



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

**MY CHURCH**

***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent***  
***Decemberr 17, 2023***

Reading I                      Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11  
Responsorial Psalm:        My soul shall exult in my God.  
Reading II                     1 Thessalonians 5.16-24  
Gospel                          John 1.6-8, 19-28

**MASS Intentions:**

Fri. Dec. 15	9:00 a.m.	For Raymonde and Harold Kehoe by the Family
Sun. Dec. 17	11:00 a.m.	For Louise Maheral by Brenda Maheral
Fri. Dec. 22	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. Dec. 24	11:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass (St. Aloysius)
	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass (St. Columban)
Mon. Dec. 25	11:00 a.m.	For Irene Aguiar and deceased members of her Family by The Oliveira Family

**ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION - Dec. 10: \$940.00**

**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.

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**



**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (Regular Sunday Mass) 11 a.m. St. Aloysius**

**Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m. St. Aloysius**

**Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m. St. Columban**

**Christmas Day, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - 11 a.m. St. Aloysius**

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#### **2024 St. Aloysius Budget - Diocesan approval**

On December 8th, the diocese approved the proposed St. Aloysius budget for 2024. Next year's budget (revenues and expenses) has been increased by about 10% overall given inflation and increased attendance. A copy of the detailed budget has been posted in the church for perusal. Should you have any questions about the budget, please contact the Finance Warden via the office (Carol).

Thank you.

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Decorating for Christmas will take place after mass on Sunday, December 17th. Once the decorating is completed, we plan to go for brunch.

If you are able to help, please contact Jo Anne Lambert, [jlambert204@hotmail.com](mailto:jlambert204@hotmail.com) or [819-663-9620](tel:819-663-9620).

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

**MAINTENANCE WARDEN** – Unfortunately at our AGM Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

**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](mailto:gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com) or Diane Brownrigg at [dioanisd45@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:st.aloysius@bellnet.ca)

## 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.

## THE 2024 COLLECTION ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The 2024 collection envelope boxes are now available at the back of the church. Thank you.  
Jim, Finance Warden

## -----My Community-----

**Help someone with your gift!** The Christmas season prompts us to reflect on our many blessings and the sharing of our gifts so that we may do more good in the world around us. As you contemplate the impact you wish to make, please consider the **Novatio Foundation** when planning your donations. It is a tangible way to express your faith and deeply held values while helping those in need. Whether through a [donation](#) or by naming the Novatio Foundation as a beneficiary [in your will](#), you breathe new life into parish and community organizations across the region, enabling them to continue to support those in need. Should you have any questions, please contact Monique Washnuk, Advisor, Philanthropic Development – [philanthropie@diocesegatineau.org](mailto:philanthropie@diocesegatineau.org) or 819-771-8391 x.323.

## 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.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your cooperation in bringing a Merry Christmas to the less fortunate in our community.

The Charitable Fund

## **OUR LADY OF VICTORY AND ST. MALACHY CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 23 - regular mass at St. Malachy at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 - regular mass at OLV at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) - mass at St. Malachy at 9:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day) -mass at OLV at 9:00 a.m.

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### **MY FRIENDS**

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER**

Arielle Fogu - 15<sup>th</sup>

Carol Léonard - 16<sup>th</sup>

Arin-Benedict Kamguia – 18<sup>th</sup>

Sanscia Nkwate - 25<sup>th</sup>

Paul & Adeline Gendron , 28<sup>th</sup> - 58<sup>th</sup>

Bob Price - 30<sup>th</sup>

