



**Weekly Bulletin**  
**St. Aloysius and St. Columban**  
**MY CHURCH, MY COMMUNITY, MY FRIENDS**

-----**MY CHURCH**-----

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**February 25, 2024**

Reading I	Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Responsorial Psalm:	I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
Reading II	Romans 8.31b-35, 37
Gospel	Mark 9.2-10

**MASS Intentions:**

Fri. Feb. 23	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. Feb. 25	11:00 am.	For all parishioners
Fri. March 1	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. March 3	11:00 a.m.	For John Kehoe by the Gatineau Friendship Club

**ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION - Feb. 18: \$533.00**

**ST COLUMBAN**

St. Columban Mission looks forward to welcoming you back for 2024! Our first mass will be Easter Sunday morning March 31 at 9:00.

Effective Saturday April 6, we will return to our Saturday 4:30 schedule.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION** is available fifteen minutes before all Sunday masses at St. Aloysius. This sacrament is an important part of our continual preparation for the eternal kingdom.

**FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH** Please pray for the sick of our Parish: James MacMillan, John Nadeau, Marvella Harvey, Adeline Gendron, and Diane Morey.

## **EASTER SCHEDULE**

<b>Holy Wednesday (March 27)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Chrism Mass – St. Joseph Cathedral</b>
<b>Holy Thursday (March 28)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord’s Supper - Our Lady of Victory</b>
<b>Good Friday (March 29)</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b> <b>3 p.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross (St. Aloysius) The Lord’s Passion (St. Aloysius)</b>
<b>Easter Vigil (March 30)</b>	<b>9 p.m.</b>	<b>Our Lady of Victory</b>
<b>Easter Sunday (March 31)</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b> <b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Columban St. Aloysius</b>

### **MAKING SURE OUR PARISHES ARE SAFE**

Personal safety, the 3rd value in our Code of Ethics and Conduct, mentions the importance of adopting physical contact that respects people's comfort level, especially if they are minors or vulnerable. How do we approach others? Are we still in the era of hugs? We have to have personal limits. These are influenced in particular by our culture and upbringing, and also, for priests, by an awareness of their authority in the Church. Jesus himself exercised authority: "Jesus spoke with authority", as the Scriptures say. The healthy authority that priests must exercise in their ministry is that of Jesus: an authority that empowers others, that listens, that inspires trust and action, that makes people want to follow, that gives them responsibility and makes them aware of their own resources. Jesus did not condemn or judge; his authority was to serve, to lift up, to liberate. Let us be mindful of the distances we need to take from people who are living in a vulnerable situation. Let's behave safely with them. I'll come back to this in a future article.

**Chantale Duguay, Archdiocese of Gatineau**

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS** - On Sunday, March 3rd we will have a short meeting of all parishioners to elect a 6<sup>th</sup> warden which we had not succeeded in doing at the December annual general meeting. In fact, Mr. Kevin Jude has accepted to be nominated for Maintenance warden. We hope you can all stay for this very short meeting.

## LAST CHANCE TO SIGN THE *STAND FOR THE LAND* PETITION



Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last fall campaign.

Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands.

Sign now at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act).

Thank you for your solidarity!

**OUR PANCAKE SUPPER** was like a family get-together. To all of those who attended THANK

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YOU FOR BEING THERE! Of course, a special word of appreciation to all the volunteers who make this happen and create the warm welcoming and delicious event.

We now walk together on our Lenten Journey; may it be a fruitful one.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN**

Children ages 7 and up are invited to gather in the hall and listen to the Word. (Readings and Gospel). This activity is during mass and the children return to their parents just after the prayers of the faithful. Two adults take turns in leading this activity.

## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**



If you would like to read, with a group of fellow parishioners, the Scripture readings of the following Sunday in order to better absorb them and let them speak to you during the week, send your e-mail address to the parish office and we will get in touch with you.

## -----**My COMMUNITY**-----

**HALL RENTALS** - please contact our hall warden, Brian Peters, at 613-600-1987.

## STAMPS



Let's get back into the habit of cutting out the stamps from our mail and putting them in the box at church. A member of Development and Peace has already patiently counted 12,934 stamps that we had collected over the past few years in Gatineau. It is therefore a great invitation to resume our stamp collection. Did you know that since its beginnings in 1992, this initiative has raised more than \$600,000 for Development and Peace.

Please place your stamps in the box labelled 'STAMPS' at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing this information with your friends and family.

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## ---MY FRIENDS---

### BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

John Stanyar - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Diane Ford - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Janice Nadeau - 14<sup>th</sup>  
Anne Bokovay - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Anthony Lalonde - 19<sup>th</sup>  
Travis Schoenfeldt - 21<sup>st</sup>

