th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. As usual, the meal will be free, however we ask that you get a ticket, so we can better calculate the quantities needed and have no shortage. Get your ticket from our Social Warden, Ann Marie Plante 663-0295, Susan Arnold or Carol. We will accept donations at the door. **Please note: The Ash Wednesday service will follow at 7:30 p.m.**

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.”

Our deepest sympathy

To Father Gyan and his family on the passing away of his mother. We received news from India that she passed away last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Father Gyan and his family. May she rest in peace.