



## St. Aloysius

300 rue l'Abbé-Murray,  
Gatineau, Quebec  
J8P 4Z4

**December 7/8, 2019**

## St. Columban

311 St. Columban Rd.  
Gatineau, Quebec  
J8V 4E3

**Sunday 11:00 a.m.**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 4:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday & Friday 9:15 a.m.**

**Pastor** Rev. Albanus Ogowuihe  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**December 7/8, 2019**

Reading I Isaiah 11.1-10  
 Responsorial Psalm: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace  
 abound forever.  
 Reading II Romans 13.11-14  
 Gospel: Matthew 14.37-44

### ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

December 1: \$1282. Attendance: 64

### ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION:

November 30: \$352 Attendance: 24

Fri. Dec. 6	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Dec. 7	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Nora Ryan Somers by her estate
Sun. Dec. 8	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For all deceased parishioners of St. Columban And St. Aloysius by a parishioner For Dick Butler by Nancy
Mon. Dec. 9	9:15 a.m.	The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed. Dec. 11	8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. Dec. 13	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Dec. 14	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) for all parishioners
Sun. Dec. 15	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Alice Arsenault and Gilles Nadeau by Ann Smits For Henry and Inka Zawadka by the Family For Edgar Lariviere by Garage Lemieux

### **Significant changes in our parish registers**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**Peace and joy!**

We inform all parishioners that a major reform of our parish registers comes into effect on January 1, 2020, for all the dioceses of Quebec. This reform aims to simplify record keeping. From now on, only the parish's priest will sign the deeds of the registers (baptisms, marriages, funerals and burials). There will be no further reading of the deed, nor signature of the parents, godfather and godmother, husband and witnesses. For parishes with multiple places of worship, this will avoid having to transport the records from one church to another or to the cemetery with the risk of deterioration or loss. However, for marriages, spouses and witnesses will continue to sign the civil document (DEC-50), but not the religious register. It will always be possible for the person himself to request a certificate of an act concerning him/her by contacting the parish directly.

Note that parish registers are not accessible for genealogical research. Instead, contact *Bibliothèque et archives nationales du Québec*, which makes available twice as many older registers.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

May God bless you.

Fraternally, Rev. Henri Abena, Chancellor

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Mike and Pauline want you all to be aware that we do not have a 99 year lease on music ministry in St. Aloysius parish. If anyone wishes to contribute to this ministry, you are anxiously welcomed to offer your services. Though we really enjoy doing this, we know that we can't do it forever and we would gladly pass on the torch and share the "tricks of the trade" if necessary. Contact us after Mass or at 819-663-1121.



**“The native Amazonian peoples have probably never been so threatened on their own lands as they are now.”- Pope Francis, Peru, January 2018.**

This is true for Indigenous peoples, but also for traditional communities of the Amazon. Inserted in today’s bulletin you will find information about the Amazon, including two communities in Brazil under threat:

- The way of life of Machadinho d'Oeste's *seringueiros* (artisanal rubber tappers) is being destroyed by industrial logging.
- The Mura Indigenous people of Manaus were not consulted before a phosphate mining company began operations on their lands.

On the back cover of the insert, we are asked to **Take action!** by sending a letter of solidarity with 65,000 signatures to the seringueiros and Mura people. Next week, we will ask parishioners to sign a Solidarity Letter for the defenders of the Amazon.

For more information on this campaign or to obtain a deeper understanding of the Amazon, go to the following address:

<https://www.devp.org/en/education/fall2019/materials>

***For our Common Home: A future for the Amazon, a future for all***

## **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 will be collecting specifically for the Christmas food baskets up to December 20, 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 CAMPAIGN**

You may have seen a tree at the back of the church with pink and boy angels on it. This tree represents the children that are helped with our Christmas Baskets. Each angel is a child that we help, showing their age on the back. We include a gift for each of them in our food baskets. We would appreciate if you would take one or two angels home and buy a gift for them. Please wrap the gift and have it returned to the parish by December 16th. You may leave them at the back of the church or bring them to the office. Please do not include your name on the gift and make sure the angel tab is attached on the outside. Thank you for your support.

## 60 years worth acknowledging

December 20, 1955, English speaking Catholics attending St-Jean-Marie-Vianney, St-René-Goupil and Ste-Rose-de-Lima parishes sent a petition to Bishop Lemieux in Ottawa requesting the establishment of an English parish in Gatineau. The organizers of this petition were Marcelle DuBroy, Patrick Murphy, William LeClair and Louis Murphy. There were 238 signatures on the petition and there were 470 children of pre-school and school age of which 175 were attending English classes in Gatineau. Their concern was for English religious instruction.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Reconciliation Service/Confessions – Dec. 18<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.
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## NEW YEARS

January 1 <sup>st</sup>	St. Aloysius	11:00 a.m.
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## REGISTRATION PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS:

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 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7 pm. If you have any questions contact Louise MacMillan – 819-643-1156 or email [gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com](mailto:gordandlouisemacmillan@gmail.com) or Louise Lortie, [louise.lortie@hotmail.com](mailto: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

**“THAT HE MAY TEACH US HIS WAYS”** – Let’s use this time Advent, as we await the final coming of our Lord, to honestly listen to the Spirit of Jesus within each of us and see whether we are doing everything we can, as a community, to cooperate with God in making His ways a reality for everyone right here in Gatineau. On **Tuesday night, January 21, 2020**, Julie Cool will be coming to our parish to animate an evening of reflection and sharing on how we can become a better parish, one closer to God’s ways today and what we need to do that. Please reserve that night right now so that we can all contribute our bit of wisdom.