

**Weekly Bulletin**  
**St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*September 19/20, 2020*

Reading I	Isaiah 55.6-9
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord is near to all who call on him.
Reading II	Philippians 1.20-24, 27
Gospel:	Mathew 20.1-16

**ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION**

<b>Sept 13:</b>	<b>Regular Collection:</b>	\$600
	Donations:	\$1087.50
	Donation through Diocese:	\$535 (for the month of August)

SPECIAL COLLECTION: September 26/27: The Needs of the Canadian Church

**MASS Intentions:**

Sat. Sept. 19	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sun. Sept. 20	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Troy Foley by The Kielback Family
	2:00 p.m.	St. Columban Cemetery Service
Wed. Sept. 23	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Sept. 26	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sun. Sept. 27	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Dave Whitworth by Lorraine

**God is Generous**

Today's readings speak about God's generosity, the extravagant grace of the merciful God. God is both just and merciful, but His mercy often overrides His justice. In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah reminds his compatriots, exiled in Babylon due to their unfaithfulness to God, that God is more merciful than they are and more forgiving. Contrary to their conviction that God is just like humans, who gets mean and mad and incapable of forgetting their sins, the Prophet tells them that it is big mistake to imagine a God like themselves. God, he says, is ready to pardon the infidelity which has resulted in their being exiled. He is not a human person; His way of thinking and acting will always surprise us. He will bless them with material and spiritual blessings. The Prophet therefore advises them and us to seek the Lord and put aside evil ways in order to receive His mercy and forgiveness. This prepares us for the Gospel. Paul in the letter to the Philippians, offers himself as a model of total submission to God's grace and God's will. He is ready to live continuing his mission if that is God's will. He is also ready to die and join the Lord if that is God's will. *"For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain"* (Phil. 1:21).

In the Gospel Jesus tells a parable of the landowner, a story that does not respect the normal principles of agreement. It is a strange parable of a landowner who hired labourers at five

different times during the course of the day to work in his vineyard but paid the same wage for a full day's work to all of them beginning with the last who only worked for one hour. This story of landowner's love and generosity represent God's love and generosity to all of us. It shows the difference between God's perspective and ours. It is a lesson on God's abiding love and mercy for all people regardless of their various extenuating circumstances. By this story, Jesus is trying to put across the message that salvation is a free gift of God. We cannot question Him about His dispensation of gifts which may at times appears to be disproportionate and tilted towards some people whom we consider as unworthy.

God's ways are not our ways. God does not work from the arithmetic of a calculator but from the fullness of His own heart. It is not the time-span of service that counts for God but the quality of our commitment and service. Moreover, there is more to life than the logic of action and reward. No matter when and how we find our ways to God, the point is that all receive the same stipend. We are not paid a wage for serving God. It is all a free gift. Since the eternal gift is eternal life, how could one be given more eternal life than another? God's love is unlimited and all inclusive. God is generous. We must not imagine that He is small minded like ourselves. For Jesus, the only attitude to be taken in front of our Heavenly Father is that of a child who does not claim any right, cannot merit anything, who always expects his father to be kind to him. There is nothing we can merit from God; from Him, we can only receive gifts and be grateful. *Do we allow God to do things His way, or do we get furious when He diverts from our way of operating?* If we resent God's freedom to show mercy to whom He pleases, not only do we repeat the grumble of the labourers in the parable, but we forget that we ourselves are beneficiaries of His mercy. God has a clear prejudice in favour of life's latecomers who find themselves with some form of handicap – the physically crippled, the psychologically crippled, the spiritually crippled, the economically crippled. They are the prodigal sons, the outcasts, the overlooked, the overlooked, the ones people think they can safely ignore or shun. We may be the ones! Happy Sunday!

## **ST. COLUMBAN CEMETERY SERVICE**

St. Columban cemetery service will be held Sunday 20 September at 2:00 p.m.

## **NEW WEBSITE**

After many months of hard work, it's finally here!! The St.Aloysius and St.Columban website is officially launched! Please take a moment to visit and bookmark the new site at:

<http://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com>

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

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



### **CONGRADUATION TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Daphne Vachon  
Angelina David  
Samuel Leblanc  
Isabel Carolina St-Louis  
Jason Lecuyer

Philippe Lecuyer  
Stephanie Lecuyer  
Carole MacMillan  
Caitlin Wylie

A ***special thank you*** to Joanne Lambert and Julie McCann for their time and talents during this difficult time to prepare our Candidates for this special sacrament. We are blessed to have them as part of our community.

### **BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IS SEPTEMBER**

Gaby & Mike McCann – 20<sup>th</sup> (51<sup>st</sup>)

Pierre Léonard – 21<sup>st</sup>

Irene Lalonde – 22<sup>nd</sup>