

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14/15, 2020

Reading I	Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31
Responsorial Psalm:	Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.
Reading II	1 Thessalonians 5.1-6
Gospel:	Matthew 25.14-30

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

November 9: Regular Collection: \$887.00

The monthly financial reports (previous 2 months) are posted on the bulletin boards at the front and side entrances of the church for your perusal.

MASS Intentions:

Sat. Nov. 14	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Alma & Larry Miller by Gary Miller
Sun. Nov. 15	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Gail Racicot by The Gatineau Friendship Club
Wed. Nov. 18	9:15 a.m.	A healing Mass for Filipe Garrido by His family
Sat. Nov. 21	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Joe Connelly by Phyllis Mulcahey
Sun. Nov. 22	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For John Cook by Michelle Cook Warden and Family

SPECIAL COLLECTION: November 14/15: Mission chez nous

CHARITY COLLECTION FOR MISSION CHEZ NOUS, NOVEMBER 14 AND 15, 2020



Founded more than twenty-five years ago by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Quebec, the organization's mission is to raise funds to help Christian communities located in Aboriginal communities. In 2019, Mission chez nous is pleased to have been able to contribute \$ 223,600 to support various projects, although the needs expressed are even greater. The organization hopes that the generosity of its donors will allow it to continue. Missionaries of all ages, men and women religious, lay people and priests are at work in the spirit of the gospel. They face enormous challenges and they need help. Thank you for your generosity.

Message from the Finance Warden

As we approach the final 2 months of the calendar year, a unique year in many ways, I wanted to provide you with an update on our finances. As expected, our budget targets are significantly off as a result of the pandemic restrictions imposed on mass attendance and reduced collection opportunities over the past 7 months. Also, revenue from short term hall rentals and social events has been curtailed due to the pandemic. We have reduced some of our expenses but must maintain the majority of fixed costs to provide services to the parish and remain open. At this point, our overall revenues are projected to be below our expected expenses for

the year by about fifteen to twenty thousand dollars (\$15,000-\$20,000). We have approached the provincial government for some additional financial assistance of up to \$1,500 which is promising and expected soon. However, it will not cover the expected deficit. With a couple of months still ahead in the year, uncertain as they may be in terms of continued restrictions, I am hopeful that our community can provide additional financial support to help minimize the projected deficit. If you are able to provide additional support, please do so by dropping off your contributions at mass on Sunday, the office during the week, or provide an on-line donation via the diocesan web site. Income tax receipts will be provided for all contributions. Thank you.

Jim Brownrigg.

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Recently we formed a pastoral team (St. Aloysius and St. Columban) to take a lead in the pastoral dimensions of our parish community life. We thank the following for volunteering to be part of this team:

Jo Anne Lambert (chairperson)

Louise MacMillan (secretary)

Julie McCann

Pauline Leduc

Gord MacMillan

Diana Foley

Fr Albanus Ogowuihe (Pastor)

Please pray for them.

Investing our Talents for Eternity

As expected, the readings of this Sunday continue to remind us not only of the end of the Liturgical Year, but also of the end of all things. They invite us to live in such a way that we make best use of our God-given talents as we await our last moment. In the first reading we have a beautiful praise of woman. A perfect woman, it says, is of incalculable value. She is a good wife who keeps peace and harmony in the home; she is a great worker who is never idle and who does not lose time in useless chatter but occupies herself with making sure nothing is missing in the home and extends her care beyond her immediate family. She is a woman of generous heart moved by needs of the poor and the needy; she is very religious and keeps the commandments of God. The ideal woman does not give importance to appearances but is mostly interested in the essential things of life. Are there many women like that? We are called to be as diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife in the use of our God-given talents with fear of the Lord.

In the second reading St Paul advises us as he did the Thessalonians to keep awake and be sober, encouraging and building each other up as we wait for the "Day of the Lord." Paul challenges the Thessalonians to turn their fears of the Lord into positive, constructive and life-affirming action. The Thessalonians were concerned about the time for the return of the Lord. Paul tells them and us that it is not possible to know the time as the action of God is unforeseeable and takes place when we least expect it. It is not important to know the day or the hour. It is important rather to avoid being overtaken by the darkness of evil. Thanks to our baptism, we Christians have become children of light and of the day; so we ought not to be taken by surprise like those living in darkness and those asleep. The Gospel continues the theme of a state of 'red-light' for the coming of Lord, stressing accountability. In the parable of the talents,

the first two servants were rewarded, and the one who had shown no initiative was sternly dealt with. The parable serves to remind us that the 'talents' we have are for the glory of God and the service of the community.

