



**Weekly Bulletin**  
**St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

***December 11/12, 2021***

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

**\*\*\*\*\*DECONFINEMENT STATUS\*\*\*\*\***

Masses at St. Aloysius church now allow up to 144 attendees given our current configuration of pews. Pre-registration is NOT required for mass attendance.

Disposable tri-fold masks remain mandatory (FABRIC or CLOTH MASKS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE) as per diocesan directives. Given vaccine passports are not required, procedural masks must now be worn AT ALL TIMES, even while seated in the church.

Social distancing is now set at 1-meter. The pews have been adjusted accordingly.

Upon arrival and during mass, attendees are not to move about in the church but must remain in their pews. During communion, those wishing to receive the Eucharist are to stand in their pew and wait for a Eucharistic minister to bring the Eucharist to them.

Wednesday and Friday morning masses will follow the same protocols as Sunday mass.

We will keep you informed of any further changes as they arise.

**ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION**

December 5: \$950.00

**St. Columban Mission will be closed for January and February 2022.**  
**The first mass in 2022 will be Saturday March 5 at 4:30 pm.**

## MASS Intentions:

Fri. Dec. 10	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Dec. 11	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sun. Dec. 12	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Richard Chisholm by Louis and Maureen Madore For Sheila Berrea by her family For Pat Lambert and Dick Butler by Moe and Nancy and Family
Wed. Dec 15	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. Dec. 17	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Dec. 18	9:00a.m.	(St. Columban) For the deceased members of the Foley and Burns families by Margaret and Gary Burns and Family
Sun. Dec. 19	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Harney and Whitworth Families by Lorraine Whitworth

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## 2021 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MGR PAUL-ANDRÉ DUROCHER



To a world that has problems building bridges between right and left, young and old, lifelong citizens and immigrants, God offers his Son, universal brother and warmest welcome.

To a world scarred by wounds, exclusions, judgments and violence, God offers his Son, haven of peace, source of healing and path of reconciliation.

To a world that ignores its own history while struggling to imagine a future, God offers his Son, the eternal Word that entered time to reveal the eternal breadth of all our moments.

To a world which seeks the meaning of things, a purpose in life, a reason for being, God offers his Son, embodied wisdom and light in the shadows.

To this efficient and connected world which still yearns for true encounter and faithful relationship, God offers his Son, the intimate friend who wants only our good.

May the children of this world have a beautiful child's Christmas, full of evergreens and snow, gifts and candy. But my deepest wish is that the adults of this world experience an adult Christmas: a time to recognize the depth of things, the fragile beauty of existence and the possibilities that the starry night of Bethlehem opens to us all.

Merry Christmas!

**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION 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).

If you have any questions contact Louise MacMillan– 819-643-1156 or email [gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com](mailto:gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com) or Diane Brownrigg at [djoanisd45@gmail.com](mailto:djoanisd45@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](mailto:st.aloysius@bellnet.ca)

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Reconciliation Service/Confessions – Friday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. (St. Aloysius)

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: St. Aloysius 7:00 p.m.

St. Columban 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25: St. Aloysius 11:00 a.m.

**NEW YEARS**

January 1<sup>st</sup> St. Aloysius 11:00 a.m.



**The 2022 collection envelopes are now available (new numbers)**

The 2022 collection envelope boxes are now available at the back of the church. To help reduce our operating costs, we have reduced and consolidated the number of envelope boxes for 2022. As a result, **some of you may have a new envelope number assigned to you**. Please make sure you note the new number when providing donations without using one of your envelopes to ensure we properly record your donations. Should anyone like to register for collection envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church where the boxes are. A box with your name will be generated within a week. Thank you.

Jim.  
Finance Warden

**ST. ALOYSIUS ANNUAL MEETING**

St. Aloysius Annual Meeting was held last Sunday. We are happy to inform you that we have three new Wardens that will start in January. There are: Diane Joannis, Shannon Lortie and Brian Peters. We thank them very much for their support to the parish.

Also we had the draw for the lovely artwork donated by Paulette Pearce. It was won by Gail Nadeau and second prize to Cathy Lachapelle. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and also to Paulette Pearce.

## **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: Atreyu Harvey, Adeline Gendron, Diane Morey, John Harney and Linda Matthews (cousin of Dez).

## **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 need everything. We will be collecting specifically for the Christmas food baskets up to December 17th, 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.

The Charitable Fund



### **ANGEL TREE**

Thanks to you, our parishioners we were able to fill all our requests for gifts for the needy children in our community. Please be sure to have the gifts wrapped with a tag with the age of the child on it and have them at the church before December 17<sup>th</sup>. Carol will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 2 and you can also leave them at the back of the church of Sundays or at Wednesday and Friday Masses. Thank you again.

## ONLINE EVENTS

### ST. AL'S VIRTUAL PAINT NITE: CHRISTMAS CHEER!



Looking for a fun activity to keep yourself busy on a chilly winter evening ? Join us on Tuesday, December 21st from 7:30-9:30pm for another fun 🎨 virtual Paint Nite. This event is an instructor lead class organized via

Don't forget to wear a Christmas 🎄 hat 🎩 and have your favourite Christmas beverage on hand!

How it works: Using the link provided after registration, join the Zoom session and follow along while our instructor guides you step-by-step through the featured painting. If you're feeling creative, change the colours to suit your décor or go completely

rogue.

#### \*\*WHAT YOU'LL NEED!\*\*

- 11x14 canvas (any size will work)
- Acrylic Paint -Primary Colours (White, Black, Blue, Red, Yellow)
- 3 Brushes (we suggest a small, medium and large brush)
- A tabletop easel (not necessary)
- Paper towel and a cup of water to clean your brushes

Note: You may need more black and white paint for this project.

#### **Limited to 12 participants**

Please register early to guarantee your spot!

[www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events](http://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/news-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.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events](http://www.stalloysius-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 AND ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Carol Léonard - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Bradley Burke - 20<sup>th</sup>  
Lina O'Brien - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Paul & Adeline Gendron , 28<sup>th</sup> - 56<sup>th</sup>

