



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.

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

- Reading I Zephaniah 3.14-18a
Responsorial Psalm: Shout aloud and sing for joy: great in your midst is the Holy One of Isreal.
Reading II Philippians 4.4-7
Gospel Luke 3.10-18

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24:	St. Aloysius	7:00 p.m.
	St. Columban	7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day, Dec. 25:	St. Aloysius	11:00 a.m.
NEW YEARS		
January 1 st	St. Aloysius	11:00 a.m.



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.



Yes, due to popular demand, there will be a Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve . Is your child interested in participating? Are you interested in helping organize this event? Please sign up this Sunday (sign up sheet will be available after mass or leave a message at 819-663-5244.

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 or Diane Brownrigg at 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

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

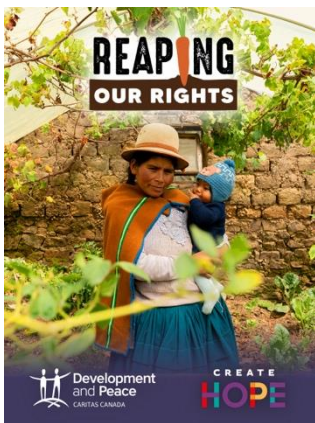
Devotion of our Lady of Perpetual Help

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.

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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE – St. Al's



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 20th. Thank you for your cooperation in bringing a Merry Christmas to the less fortunate in our community.

The Charitable Fund

ANGEL TREE

If you have taken an angel for the Christmas baskets, please bring your gift to Mass on Sunday or let Carol know when you will be dropping them off.

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 or phone 819-771-8391 ext. 307

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

-----**My Friends**-----

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Arielle Fogu - 15th

Carol Léonard - 16th

Gabriel Jolin - 28th

Bob Price - 30th

Arin-Benedict Kamguia – 18th

Paul & Adeline Gendron - 28th (59th)