



**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.

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***  
***December 22, 2024***

- Reading I Micah 5.2-5a  
Responsorial Psalm: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.  
Reading II Hebrews 10.5-10  
Gospel Luke 1.39-45

### **Christmas Eve**

Reading I                    Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7  
Responsorial Psalm:      Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.  
Reading II                    Titus 2.11-14  
Gospel                         Luke 2.1-16

### **Christmas Day**

Reading I                    Isaiah 52.7-10  
Responsorial Psalm:      All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
Reading II                    Hebrews 1.1-6  
Gospel                         John 1.1-18

### **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Dec. 29**

Reading I                    1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28  
Responsorial Psalm:      Blessed are those who live in your house, O Lord.  
Reading II                    1 John 3.1-2, 21-24  
Gospel                         Luke 2.41-52

### **New Years Day – January 1 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Reading I                    Numbers 6.22-27  
Responsorial Psalm:      May God be gracious to us and bless us.  
Reading II                    Galatians 4.4-7  
Gospel                         Luke 2.16-21

### **January 5 – Epiphany of the Lord**

Reading I                    Isaiah 60.1-6  
Responsorial Psalm:      Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
Reading II                    Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel                         Matthew 1.1-12

### **MASS Intentions:**

Fri. Dec. 20	9:00 a.m.	For Anthony Liuzzo by George and Erma Avon
Sun. Dec. 22	11:00 a.m.	For Donna and David Whitworth by Lorraine For Sanscia Nkwate by Gord & Louise MacMillan
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24	6:15 p.m.	(St. Aloysius) Children's Christmas Pageant ( <b>Parish Hall</b> )
	7:00 p.m.	(St. Aloysius) Christmas Eve Service
	7:00 p.m.	(St. Columban) Christmas Eve Service
Christmas Day, Dec. 25	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Irene Aguiar and deceased members of her Family by The Oliveira Family
Fri. Dec. 27	1:30 p.m.	Funeral of Sanscia Nkwate
Sun. Dec. 29	11:00 a.m.	Anniversary Mass for Louise Maheral by her family For Ghislaine Cook by Louise and Gord MacMillan

Wed. Jan. 1                      11:00 a.m. For all parishioners  
Fri. Jan. 3                        9:00 a.m. For all parishioners  
Sun. Jan. 5                        11:00 a.m. For John Nadeau by his parents  
For Good health and all the blessings received  
By the Jaganas-Crisologo Family

### St. Aloysius Finances

**Sunday collection -                      \$595.00 – December 15th                      Attendance: 91**  
**Funeral Collection (Cullen)                      \$166.00**  
**Parishioners' donations through Diocese for November: \$1305**

The **2025 Sunday Offering envelopes** will also be available on the table at the back of the Church.

Please call or email the parish if you would like to order Sunday Offering envelopes.

Thank you for continuing to support our Church.

Jo Anne Lambert

Finance Warden

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS** will take place after mass on Sunday, December 22nd. Once the decorating is completed, we plan to go for brunch at Nickels.

Everyone is welcome to come help. Thank you.

### **ATTENTION to parents of children who are participating in the Christmas Pageant**



**THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 22nd:** Christmas Pageant Practice right after 11 am mass. **BRING YOUR LUNCH.**

We plan to practice several times - probably finish at 2:00 pm. (earlier if things go smoothly.) This will be in the Parish Hall.

Some of the adults or teenagers may want to help decorate the church upstairs right after mass. Questions? 819 319 4121 Louise

### **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)

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

**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, 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

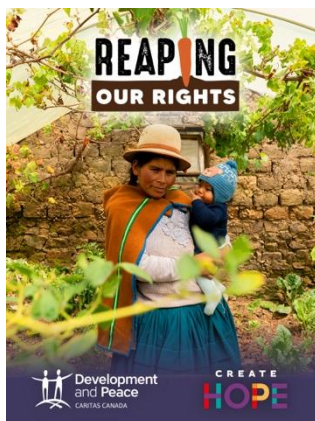
Devotion of our Lady of Perpetual Help

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)

### **TOGETHER, LET'S WORK TOWARDS REAPING OUR RIGHTS!**

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada invites you to join the **Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign. See how peasant and rural communities in the Global South are uniting to



ensure their rights are respected in the face of challenges such as land grabbing, resource theft and the contamination of soil, water and air by private corporations.

Let's ensure that no Canadian company tramples on their rights by calling on Canada to adopt **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation!** [Sign at devp.org/act!](https://devp.org/act)



To learn more about peasants' rights and due diligence, read our **action sheet** or visit [devp.org/campaign](https://devp.org/campaign).

### **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, but we will hold a Christmas Eve Mass at 7:00 p.m.

If there are any questions, please contact Amanda Foley.

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### **My Community**

## **POPE FRANCIS CALLS THE FAITHFUL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO BE "BUILDERS OF HOPE" FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR**

"Hope does not disappoint." This is the theme for Jubilee 2025, which will begin on Christmas Eve, 2024, and continue throughout 2025, concluding on January 6, 2026. At Pope Francis's invitation, millions of Catholics around the world will participate in this Jubilee Year, celebrated every 25 years on a global scale. The Archdiocese of Gatineau is developing a plan to mark this Jubilee in a meaningful way.

An evening of spiritual renewal via Zoom will be held on Wednesday, December 4, featuring two guest speakers, including Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, Bishop of Hearst and originally from Gatineau. Additionally, to mark the start of the Jubilee Year, a celebration presided over by our bishop, Paul-André Durocher, will take place at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, December 29. Detailed information on all planned activities will be available soon.

## **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

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

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### **My Friends**

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER**

Gabriel Jolin - 28<sup>th</sup>

Paul & Adeline Gendron - 28<sup>th</sup> (59th)

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

## **BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY**

Moseh Nkwate – 1<sup>st</sup>

Alice Burich - 19<sup>th</sup>

Paulette Pearce – 26<sup>th</sup>

Mary Daly – 31<sup>st</sup>