The rich master symbolizes Christ who before going into glory entrusted all his 'goods' to His disciples. Talents symbolize all that Jesus gave us: the Gospel, the sacraments, the power to heal, to console, His love for the poor and the suffering etc. These talents also correspond to the various ministries exercised in our communities. It is up to us now to act in such a way that what He has entrusted to us may produce abundant fruit. God has risked everything in the person of Jesus Christ for the sake of our salvation, and so expects us to do more than cling to safety as the third servant did. The talents are allotted to persons, some more, others less according to abilities. While talents (gifts and charisms) may vary in proportion in their allocation to persons, everyone is expected to act responsibly. Every gift has a deeper purpose and a higher goal. No single treasure of Christ should be allowed to remain unused and un-invested. Thus, Jesus is encouraging us not to be afraid, but trusting in His help, to take chances in using our talents for the glory of God and the service of neighbours. A take-no-chance policy is not Christian. There is no 'safe' position in life. Christian living is strenuous business involving occasional risk-taking. God expects us to use our every talent for personal growth, community service and religious witness. As we wait for the final Day, we are reminded that we will be judged, not by how much each of us possesses but by our readiness to serve and expand ourselves for others. Happy Sunday!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Marie Desmarais	- 15 th	Nicole Paiement	- 15 th
Roger Seguin	- 23 rd	Michael Lalonde	- 23 rd
Diane Cyr & Keith May	- 28 th		
Paul Luc Lalonde	- 30 th		



FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Rita Lacelle, Ron and Paulette Pearce, Filipe Garrido, Adeline Gendron, Roger Seguin, Phyllis Seguin and Peter Simard.

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 will be collecting specifically for the Christmas food baskets up to December 17, but please continue to donate throughout the year. Thank you for your cooperation in bringing a Merry Christmas to the less fortunate in our community.

ANGEL TREE CAMPAIGN



Soon you will see a tree at the back of the church with pink and blue angels on it. This tree represents the children that are helped with our Christmas Baskets. Each angel is a child that we help, showing their age on the back. We include a gift for each of them in our food baskets. We would appreciate if you would take one or two angels home and buy a gift for them. Please wrap the gift and have it returned to the parish by December 16th. You may leave them at the back of the church or bring them to the office. Please do

not include your name on the gift and make sure the angel tab is attached on the outside. Thank you for your support.

The Charitable Fund

A FUN WAY to spend a Saturday evening.



A sincere Thank You goes out to Michelle Cook Warden for hosting out first on-line Trivia evening. The game was well organized and easy to follow on Zoom. The questions and participants generated lots of queries and fun for all.

We are hoping to host another Trivia evening in the near future and ask that you pass the word along to family, friends and neighbors to join in. Stay tuned!

During this difficult time, our parish is striving to get folks together virtually as this is one of the safest ways to join in on some fun, get to see

friends and family and exercise your memory.

A HEALTHY WAY to spend a Thursday morning.

Another Thank You goes out to Diane Joannis who is offering another way to join in on some exercising, good company and fun. Diane is hosting a Thursday morning exercise class at 10:00 am. She is offering her expertise to teach cardio exercises as well as body sculpting. Exercises are geared to all levels and everyone is welcome. A one-time registration on our web site at NEWS EVENTS is all that is required.

A MIND-OPENING way to spend a Monday evening.

Another Thank you must go out to Pauline Leduc who is hosting a Monday evening at 7:pm session on Reflection on Scriptures. The participants are asked to read over the scriptures for the up-coming Sunday. Everyone is asked to take a few minutes to really reflect on what is written. The discussions that follow are very heartfelt and mind opening.

We are finding that each participant, when celebrating the mass the following Sunday, listens to and understands the homily more meaningfully. Join us by Registering on our web site.

<http://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/newsevents>

Ann Marie Plante
Social Warden