

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.

Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord
April 5th, 2026

Reading I: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Psalm 118)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

Gospel: John 20.1-18

MASS/SERVICE SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

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

Thursday, April 2 nd	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, April 3 rd	3:00 p.m.	<i>Good Friday - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord <u>at Our Lady of Victory (Buckingham)</u></i>
Saturday, April 4 th	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil- Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 5 th	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Mass - Resurrection of the Lord <i>Easter Sunday Mass - Resurrection of the Lord <u>at St. Columban</u></i>
Tuesday, April 7 th	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Immediately following the Holy Thursday Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration, until midnight. On Friday morning (April 3rd), there will be Adoration from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. All are welcome. **If you are planning to keep watch with the Lord, please sign up for a time on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. This will permit Father and Dez to take a short break when necessary. Thank you!**

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

The Paschal Mystery (The Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ)

During his earthly life Jesus announced his Paschal Mystery by his teaching and anticipated it by his actions. When his Hour comes, he lives out the unique event of history which does not pass away: Jesus dies, is buried, rises from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father "once for all."⁸ His Paschal mystery is a real event that occurred in our history, but it is unique: all other historical events happen once, and then they pass away, swallowed up in the past. The Paschal mystery of Christ, by contrast, cannot remain only in the past, because by his death he destroyed death, and all that Christ is - all that he did and suffered for all men - participates in the divine eternity, and so transcends all times while being made present in them all. The event of the Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life. **(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1085)**

My dear brothers and sisters, how privileged we are to participate in the whole Paschal Mystery of our Lord Jesus Christ! By the Paschal Mystery I mean, the Death Burial and Resurrection of Jesus. One Mystery! There is nothing really to compare with this privilege. Nothing! My hope and prayer is that you will all make every effort to keep the whole Triduum (or a good part of it) as a priority for your whole life. To say, "it's worth it!", is a gross understatement! It is worth eternity! And that is not an overstatement but a simple fact of our baptism!

I have asked that a good part of the Sunday bulletin be dedicated to the Triduum with the hope that at least some part of it may reach you if you cannot celebrate the whole. Here is something for each day. Just one paragraph a day if you cannot attend any of the celebrations. Happy reading and praying!

Consider Holy Thursday

The Lord gives us the gift of his own priesthood. He gives it to the whole Church through the Sunday Eucharist and the priesthood of the bishop and priest. But he also gives that same priesthood to the whole world, through you, through the exercise of your priesthood, wherever you find yourself offering your family, friends, coworkers, and events local or universal to Jesus, through Jesus and with Jesus, to God. It is like bringing up the gifts at Mass except that here, the aisle and altar is your own priestly heart. Take time to offer to Jesus all that you feel inspired to offer him who intercedes for you personally and for the whole Church and human family.

Consider Good Friday

It is possible to really accompany the Lord Jesus in his Passion even if you are living two thousand years after him! We know well what it is to accompany an elder parent or close friend to the end, washing their soiled laundry, sitting by their bedside or buying them their groceries. They are physically close to us and occupy our thoughts and affect our emotions. By our baptism we are joined to Jesus' own Body. It is he who has drawn near to us. Our closeness to him is more his work than ours. He was looking out for us when he made it possible for us to accompany Him through his public ministry right up to his Cross. He is consoled when we pause and think of him in his silence when he is accused unjustly, his forgiveness on the Cross, his love as he looks down on each of us and gives us his Mother. We are astonished at his recollection and calm despite the humiliation and cruelty directed against him. In all this he is showing us how our old way of doing things is healed and is passing away! Take time to walk with him, to understand the heart that is beating under those wounds so that you can understand your own heart! Think about him, he is thinking a lot about you today.

Consider Holy Saturday

Close yourself in your room today and turn off the lights for an hour. Bury yourself in your "tomb" for an hour. Consider how in the vast embrace of his love Jesus joins all others in the realm of the dead. Death seemed like an eternal prison in the hell of the just. It would be so for us too, if he did not die! But there was a difference. He went into the realm of the dead as Saviour. By doing that he touched the souls of men and women and children of every time and place who had died and were longing to be freed from the chains of death. He wanted to share his victory with them over the mystery of death so that even the dead could hear his voice and live as when he preached to the living on earth. The demons and Satan fled their posts because all their prisoners were freed by one more powerful than they. Consider how Jesus has taken away the sting and fear of that last hour for you! How he has pardoned you all your sins. Awake O Sleeper!

Consider the Easter Vigil

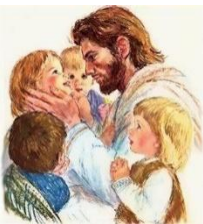
It was a long forty-year march across the desert of Sinai before the Israelites reached the Promised Land. Many of our lifespans as Christians exceed that of the Israelites. But suppose you walked a Compostella Camino with God? That is what the Easter Vigil is like! God's Compostela with us! The Risen Christ is with us because death could not conquer him. He is journeying with us! He is there to feed us with hope (his Word) with a food reserve that has a long shelf life (the Eucharist) with pure water that also purifies (Holy Spirit in baptism), real endurance for the journey (the Oil of Chrism at Confirmation), real Friendship (the parish worshipping community), a real break in the journey (Confession from our tiring sinful labours!), consolation in the face of the final Enemy (the Sacrament of Anointing) and his leadership and guidance (the ordained ministers and lay faithful who share his responsibility or that of the bishop). The Easter Vigil is actually God's longest journey which fits into our short lifespan! And it is not finished. All the readings are pointing to these saving acts of God on our behalf. We listen to them for two hours, but their effects are encountered every Sunday.

Consider Easter Day

Mary Magdalene probably did not get much sleep from Good Friday to Easter Morning. She was so eager to see the Lord again, even if it was his dead body! How many times we visit the grave of a spouse or of someone we deeply loved? Only this grave site was empty! It was emptied by God himself. The message is that one day our tombs will also be empty forever! We are in the tomb only for a short sleep! Read often the Resurrection passages and marvel at the empty tomb, the folded linen cloths, the appearances of the angels who testify that he is risen. But above all marvel at the fact that he is alive and very near you, both within your heart and in all the events of your life. Nothing of concern to you is hidden from his care for you. Nothing! But that realization also comes by letting go of his feet and clinging to him in faith that he is risen. Alleluia!

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.

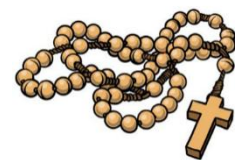
SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



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>

MEET & GREET



Please join us this **Easter Sunday, April 5th**, after Mass, in the church hall, for our monthly **Meet & Greet**. It's an important time for us all to come together as a community and to wish each other a blessed Easter season. We will also be holding the **draw for our quilt raffle!** Good luck to all! We are so anxious to see who will win this beautiful quilt!



FURNACE FUNDRAISING

This Sunday, April 5th, we will have a second collection during Mass, to raise funds for the furnace replacement. You can use the special envelopes available at the entrance if you want a tax receipt or put money in the basket as it passes.

**** AS OF SUNDAY, MARCH 29th, WE HAVE RAISED \$18,082.44! ****
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 29th: \$1,111.30 Attendance: 88 adults & **26 children!**
– Development & Peace (March 22nd): \$333.45
– Monthly donations through diocese: \$725.00

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

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.



-----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

