

**Weekly Bulletin**  
**St. Aloysius and St. Columban**  
**819-663-5244**  
**My Church, My Community, My Friends**

-----**My Church**-----

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- Confession:** Available 15 minutes before weekend Mass.
- Baptism:** By appointment. Registration required. Please call or email the office
- First Communion & Confirmation:** Registration required. Please call or email the office.
- Wedding:** Couples are asked to call the office for an appointment **at least one year** prior to their date of marriage to allow adequate preparation time. A marriage course is required.
- Visiting the sick:** Father Greg is available for visits with the sick, either in the hospital or at home.

***8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***March 2, 2025***

- Reading I Sirach 27.4-7  
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.  
Reading II 1 Corinthians 15.54-58  
Gospel Luke 6.39-45

***First Sunday of Lent***

***March 9, 2025***

Reading I	Deuteronomy 26.4-10
Responsorial Psalm:	Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
Reading II	Romans 10.8-13
Gospel	Luke 4.1-13

***Second Sunday of Lent***

***March 16, 2025***

Reading I	Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Reading II	Philippians 3.17-4.1
Gospel	Luke 9.28b-36

**MASS Intentions:**

Fri. Feb. 28	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. March 2	11:00 a.m.	For Harold & Raymonde Kehoe by Jeannine Whelan For Simeon D. Villamor by the Family
Wed. March 5	7:00 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass</b>
Fri. March 7	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sun. March 9	11:00 a.m.	For Ms. Kelly Smith by Rose Goulart
Fri. March 14	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sun. March 16	11:00 a.m.	For Kaye Leclair by Walter Shaw
Fri. March 21	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sun. March 23	11:00 a.m.	For all parishioners

**Sunday collection** - \$1161.00 – February 23<sup>rd</sup>

\$405 – Parishioners' donation through Diocese for January 2025

**CAROL IS ON VACATION**

Carol (our Parish Office Administrator) will be on vacation from February 28<sup>th</sup> until March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If you have an emergency, please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

**MEETING NOTICE** – Mr. Polycarp Ambe Niba has accepted to be nominated for the position of Secretary warden. Therefore, we will have a short meeting of parishioners immediately after Mass on Sunday, March 9, 2025 for election purposes.

**PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR** - You recently received a poster advertising the call for applications for the position of parish office administrator. PLEASE consider the possibility for yourselves or speak to family and friends who may wish to apply. We very much count on word of mouth, as well as all other technological means, to get this information out. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PANCAKE SUPPER** – Lent, this year, begins on Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>. We are invited to come together as a community on **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** in the hall to share in a pancake supper to encourage each other to seriously undertake this 40-day journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The meal is free to ensure that all feel most welcomed and part of the community.



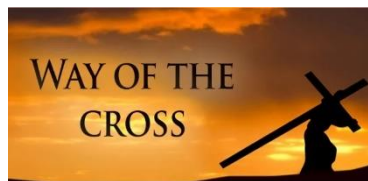
### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**

On March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.



Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance, when Christians confess their sins and profess their devotion to God.

### **WAY OF THE CROSS**



every Friday evening during Lent at 7 pm

**ST. AL'S PARISH LENTEN RETREAT** (2 evenings) given by Msgr. Durocher Monday, April 7, and Tuesday April 8 at 7 pm

The theme of the retreat: "Thy Will be Done"

*What is a retreat?*

A retreat can be an opportunity to get away from the stress and anxiety of daily life and spend time praying, reflecting, and deepening one's relationship with God. It can also be a time for renewal, as when Jesus takes the disciples away to spend some quality time with them, just Him and them together.

**ST. AL'S MISSION OF PRAYER** – The Parish Pastoral Council invites us, as a community, to focus on prayer. Based on the survey we were asked to fill in; it was determined that many of us pray with the rosary. Consequently, the following are opportunities that will be offered to us to pray as a community.

Thursday evenings 7 pm – Rosary – Zoom meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81922462787?pwd=JVXJApqCypbxbHyMj2nAO1kcWLbPAV.1>

Meeting ID: 819 2246 2787

Passcode: 3Peqzg

Friday morning 9 am - Mass

Devotion of our Lady of Perpetual Help

Prayer Intentions box

Devotion to Mary (Audio CD by Fr. Jim Duffy - St Louis de Monfort's True Devotion to Mary for group listening and discussion)

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **ST. COLUMBAN MASS SCHEDULE**

St. Columban Mission will be closed until April 2025. If there are any questions, please contact Amanda Foley.

-----My Community-----

### **TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND ALL THOSE BRINGING COMMUNION TO THE SICK**

The diocese is organizing two training sessions for all communion ministers of the archdiocese, especially those bringing communion to the sick in health centers or at home, including family members. Anyone interested is also welcome.

Dates to remember:

- May 24, 2025

Time: 10 AM to 12.30 PM

Location: Diocesan Center, (Grande Salle)

Contact: [chancelier@diocesegatineau.org](mailto:chancelier@diocesegatineau.org) or phone 819-771-8391 ext. 307

**DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT ON MARCH 12 & 13 AT ST. MARK'S PARISH**

You are warmly invited to a two-evening Lenten Retreat, Around the Table: Word & Bread, to deepen your faith and renew your hope. Led by Fr. Claude Pigeon, a military chaplain and priest from the Diocese of Rimouski, this retreat will be a time of spiritual reflection and renewal.

**March 12 – The Table of the Word**

We will reflect on the significance of a jubilee, the pilgrim's journey, and Christian hope. Through key scripture passages, we will allow God's Word to inspire and guide us back to the heart of our faith.

Can't attend in person? Watch live or later: [March 12 Livestream](#)

**March 13 – The Table of the Bread**

Experience a "Mass that Takes Its Time", a reflective Eucharistic celebration that invites us to contemplate the beauty of the Eucharist as the action of the People of God and the profound mystery of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection.

Join us online: [March 13 Livestream](#)

We look forward to journeying together in faith and hope.

**BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH**

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>

