

**Weekly Bulletin**  
**St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*August 1/2, 2020*

Reading I	Isaiah 55.1-3
Responsorial Psalm:	You open your hand to feed us, Lord, and satisfy our needs.
Reading II	Romans 8.35, 37-39
Gospel:	Mathew 14.13-21

**ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION**

**July 26** Regular Collection: \$920.00

**MASS Intentions:**

Saturday, August 1	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sunday, August 2	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Louise Lortie by the Sewing Group
Wednesday, August 5	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Saturday, August 8	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For James and Sally Foley by Anne Bokovay
Sunday, August 9	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Dave Whitworth by The Gatineau Friendship Club

**Masks now mandatory to attend Mass**

**Following government direction, as of July 18th, masks will be mandatory in indoor public places. This includes the church therefore, in order to attend Masses on Sundays and Wednesdays you must have a mask to enter. Please bring your own. Masks will only be removed to receive Communion. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**The Little is great in the hand of God**

Today's liturgy shows us that God takes care of our physical and spiritual needs, if we put our trust in Him. God shares with us Jesus as our saviour and spiritual food, in Word and in Eucharist, thus preparing us for the Heavenly banquet and challenges us to share our blessings with others. The inspired writers of the Scripture use the image of a banquet to express God's bountiful relationship with us. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah consoles the Jewish exiles in Babylon, assuring them of their return to homeland and promising them that Lord their God alone can and will provide for their spiritual and physical needs. He will pardon their sins and will offer them participation in His eschatological banquet. The Psalmist says: "You open your hand to feed us, Lord and satisfy our needs." In the second reading, Paul argues that since God's love for us is so immense and infinite, nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord. While Paul does not use the banquet symbol here, he does stress what is at the very

heart of what God gives us – a share in eternal love through Christ Jesus. Paul sees all of life, its joys and even its hardships, as a great banquet.

The Gospel tells us how Jesus tries to make His gateway to a secure hiding-place. John the Baptist has just been executed at Herod's court and when Jesus hears the news about the cruel death of this great man, He withdraws to a lonely place, a deserted place. This desire for solitude has been overtaken by His compassion for many people who look to Him for help, and He is still ministering to the sick when evening comes. Jesus demonstrates God's caring love for us by feeding the people, spiritually by preaching and physically by the miraculous multiplication of five loaves and two fish, which the apostles had brought for their lunch. Jesus challenges His apostles to give them something to eat. They point to the little they have, but Jesus takes the little they have, raises His eyes to heaven, blesses it and gives it to the apostles to give to the crowd. This is a great miracle: that the little food Jesus and the disciples have is sufficient for everyone there. Indeed they have more than enough! Although Jesus and the disciples are tired and have been deprived of their peace and only have enough for themselves, still with the blessing of God they have sufficient resources to match the needs of the people. They give the crowd all they can – a great lesson in pastoral practices!

This miracle of the multiplication shows the divinity of Jesus, the providing care of God and the compassion of Jesus for the crowd. Through this symbolic gesture, Jesus makes it clear that in Him all our needs will be abundantly satisfied. The food He gives is Himself. Jesus gives of Himself ever so generously to all who seek the truth. The miracle is a messianic sign, presenting Jesus as the New Moses, who fed the Israelites in the desert and the New Elisha who miraculously fed the starving people of Gilgal (2Kings 42-44). Jesus uses the Eucharistic wordings here, and subsequently promises that He would give His body and blood as food and drink (Jn. 6:25-70) - all making the miracle a prefiguring symbol of the Holy Eucharist.

Brothers and sisters, we need to nourish our souls with Jesus in Word and Sacrament. We do this by listening to God in the Scripture and by receiving Jesus in the Holy Communion. We need to be "Eucharistic ministers" by imitating the four "Eucharistic actions" of Jesus: **take** humbly and generously what God gives us, bless it by offering it to others – God's love; **break** away from our own needs and selfish interests for the sake of others; **give** with joy-filled gratitude to God who has blessed us with so much. We need to be generous in sharing God's blessings. God blesses the large-hearted who generously and sacrificially share their resources with others. Jesus' miracle of the multiplication of the five loaves and two fish is addressed to all those prophets of doom who are always remind us of the fast depleting resources of the world in the face of a population of explosion. These false prophets always point out to the increasing poverty of masses in many developing countries. But the truth is: if there are people who go hungry to bed, it is not that the world cannot sustain the hungry millions anymore. The words of Mahatma Gandhi are still valid now: "There are enough resources to satisfy each man's need but not enough to cater to every man's greed". The problem is not that there are not enough resources. The problem lies with those who live in relative comfort and are unwilling to alter their extravagant lifestyle, cut down on their superfluities in order to ensure a more equitable distribution of the world's wealth.

