

HERE I AM, LORD I COME TO DO YOUR WILL

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban
MY CHURCH, MY COMMUNITY, MY FRIENDS

MY CHURCH

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024*

Reading I	1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19
Responsorial Psalm:	Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.
Reading II	1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel	John 1.35-42

MASS Intentions:

Fri. Jan. 12	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. Jan. 14	11:00 a.m.	For Antonio Daniel Aguiar and deceased members of his Family by The Oliveria Family For Julia El-Chidiac by The Family
Sun. Jan 21	11:00 a.m.	For Agostinho Cabeceiras by The Oliveria Family For Yves Cyr by Gloria Cyr and Family

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION - Jan. 7: \$1919.00

FOOD FOR THOUGHT (AND FOR BODIES) IN PREPARATION FOR LENT - You are invited to a LUNCH & LEARN event on Sunday February 4th, 2024 in the parish hall after Mass. Come eat a meal and learn from professional missionaries Evalina and Eric Fillion from Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). This is how they present their conference:

"A Novena of Lents: Preparing with the Church for the 2000th Anniversary of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The year 2033 will mark 2000 years since an event that has shaped the course of human history: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What will this mean for the Church, for you, and for me? Eric and Evalina will share about what CCO is doing to prepare and how you can be a part of this extraordinary moment in history."

Speaker Bios



Evalina and Eric Filion were married a year and a half ago and are both professional Catholic missionaries with Catholic Christian Outreach, a Canadian university ministry. Eric is a native of Ottawa where he studied Engineering, Philosophy, and Theology at university. He has lived and worked as a missionary coast to coast: Vancouver, Saskatoon, Kingston, St John's, and Ottawa. He currently serves as a manager in CCO's HR department. Evalina was born and raised in Calgary before studying Biology and Concurrent Education at Queen's University in Kingston. After several years as a missionary on campus, Evalina has taken on a role in CCO's Formation department

before going on maternity leave to care for their first child, Eden. Eric and Evalina fell in love through their common passion for canoeing and adventure... but they believe that the greatest adventure is following Jesus.

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.

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

MAINTENANCE WARDEN – Unfortunately at our AGM Dec. 3rd, no one was nominated nor came forward to fill the Maintenance warden position. It is essential, by Quebec law, that we have six wardens. Please, seriously consider the possibility of volunteering for this by contacting the parish office or any one of the wardens.

Other Sign-Up sheets – At the AGM it was announced that we also need help in three areas: planning for an identifying **sign** in front of the church, planning for an **accessibility** lift or ramp to the hall, and responsibility for the monthly '**Meet & Greet**'. The duties are:

Front Sign: determine exactly what we want: the look, the size, the location, the labour requirements, the costs, etc.

Accessibility: We may have the opportunity to get funding from Novatio, the City, the QC government, to make our hall accessible to the handicapped. Here again, we need a well-defined plan with what we want, where we want it, quotes on costs, fundraising plans and who we partner with, time frames, estimate of who will benefit, etc.

Meet & Greet: get persons to donate snacks; make beverages, set up in the back of the church, clean up afterwards. If four persons volunteer, each would be assigned three months per year.

Please consider signing up on one of those sheets and **THANK YOU!**



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.

Sacramental Preparation

Families who have registered their child for the first sacraments: First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are invited to attend the First Session Sunday January 21 after Mass:

Starting at 12:30. and will end at 2 pm. All sessions end at 2 pm.

Bring your lunch.

note this date:: Fr. Greg will meet all the families on January 28th after mass.

We look forward to meeting all of you.

Louise MacMillan (cell: 819 319 4121) and Diane Joanisse

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.

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.

MY COMMUNITY

STAMPS – Let's get back into the habit of cutting out the stamps from our mail and putting them in the box at church. A member of Developments and Peace has already patiently counted 12,934 stamps that we had collected over the past few years in Gatineau. It is therefore a great invitation to resume our stamp collection. Did you know that since its beginnings in 1992, this initiative has raised more than \$600,000 for Development and Peace. Please place your stamps in the box labelled 'STAMPS' at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing this information with your friends and family.

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.

MY FRIENDS

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Alice Burich - 19th

Paulette Pearce – 26th

Mary Daly – 31st