

First Week of Advent

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Weekly Bulletin

St. Aloysius and St. Columban

**MY CHURCH, MY COMMUNITY, MY FRIENDS**

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

***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Decemberr 3, 2023***

Reading I	Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8
Responsorial Psalm:	Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Reading II	1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel	Mark 13.33-37

**MASS Intentions:**

Fri. Dec. 1	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. Dec. 3	11:00 a.m.	For Elwood Murray by a parishioner For Ernesto Jaganas by Era and Anthony Crisologo
Fri. Dec. 8	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. Dec. 10	11:00 a.m.	For Sheila Berrea by her Family

**ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION - Nov. 26: \$805**

**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.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (Regular Sunday Mass) 11 a.m. St. Aloysius**

**Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m. St. Aloysius**

**Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m. St. Columban**

**Christmas Day, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - 11 a.m. St. Aloysius**

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



**HELP!** – Following upon the insurance company’s inspection, we need to upgrade two old fuse panels to newer breaker panels located in the workshop of the rectory. If you are a **qualified electrician** or if you know of one who could help us at a friendly price, please call Mike McCann at 819-893-2621.

### **PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS FIRST EUCHARIST AND FIRST RECONCILIATION :**

Registrations are now open for children 7 years old and up.

First Reconciliation & First Communion will begin in **early January** on Sundays after mass (12:30 pm after lunch) Date to be confirmed.

If you have any questions contact Louise MacMillan-819-643-1156 or email [gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com](mailto:gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com) or Diane Brownrigg at [dioanisd45@gmail.com](mailto:dioanisd45@gmail.com). Registration forms for sacraments are available on the wall at the back of the church or contact the parish secretary, Carol Leonard at the church office, 819-663-5244 or [st.aloysius@bellnet.ca](mailto:st.aloysius@bellnet.ca)

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

Children ages 7 and up are invited to gather in the sacristy 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 will take turns in leading this activity.

## **LET'S HEED THE CRY OF THE EARTH AND THE CRY OF THE POOR AND LET'S ACT!**

Pope Francis calls us to hear "*the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*" (*Laudato Si'*, 49). Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023.

**"The Government of Honduras must act diligently and suspend these extractive activities, which are carried out illegally and with total disregard for the environment."**

— Elvin Hernández, human rights investigator, ERIC–Radio Progreso

**AAt now!**

[Sign the letter](#) to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park ([devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act)).

**Petition is on the tables near the entrance of the church.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – The Parish's AGM will be Sunday, December 3, 2023 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. A luncheon will be provided. This is a great opportunity to find out what keeps the parish rolling as a well-oiled machine. It is also the time for elections to the Wardens' Board. This year two wardens have completed two terms, therefore cannot be re-elected; they are Finance warden, Jim Brownrigg and Social warden, Ann-Marie Plante. The Maintenance warden, Mike McCann, must also be replaced for a completion of term. If you would like information on these positions to volunteer yourself or nominate someone, please contact the outgoing wardens. All of this is volunteer work but essential to the parish. It is really appreciated when parishioners show their interest and attend the AGM

## **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.

## *Our SPAGHETTI Supper*

*Which was held on, Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> was a GREAT SUCCESS  
To all of those who attended our supper - both our faithful St. Al's  
parishioners and their families and friends*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

*Thank you to all of our loyal volunteers. We would not be able to host any of  
our events without your steadfast help.*

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### **-----MY COMMUNITY-----**

#### **HALL AVAILABILITY**

The fitness group who, for the past few years, had been holding dance classes in our hall on Tuesday and Thursday nights, has not renewed its contract. Consequently, the hall is now available on those nights. If you, or someone you know, would like to reserve the hall for a long term contract (fitness group, AA, Bridge club, whatever...) please contact our hall warden, Brian Peters, by leaving a message at the parish office.



**OUR LADY OF VICTORY, 490 Charles St.,  
Buckingham  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023  
1:30 - 3:00 p.m. COST \$8.00**

**Children: \$3.00 under 12 years of age**

**BAKE GOODS, CRAFTS and OTHER ITEMS TO PURCHASE FOR  
CHRISTMAS.**

***See you there!***

#### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE – St. Al's and St. Columban**



The annual Christmas food drive has started. Please feel free to donate canned food, pickles, pasta, rice, toothpaste, laundry detergent, etc. We need everything. We will be collecting specifically for the Christmas food baskets up to December 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your cooperation in bringing a Merry Christmas to the less fortunate in our community.

The Charitable Fund

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY AND ST. MALACHY CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23 - regular mass at St. Malachy at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 - regular mass at OLV at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) - mass at St. Malachy at 9:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day) -mass at OLV at 9:00 a.m.

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## MY FRIENDS

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

George Lemieux - 4<sup>th</sup>

Bob Nadeau - 5<sup>th</sup>

Mike Groulx - 8<sup>th</sup>

Arielle Fogu - 15<sup>th</sup>

Carol Léonard - 16<sup>th</sup>

Arin-Benedict Kamguia – 18<sup>th</sup>

Sanscia Nkwate - 25<sup>th</sup>

Paul & Adeline Gendron , 28<sup>th</sup> - 58<sup>th</sup>

Bob Price - 30<sup>th</sup>