## St. Aloysius has re-opening on Sunday, July 5th!

♪♪ Gather your people, oh Lord, gather you people oh Lord! It is with great pleasure that we announce the church has reopened on **Sunday, July 5th at 11:00 am**. In order to be able to open our doors we had to follow specific directives from the government and diocese. This means Mass will be somewhat different than before, more specifically, the number of persons that can be in the church. For this first phase of deconfinement, a maximum of 50 persons will be allowed to enter. So please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the celebration. If the maximum has been reached, you will unfortunately not be permitted to enter the church.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please carefully read the '**Directives for Parishioners**' below for further details.

Weekday Mass has also begun on Wednesdays at 9:15 am. There will be no Friday Mass until further notice.

Should you have any questions please contact Julie McCann at [jdmccann@videotron.ca](mailto:jdmccann@videotron.ca) or 819-598-2609.

♪ Sing a joyful song to the Lord! Alleluia! Let the heavens and earth rejoice! Alleluia!

### **Directives for Attending Mass**

For the health and safety of all, please clearly follow the directives noted below.

#### **STAY AT HOME IF...**

If you have flu-like symptoms or have been in contact in the preceding 2 weeks with someone who has COVID-19 or has travelled out of the country, you should not come to church. If your health is fragile due to old age or have pre-existing medical conditions, you are encouraged to stay home. No one is obliged to participate in Sunday Mass when their health is at risk.

#### **ARRIVE EARLY FOR MASS**

Use main doors to enter (the side door will be restricted to the Ministers).

No more than fifty people (including the priest and Ministers) can attend Mass at the same time during this first phase. If you arrive at the last moment, the limit might be reached and you will not be able to enter the church. Seating in churches will be designated to ensure that physical distancing is observed among people from different households. You will have to wash your hands upon entering and wait for those ahead of you to have taken their place. For these reasons, please arrive **fifteen minutes (15)** before the start of the celebration.

You are also encouraged to wear a mask and bring your own hand sanitizer (should you need some during the Mass).

## **IN THE CHURCH**

Please listen and follow the instructions given to you by the Ushers. Arrows on the floor will indicate the routes to follow to get around the church. Go immediately to your pew and remain there at all times with the exception of going to receive communion. Please observe physical distancing at all times and touch as few surfaces as possible. Do not sit in areas marked with an X (ends of pews).

You are asked not to sing aloud, because singing disperses particles further than speaking. Offer the sign of peace from your pew.

**Sunday Missals** will only be available to those who wish to purchase one (\$7) and then take it home. Sharing of missals or hymnals is not permitted.

The sacristy and altar areas are restricted to the priest and designated sacristan.

## **FOR COMMUNION**

During this first phase, communion will only be distributed by the priest under the species of bread. It will only be given in the hand (please open your hand). If you wear a mask or gloves, you will remove them before proceeding towards the front. You will extend your arms as much as possible to receive the Body of Christ, in order to maintain the distance between you and the priest. He will have purified his hands before the distribution of communion and will wear a mask. He will not say "the Body of Christ" and you will not have to answer "Amen". If he touches your hands at this point, he will pause and purify his hands again before resuming the distribution of communion.

Communion will NOT be offered in a pyx for another person, whether at church or at home.

One pew at a time will get up to receive communion starting with the east side wing, then the west, followed by the central pews. Please wait for an Usher to guide you.

## **AT THE END OF MASS**

We will exit the church starting with the pews closest to the doors, one pew at a time, while observing physical distancing. You are not to gather with friends on the steps of the church, but to leave the area immediately so as to avoid gatherings on church grounds.

Baskets will be placed at the exit for you to place your donation or collection envelopes.

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

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

## **ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST**

Shirley Quinn	6 <sup>th</sup>
Paul and Diana Paiement	6 <sup>th</sup> (married 32 yrs.)
Gail Burns	13 <sup>th</sup>
Fr. Al's Ordination	15 <sup>th</sup> (22 yrs.)
Cassandra Burns	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Cole Dumaresz	26 <sup>th</sup>
Charlie and Hilary Long	27 <sup>th</sup> (married 43 yrs.)
Hilary Long	29 <sup>th</sup>
Dick Pickering	29 <sup>th</sup>
Erma Avon	31 <sup>st</sup>

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Grace McNicholl, who received her First Holy Communion last Sunday.