



Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban
My Church, My Community, My Friends

-----**My Church**-----

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Confession: Available 15 minutes before weekend Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: By appointment. Registration required. Please call or email the office.

First Communion &

Confirmation: Registration required. Please call or email the office.

Wedding: Couples are asked to call the office for an appointment **at least one year** prior to their date of marriage to allow adequate preparation time. A marriage course is required.

Visiting the sick: Please call or email the office to make arrangements.

Passion (Palm) Sunday
March 29th, 2026

Entrance Gospel: Matthew 21.1-11

Reading I: Isaiah 50.4-7

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Psalm 22)

Reading II: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66

PALM SUNDAY - COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM



For this Sunday's procession into the church, we will gather outside the church, on the walkway leading up from Alice Street (weather permitting). Fr. John will bless the palms, read the entrance Gospel, and then we will proceed into the church. Please do not take the palms before they have been blessed.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(brought to us by Fr. John)*

Palm Sunday

The best preparation for today's celebration is to enter into the Palm Sunday procession with your Redeemer. You will show your solidarity with his humility and obedience as the means to conquer yourself and the world around you and make it a better place, more like the kingdom of God. If you are unable to do that, then take some time today to read the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of Matthew. If you cannot read, then listen to Matthew's Passion by JS Bach. If you are unable to read or to listen, view one of the many videos on the Passion of Jesus. If you are unable to do any of the above three, then pray quietly the Stations of the Cross or the Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary. The mystery of our redemption lies in remembrance in faith of what God has so lovingly suffered to save us from eternal death. You owe your soul this least of offerings which nobody but God can give you.

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

Friday, March 27 th	9:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving for Michel Patrick Leblanc by Monina Leblanc
Sunday, March 29 th	11:00 a.m.	For David Whitworth by Lorraine Whitworth
Tuesday, March 31 st	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners

SCHEDULE OF LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES AND MASSES

(all taking place at St. Aloysius unless otherwise specified)

Friday, March 27 th	7:00 p.m.	Pre-Triduum Catechesis
Saturday, March 28 th	7:00 p.m.	Pre-Triduum Catechesis
Tuesday, March 31 st	7:00 p.m.	<i>Chrism Mass at <u>St. Joseph's Cathedral</u></i>
Thursday, April 2 nd	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Mass
Friday, April 3 rd	3:00 p.m.	<i>Good Friday Service at <u>Our Lady of Victory</u></i>
Saturday, April 4 th	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 5 th	11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Mass at St. Aloysius
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Sunday Mass <u>at St. Columban</u></i>

CHOIR PRACTICE

As you know, this year Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil celebrations will be held here at St. Al's. On **Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m.** we will have a practice of all the hymns we will be singing for those two celebrations as well as for Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome!

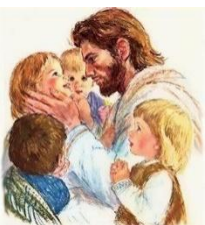


PRE-TRIDUUM CATECHESIS

Do these feasts mean anything to you? Diwali, Eid Al Fitr, Vesak and Passover. These are the principal feasts of the great religions, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism and Judaism, respectively. Do you know the meaning of the greatest Feast Day of your Catholic Faith? Can you explain it to others? Come and be informed and strengthened in your faith for the coming celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. Know your faith, love your faith and spread your faith. **Please join us on Friday, March 27th and Saturday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m.** for two one-hour conferences to introduce you to the most joyful and holy days of your Catholic faith.

PRE-ADOLESCENT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Do you have children 8-12 years of age? We are beginning a pre-adolescent faith formation program at St. Aloysius on Saturdays. Ideally the sessions will be held from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. every Saturday. You are encouraged to offer your child this opportunity to grow in the faith. Please contact the parish office at St. Aloysius to enroll your child. This program is open to the four parishes, St. Aloysius, St. Columban, Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy.



LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Children ages 7 and up are invited to gather in the hall 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 take turns in leading this activity.

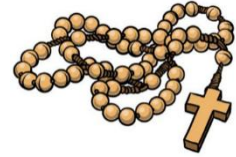
SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



On **Monday nights, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, we have a virtual gathering to reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings. This very pleasant gathering requires nothing more than a willingness to listen carefully to what God is telling us and to enrich each other with our perceptions. All are welcome! If interested, please send an e-mail to the parish office.

ST. AL'S MISSION OF PRAYER

The Parish Pastoral Council invites us, as a community, to focus on prayer. The weekly Zoom meetings to pray the Rosary together are on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** Please use the following link to join:



<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81922462787?pwd=JVXJApqCypbxbHyMj2nAO1kcWLbPAV.1>

-----My Community-----

FURNACE FUNDRAISING

**** AS OF SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, WE HAVE RAISED \$17,977.44! ****
Thank you all for your generous support!



KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

We are almost half-way in our fundraising to pay for our furnaces!

It is important now to expand our donor base. If you have not already done so, please share the following with your friends and family. Tell them what our problem is and invite them to check the following:

- <https://donorbox.org/st-al-s-furnace-fund> - please donate to help us and/or click on the button to share on your Facebook page.
- www.staloysius-stcolumban.com - there is now a button to click to donate to our fund.
- st.aloysius@bellnet.ca - send us an e-transfer and be sure to specify that your donation is for our furnace fund.

Do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 819-663-5244 if you have any questions! Thank you so much for your generosity; keep up the enthusiasm!

ST. ALOYSIUS FINANCES

Sunday collection – March 22nd: \$1,383.85 Attendance: 78 adults

Thank you all for being so generous in helping to support our Church.
Jo Anne Lambert, Finance Warden

QUILT RAFFLE



We have sold \$1,000 worth of tickets for our quilt raffle!!! It will be drawn at the Meet & Greet on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Good Luck to all! We are so anxious to see who will win this beautiful quilt!

BAKERS NEEDED!



This is a request for bakers and a chance to showcase your culinary skills! There will be **BINGO** taking place in the basement of the church on **Saturday, May 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** and we need volunteers to bake their goodies as prizes for the Bingo. You may contact Nadine, Consolar or Ethel to volunteer, and there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. We hope to have a good turn out, as this is all in good fun to raise funds to cover the purchase of the new furnaces! \$5.00 per bingo card and of course children are welcome, for there will be games for them as well, and refreshments and treats for everyone! Thank you for helping and mark that date – May 2nd – in your agenda!

HALL RENTAL

Would you love to have family and friends over for a special occasion but simply do not have the space? Your problem is easily solved: rent our parish hall! Simply phone our hall warden Syveren Kamguia at 343-551-7586 to reserve the date and time and arrange for payment. Please let your colleagues and acquaintances know about this possibility.



Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2026!



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the ***On Track for Justice*** campaign with your Share Lent donation. Your donations will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

DIOCESE NEWSLETTER

Learn more about the events taking place within the Archdiocese of Gatineau by signing up for their newsletter: <https://www.diocesegatineau.org/en/newsletter/>

-----My Friends-----

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Suzanne and Glenn Harvey's family and Adeline Gendron.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Ann Marie Plante	7 th
Ora Crisologo	9 th
Ethan Tutor	10 th
Diana Foley	18 th
Isabel Carolina St-Louis	20 th
Carole Douaire	26 th
Daphne Vachon	26 th



If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary included in our bulletins, please email the office at st.aloysius@bellnet.ca or call us at 819-663-5244.

We wish to celebrate all parishioners!