

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28, 2020

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| Reading I | 2 Kings 4.8-12a, 14-16 |
| Responsorial Psalm: | Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord. |
| Reading II | Roman 6.3-4, 8-11 |
| Gospel: | Mathew 10.37-42 |

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

June 21: **Regular Collection:** \$450, **Operating expenses** \$100

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ZOOM MASS 10:00 am

Sunday, June 28, 2020 For Arthur and Violet Foley by The Family

MASS in CHURCH

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| Sunday, July 5 | 11 a.m. | (St. Aloysius) For The Dwyer Family requested by Carol and Pierre |
| Wednesday, July 8 | 9:15 a.m. | For the parishioners |

The Reward of Hospitality

In the sacred tradition of Israel, hospitality was seen as one of the main responsibilities of a caring people. Some classes of people were regarded as those who needed special care. They included the stranger, the outsider, and the ware-farer. This was in response to the Law: *“if a stranger lives with you in your land, do not molest him. You must count him as one of your countrymen and love him as yourself – for you were once strangers yourselves in the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God (Lev. 19:33-34).”* In our first reading, we see, in Elisha’s welcome by a childless woman who lived in Shunem, a radical show of hospitality. Her reward for welcoming a holy man is the best she can have: a family. The story has a very important message: to show the blessing that God has in store for those who cooperate with those that proclaim His Word. Elisha represents all those who leave their country, family and a comfortable and easy life to enter into the service of God. Such people do not need only clothes and food. They seek people who understand them, somebody to love and appreciate them, somebody that may share the work they are doing. The second reading, taken from Paul’s letter to the Romans, reminds the Roman Christians, and us, that by Baptism we have been baptized into Jesus’ death, buried with him, and now look forward to resurrection with him (Rom 6:5). As He died to sin, we, too, must be dead to sin and *“live for God in Christ Jesus.”* Since Baptism is our entrée into this new life in which we are made part of the Body of Christ, and Christ is truly present in us, the one who welcomes us welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for a reward. Thus, since those who care for

the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward.

The Gospel concludes Jesus' great missionary discourse in which he instructs his disciples on the cost and the reward of commitment required of a disciple. Jesus, speaking about loving not family members more than him, is not attacking family life. He is rather giving a warning to his disciples of the conflicts and misunderstanding they will experience through their living out the Word and thus becoming prophets, proclaiming God's will and living presence among His people through their own lives. What Jesus means is that all loyalties must give place to loyalty to God. If members of the family act unjustly, one must, in conscience, separate oneself from them. As Flor McCarthy writes "The true Christian is a threat, a source of division, a light that shows up the darkness, and is resented by those who want to remain in the darkness." Above all, all those who become followers of Jesus belong to a new family. It is a family where every single person, including relatives, friends and even strangers are truly brothers and sisters.

In the second part of the Gospel, Jesus states that anything done to His messengers is as it were done to Him. Giving hospitality to a preacher or a believer is the same as welcoming Jesus. When Jesus is welcomed into communities who see him as holy messenger from God, the people receive a holy man's reward: the poor hear Good news, the sick are healed, and sinners are forgiven. They receive their own reward for the hospitality of a faith that welcomes Jesus. Their hospitality goes beyond bed and breakfast and goodbye. It is mostly the act of opening their hearts to the visit of God in the person of Christ which changes them. Jesus wants welcome to be extended to his disciples and messengers. We therefore owe hospitality to others in Jesus' name. Receiving a man or woman of God who teaches God's truth is equivalent to receiving God Himself. Anyone giving so much as a cup of cold water to a disciple of Christ, because he is a disciple of Christ, will most certainly not lose his/her reward.

Supporting your local prophets and ministers means first listening to them. But it also means taking practical steps in supporting them in their ministry. As Jesus says "*whoever welcomes you welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.*" In end it is God that is welcomed. The basis of all hospitality therefore is that we all belong to God's family, and that every person is our brother or sister. Brothers and sisters, we are called to be hospitable. Hospitality means encountering the presence of God in others, usually where we least expect to find Him. The virtue of hospitality is the virtue of recognizing this presence of God in others and nourishing this presence. How does our community consider those responsible for the various ministries? Are they well considered and supported or are they unjustly criticized or the victims of envy and jealousies? Happy Sunday!

