



Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
1st Sunday of Lent

March 5/6, 2022

Reading I	Deuteronomy 26.4-10
Responsorial Psalm:	Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
Reading II	Romans 10.8-13
Gospel	Luke 4.1-13

*******COVID RESTRICTIONS –*******

Vaccination passports are no longer required to attend mass, however other restrictions remain in place, including social distancing, and continued use of disposable tri-fold masks.

Capacity is still limited to 50% or 72 people.

We thank you for your continued cooperation with these measures and we will continue to update you as the situation changes.

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

Feb. 27: \$1,525

MASS Intentions:

Sat. Mar. 5	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Samantha Lalonde by Irene Lalonde
Sun. Mar. 6	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Yo Forsyth by Nancy and Moe Lambert
Wed. Mar. 9	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. Mar. 11	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat. Mar. 12	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sun. Mar. 13	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Jeannine Dumais by Gaby and Mike McCann For Joao Oliveria Coelho by the Oliveria Family

LENT 2022

This week marks the beginning of Lent. With everything we've been through with COVID for the past two years, you'd think we never got out of Lent 2020. However, we seem to be nearing the end of the tunnel, the light is getting brighter. Vaccines and new drugs are making this disease less devastating. We can slowly rediscover a more serene approach to our "being together". We look to the future with a bit more confidence, especially since spring will be here in just a few weeks.

However, I worry about moving too quickly back to "normal" life without taking the time to reflect on the past two years with its provincial guidelines, social distancing and constant hand sanitizing. What have we learned during these two years? Are we emerging more attentive to each other, more sensitive to social issues, more respectful of diverse viewpoints? Has our sense of belonging to a Christian community found new ways of expression and of engagement?

Pope Francis believes this pandemic has revealed latent social fractures, problematic ways of being that we prefer to ignore. He fears a return to "normal" because, he believes, "normal" is not very satisfactory for the poor, the excluded, the voiceless and the undocumented. The war that has just broken out in Ukraine confirms his analysis: something is wrong in our world. He offers us new paths in his letters on universal fraternity, on safeguarding the environment, on the family and on the Gospel.

Let's take advantage of this Lent to read his texts, listen to his messages, reflect on the questions he asks. The synodal approach that he launched invites us to also gather with others to discuss these issues in prayer and respectful dialogue. By listening to each other attentively, perhaps we will hear the Spirit prompting us with ways for the future of the Church and of our world. I pray this Lent will be particularly fruitful for all of us.

+ Paul-André Durocher

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: A MOVEMENT OF SOLIDARITY



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, *People and Planet First*, offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse.

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH IS LOOKING FOR A NEW CUSTODIAN

The Wardens Board is looking for interested candidates to fill our vacant Custodian position. This is a part-time paid contractual position. The Custodian is responsible for a number of maintenance and janitorial duties for the church, rectory and hall on a weekly basis. If you are or know a reliable and hard-working individual who may be interested in this position, please contact the Maintenance Warden, Mike McCann for further details. He can be reached via the church office at 819-663-5244.

In the interim, given the current vacancy, we are looking for volunteers to help out with some of the basic maintenance and janitorial tasks until such time as a Custodian is in place. If you can spare some time during the week to assist, please also contact Mike for further details. We appreciate your on-going support.

St. Als Wardens Board

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Harold Kehoe, Atreyu Harvey, Adeline Gendron, Diane Morey, John Harney and Dennis Roberts (friend of Dez).

ONLINE EVENTS

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE – Food for Eternal Life

Our Monday night 7:00-8:00 p.m. zoom meetings for **Reflection on Scripture** has resumed. All are most welcomed to join in when you can; simply go to www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events to register and the link will be sent to you (register again even if you registered last term). It is really an opportunity and a privilege as a group to truly listen to what God is saying to us, enriching each other with our insights and then letting that seed germinate within us during the week, a week spent attentive to God's voice. So register now before you forget.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

John Stanyar - 6th
Diane Ford - 10th
Mary Connelly - 10th
Janice Nadeau - 14th
Anne Bokovay - 15th

Katy Brownrigg - 15th
Anthony Lalonde - 19th



QUILT RAFFLE



This beautiful Queen-sized (87x107) quilt in a "Framed Log Cabin" pattern and made by the Ladies of the St. Al's Sewing Group is ready to be raffled.

The quilt will be displayed at the back of the church and tickets will be made available there as well. Since we are still in the throes of the pandemic, we are being very cautious regarding the selling of tickets. We would suggest that, if you are interested in buying tickets, you take the ticket books home, complete them there and on your next visit to St. Al's, return the completed ticket stubs and payment. There will be a bowl placed at the back of the church for this purpose.

If anyone is interested in taking extra books to sell to family and friends - please do so. We would very much appreciate your help in selling the tickets as a portion of the sales will be donated to our parish.

If you are in need of more tickets please contact Carol in the church office.

Tickets are sold for:

\$5.00 for a full book (6) or \$1.00 for a single ticket

The draw for this beautiful quilt will be held at a later date.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

