



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.

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

- Reading I Jeremiah 33.14-16
Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Reading II 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2
Gospel Luke 21.15-18, 34-36

MASS Intentions:

Fri. Nov. 29	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. Dec. 1	11:00 a.m.	For Ligia Oliveria by Alina and Family For Laird Burke by his sisters
Fri. Dec. 6	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. Dec. 7	11:00 a.m.	For Margaret Paiement by The Gatineau Friendship Club

St. Aloysius Finances

Sunday collection - \$880 – November 24th Attendance: 103

New missals for 2024-2025 will be available at the Church entrance on Sunday, November 24th. The cost of these missals is **\$8.00** each. We have a few Youth Missals at **\$12.00** each.

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

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

Please note that any online donations made through the diocese in December, 2024 will only be received by St. Aloysius in January 2025 and will be included in the revenues for 2025, not 2024.

Thank you for continuing to support our Church.

Jo Anne Lambert
Finance Warden

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.





ST. AL'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 1st following the 11 o'clock mass. A light lunch will be served.



THANK YOU! – We had a wonderful time at our spaghetti supper Saturday November 23. The food was delicious. The décor was beautiful. The prizes made many adults and children happy. And this joyful event raised almost \$1,500 for our church! A great big THANK YOU to the many volunteers who set up, decorated, purchased the food and prizes, cooked, served, cleaned up! Thank you also to the Real Canadian Superstore who gave us a generous PC gift certificate. All of you who came and invited friends and family made it all worthwhile.



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 December 1st (sign up sheet will be available after mass this Sunday) 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

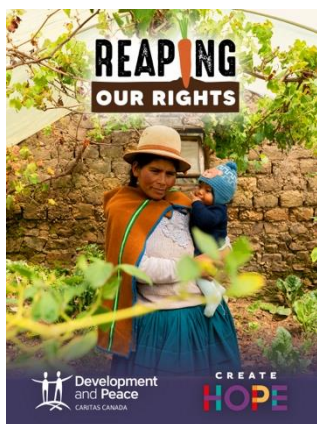
Devotion of our Lady of Perpetual Help

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 from October to April 2025. 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

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.

DIOCESAN RENEWAL / ADVENT SEASON: TOWARDS JUBILEE 2025.

A time of diocesan renewal will be held virtually to enter the jubilee year 2025. Below is the link to the meeting which will be held on Wednesday, December 4 from 7 p.m. to 9p.m., with the participation of two resource people, including Mgr Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, bishop of Hearst and originally from Gatineau.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82007765883?pwd=fETdKsBPGdqsxnBjB6gRfIEIAhA5z2.1>

ID de réunion: 820 0776 5883

Code: 594534

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:

- November 30, 2024
- 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

George Lemieux - 4th

Mike Groulx - 8th

Carol Léonard - 16th

Sanscia Nkwate - 25th

Paul & Adeline Gendron - 28th (59th)

Bob Price - 30th

Bob Nadeau - 5th

Arielle Fogu - 15th

Arin-Benedict Kamguia – 18th

Gabriel Jolin - 28th