



St. Aloysius

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March 1, 2020

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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1st Sunday of Lent

March 1 to March 22, 2020

Reading I

Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Reading II

Romans 5.12-19

Gospel:

Matthew 4.1-11

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

February 23:

\$1349.50

Attendance: 80

SPECIAL COLLECTION – March 29 – Development and Peace

St. Columban Mission reopens on Saturday, March 7th at 4:30 for the First Mass of 2020.

Fri. Feb. 28	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sun. March 1	11:00 a.m.	For Father Yves Masse by Moe and Nancy
Wed. March 4	8:00 a.m.	Eucharist Adoration
Fri. March 6	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat. March 7	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sun. March 8	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For special intentions by Sheila Ruddy
Wed. March 11	8:00 a.m.	Eucharist Adoration
	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. March 13	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat. March 14	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Samatha Lalonde by Robert and Irene Lalonde
Sun. March 15	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For all parishioners
Wed. March 18	8:00 a.m.	Eucharist Adoration
	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. March 20	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat. March 21	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Jim Mulcahey by Phyllis
Sun. March 22	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For André Zicat by Moe and Nancy

During this Lenten period, there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Roger Seguin, Phyllis Seguin, Jack Wiggins, and Dave Whitworth.

Temptations

Lent is basically a time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations. It is a period of forty days following the example of Jesus who prepared forty days in the desert for His public life. Lent affords us the opportunity to renew our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by His suffering, death and Resurrection. Today's readings present us two contrasting reactions to temptation. They teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world and by our own selfish interests. Thus there is need for us to cooperate actively with God's grace to conquer our temptations. The first reading from the book of Genesis describes Original Temptation: 'You

will be like God, knowing good and evil. Adam and Eve were given the possibility of making a choice to either live for God, depend upon and be obedient to His will, or to say No to God. That temptation led them to an act of faithlessness and sin. This act of disobedience of our First Parents is taken up by St Paul in the second reading. He reflects on how the choices of Adam and Jesus affect ourselves. The disobedience of Adam brought him and us death and a broken relationship with God. But we are saved and offered new life because of the fidelity of Christ.

The Gospel of Matthew which we read today presents to us that contrast to Adam's disobedience in Christ. Christ conquered temptation by relying on Faith in God's Word and authority. It teaches us how the "desert experience" of fasting, praying and soul-strengthening enabled Jesus to confront His temptations successfully and then to preach the Good News of salvation. The tempter urges Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread; but Jesus rejects that temptation to reduce His Divine mission to satisfying His own immediate, temporal needs. Secondly, the tempter suggests that Jesus prove that He is really the Son of God by jumping off the pinnacle of the Temple; but Jesus rejects the temptation to put God to a test. Finally, Jesus rejects the temptation to idolatry, even if that worship would enrich and empower Him with all the kingdoms of the world.

Temptation is an unavoidable part of life for us all. Everyone is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth and a position of authority, power and glory, and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things. Jesus is our model in conquering temptation by strengthening Himself through prayer, penance and the effective use of the Word of God. So during this Lent, we should confront our evil tendencies with prayers (especially by participating in Holy Mass), with penance and with meditative reading of the Scriptures. Reflectively, life is a struggle between sin and grace, selfishness and holiness. We succeed in life in the measure that we put aside sin and try to live by the grace of God. Again to rationalize away these temptations, so that things become socially acceptable and politically correct, is itself an insidious temptation. We can not dictate for ourselves what is right and wrong or draw for ourselves the boundaries of "acceptable" behaviour, unencumbered by any notional commandments of God. We must rather submit our behaviour to the Gospel of Christ. We are to grow in holiness by prayer, reconciliation and sharing during Lent. This entails finding time to be with God, speaking with Him, reconciling with God through the sacrament of Reconciliation, and with others by asking for forgiveness and forgiving others; and sharing our love with others through selfless and humble service, almsgiving and helping those in need. Happy Sunday!

Lenten Retreat

Archbishop Paul-André Durocher will be holding a Lenten Retreat at

Our Lady of Victory, Buckinham

Title: Called by Name, Sent by Name

Date: 29th and 30th of March, 2020

Time: 7 p.m. (each day)

Parishioners of St. Al's and St. Columban are encouraged to join in the retreat.

The tree of solidarity that is Development and Peace — Caritas Canada



In 1967, the Bishops of Canada sowed a seed of solidarity, seeking to nurture a movement for social justice. This seed took root and blossomed into a strong tree. Its roots are the thousands of Canadians who support the organization by donating time and money. Its branches are partners who flourish and help build a world of justice. Their work bears fruit for millions of people in the Global South who are taking charge of their own destiny.

Consult the Mini-magazine to learn more about Development and Peace's work: devp.org/lent/resources.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to Pearce Family on the passing away of Diane. Her funeral was held at St. Al's on Saturday. May she rest in peace.

CAROL IS ON VACATION



Carol will be on vacation for the next two weeks. If you have an emergency or would like to speak with Father Al, please leave a message and he will get back to you.