



St. Aloysius

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Gatineau, Quebec
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November 16/17, 2019

St. Columban

311 St. Columban Rd.
Gatineau, Quebec
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Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday 9:15 a.m.

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16/17, 2019

Reading I

Malachi 4.1-2

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is coming to judge the peoples with equity.

Reading II

2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

Gospel:

Luke 21.5-19

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

November 10:

\$863.40

Attendance: 65

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION:

November 9:

\$285

Attendance: 20

Fri. Nov. 15	9:15 a.m.	For deceased members of the Bourdeau family by Gord and Louise MacMillan
Sat. Nov. 16	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Willy and Eunice Murphy by The Family
Sun. Nov. 17	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Lenard Forsyth by Cathy Forsyth Smith For Pat Lambert by Moe and Family
Wed. Nov. 20	8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. Nov. 22	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Nov. 23	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) for Joe Connolly by Phyllis Mulcahey
Sun. Nov. 24	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Marie Cook by Gord & Louise MacMillian

The End

Today's readings continue the eschatological themes. They speak about "The Day of the Lord" or the "Second Coming" of Jesus in glory, as Judge, at the end of the world. They warn us about the final days of the world, our own death and the final judgment. Malachi, in the first reading, foretells this Day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and punishment for the "proud and all evil doers." St. Paul cautions the Thessalonians, in the second reading, against idleness in anticipating the end of the world. He advises Thessalonians that the best preparation for welcoming Jesus in his "Second Coming" is to keep working and doing one's duties faithfully, as he did. Today's Gospel passage clarifies that the date of the end of the world is uncertain.

The Jews cherish the Temple of Jerusalem not only as a place of worship but also as a symbol of their achievements for which they feel justifiably proud. Gazing at the Temple, Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple to the great surprise and consternation of the bystanders. Just like the Jerusalem Temple, our world today boasts of scientific and technological wonders, products of human inventiveness and skills. Like the Jews, we could rightly feel proud of these. The sin of the Jews here is that they identify themselves too closely with the temple and not sufficiently with the God of the temple. The sin of our times too is that we not only identify ourselves with the products of our human inventiveness and skills, but also are enamoured with them, forgetting the true God, our Creator and Lord.

Jesus also speaks about the end of time. Signs and portents, he says, will precede the end. When the world will end, we do not know. We should be more personally and more importantly be concerned about when our lives on earth will come to an end. Jesus' promise of the new heavens and a new earth should overshadow any fear we have of the end of the world. We need to attain permanence in a passing world by leading exemplary lives. We must remember that our homes, our Churches and even our own lives are temporary. Our greatness is judged by God, not on our worldly achievements, but on our fidelity to our Faith

and its practice in our loving service of others. How our faithfulness is expressed each day is the most important thing.

Jesus also speak about the persecution that awaits his disciples. They will have to suffer much. They, he says, will be called upon to testify before kings and governors. But their hour of persecution will be their finest hour because it will be an opportunity for them to witness more powerfully for the sake of the Gospel. History of Christianity testifies that times of great sufferings and trials have always had a purifying effect on Christianity. Christianity has always come out stronger and Christians more authentic disciples of Christ. We are, therefore, to persevere in our Faith, in spite of worldly temptations, attacks on religion and moral values by the atheistic or agnostic media, threats of social isolation, and direct or indirect persecution because of our religious beliefs. Let us conclude this Church year by praying for the grace to endure patiently any trials, for they are essential to our affirmation of Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : PUBLIC RELATION AND MAINTENANCE WARDENS NEEDED

We invite all parishioners to join us for St-Aloysius Annual General Meeting which will take place on Sunday December 1st in our church Hall following mass. We will be holding the election for two new wardens for the position of Public Relation and Maintenance. Should you feel you or know of someone that could fill these Warden positions please bring your nomination to any of our warden’s board members or contact Carol at the office. We would like to thank our departing wardens Shannon Lortie and Michelle Cook for their support contribution and commitment to the board and to our beloved St-Als parish!

We greatly appreciate your support to assist us in filling this position, Looking forward to seeing you there!

Yours truly, St- Al’s Warden’s Board

St. Al’s Annual Turkey Supper



will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 6:00 pm

For tickets see Ann Marie, Susan or Carol

Adults: \$15, Children 6 to 12: \$7

ST. COLUMBAN PARISHIONERS' Annual General Meeting and Fabrique Election.

The AGM will be held immediately after mass on Saturday, November 23, 2019. This meeting will provide a brief summary of the past year, identify priorities for 2020 and elect a new warden.

Paul Paiement's warden term will end on December 31, 2019.

The term for the new warden position will be from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023. Any parishioner who may be interested in serving as a warden is kindly asked to provide his/her name to Marc Maisonneuve. You may also nominate a parishioner of your choice for this position.

REGISTRATION PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS:

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist. Children must be able to read at grade 2 level or 7 years old or more in 2020 for First Communion & Reconciliation.

The preparation sessions for First Reconciliation & Communion will begin in Sunday January 19 2020 after mass (Two hours bring your lunch). An information session for parents will be held Friday night January 10th 2020 at 7 pm. If you have any questions contact Louise MacMillan – 819-643-1156 or email gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com or Louise Lortie, louise.lortie@hotmail.com

Registration forms for sacraments are available at the back of the church or contact the secretary, Carol Leonard at the church office, 819-663-5244. If your child was not baptized at St Aloysius, please bring a copy of the birth certificate.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Ron Lortie, John Cook, Roger Seguin, Phyllis Seguin, Jack Wiggins, Adeline Gendron and Dave Whitworth.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

What is it?

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children from ages 6 to 12 during most Sunday Masses from September through June. Any child in this age group may participate - no registration is necessary. Visitors can participate too.