St. Aloysius is re-opening on Sunday, July 5th!

♪♪ Gather your people, oh Lord, gather you people oh Lord! It is with great pleasure that we announce the re-opening on **Sunday, July 5th at 11:00 am**. In order to be able to open our doors we had to follow specific directives from the government and diocese. This means Mass will be somewhat different than before, more specifically, the number of persons that can be in the church. For this first phase of deconfinement, a maximum of 50 persons will be allowed to enter. So please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the celebration. If the maximum has been reached, you will unfortunately not be permitted to enter the church.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please carefully read the **'Directives for Parishioners'** below for further details.

Weekday Mass will also begin on Wednesday, July 8th at 9:15 am. There will be no Friday Mass until further notice.

Should you have any questions please contact Julie McCann at jdmccann@videotron.ca or 819-598-2609.

♪ Sing a joyful song to the Lord! Alleluia! Let the heavens and earth rejoice! Alleluia!

Directives for Attending Mass

For the health and safety of all, please clearly follow the directives noted below.

STAY AT HOME IF...

If you have flu-like symptoms or have been in contact in the preceding 2 weeks with someone who has COVID-19 or has travelled out of the country, you should not come to church. If your health is fragile due to old age or have pre-existing medical conditions, you are encouraged to stay home. No one is obliged to participate in Sunday Mass when their health is at risk.

ARRIVE EARLY FOR MASS

Use main doors to enter (the side door will be restricted to the Ministers).

No more than fifty people (including the priest and Ministers) can attend Mass at the same time during this first phase. If you arrive at the last moment, the limit might be reached and you will not be able to enter the church. Seating in churches will be designated to ensure that physical distancing is observed among people from different households. You will have to wash your hands upon entering and wait for those ahead of you to have taken their place. For these reasons, please arrive **fifteen minutes (15)** before the start of the celebration.

You are also encouraged to wear a mask and bring your own hand sanitizer (should you need some during the Mass).

IN THE CHURCH

Please listen and follow the instructions given to you by the Ushers. Arrows on the floor will indicate the routes to follow to get around the church. Go immediately to your pew and remain there at all times with the exception of going to receive communion. Please observe physical distancing at all times and touch as few surfaces as possible. Do not sit in areas marked with an X (ends of pews).

You are asked not to sing aloud, because singing disperses particles further than speaking. Offer the sign of peace from your pew.

Sunday Missals will only be available to those who wish to purchase one (\$7) and then take it home. Sharing of missals or hymnals is not permitted.

The sacristy and altar areas are restricted to the priest and designated sacristan.

FOR COMMUNION

During this first phase, communion will only be distributed by the priest under the species of bread. It will only be given in the hand (please open your hand). If you wear a mask or gloves, you will remove them before proceeding towards the front. You will extend your arms as much as possible to receive the Body of Christ, in order to maintain the distance between you and the priest. He will have purified his hands before the distribution of communion and will wear a mask. He will not say "the Body of Christ" and you will not have to answer "Amen". If he touches your hands at this point, he will pause and purify his hands again before resuming the distribution of communion.

Communion will NOT be offered in a pyx for another person, whether at church or at home.

One pew at a time will get up to receive communion starting with the east side wing, then the west, followed by the central pews. Please wait for an Usher to guide you.

AT THE END OF MASS

We will exit the church starting with the pews closest to the doors, one pew at a time, while observing physical distancing. You are not to gather with friends on the steps of the church, but to leave the area immediately so as to avoid gatherings on church grounds.

Baskets will be placed at the exit for you to place your donation or collection envelopes.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to the Savoie and Campbell Family on the passing away of Rita this week. Her funeral will be held at St. Columban.

May she rest in peace.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Adeline Gendron, Roger Seguin, Phyllis Seguin.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAY FOR JULY

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| Diane Joanisse | 2 nd |
| Yves and Gloria Cyr | 4 th – 67 yrs. |
| Paul Gendron | 13 th |
| Dick and Jane Pickering - | 15 th - 53 yrs. |
| Nancy Grenier-Lambert | 16 th |
| Gary Burns | 20 th |
| Robert Lalonde | 22 nd |
| René-Paul Gendron | 28 th |
| Louise MacMillian | 31 st |