



# ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH



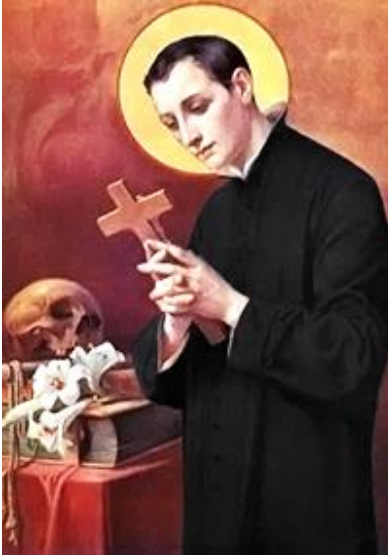
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Date: December 3, 2023



## ST. ALOYSIUS MISSION STATEMENT

*We, as a Christian Community, Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Strive to live our Baptismal Promises by using our time, talent and treasure to reach out to others **as Jesus did.***

## PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

FR. DONBOSCO MAWDSLEY, SMA

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAYS 9:30AM at STE. LOUISE-DE-MARILLAC CHURCH  
(corner Honoré-Beaugrand & Ste. Claire)

## SECRETARY

JOANNE TROTTIER

## CONFESSIONS

QUARTER OF AN HOUR BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

## BAPTISMS

CONTACT OFFICE FOR INFO

## WEDDINGS

CONTACT OFFICE MINIMALLY SIX MONTHS BEFORE MARRIAGE

## H.O.P.E. COMMITTEE

EMMA LISI  
JOYCE MONTANARO  
JOANNE TROTTIER  
TONY SECONDO  
MANON LEGAULT

## WARDENS

MICHELE NARAYANAN  
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## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Blue Mondays: MONDAYS - 8:00PM  
ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH CENTRE  
(8402 de Marseille St., Montreal)

\*Meetings to resume soon: details TBA

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

SUNDAYS - 8:00PM  
ST. BRENDAN'S HALL  
(5740 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., corner Rosemont)



## MASS INTENTIONS



**For This Week:**

Sunday, December 3  
and  
and

**Intentions are for:**

BETTY TROTTIER  
ALLAN CROOKE

**Healing Intentions for:**

DAN HUNT

**Requested by:**

Her loving husband, Bob  
Jacques Beaulieu

Joanne Trottier

**For Next Week:**

Sunday, December 10  
and

**Intentions are for:**

GIOVANNI AND BRIGIDA LISI  
PEGGY BRUNET

Scolastica Calce  
Jacques Beaulieu

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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** for this week:

Chloe Russo (5), Fr. René Gagnon (6),  
Mary Wiltshire (8)

**CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY:**

No anniversaries listed.

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## Saint Jeanne d'Arc

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894, the French Catholics who were fighting an anticlerical French government were jubilant: Pope Leo XIII declared Jeanne d'Arc "venerable", the first step to sainthood. Among those who were celebrating was Saint Thérèse Martin, who identified herself more and more with Jeanne. She was declared blessed on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1909 by Pope Leo XIII and was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1920.

Now her case is quite extraordinary. I do not know of another case like hers. It is a case against the separation of Church and State. It is a case of someone nobody wanted to believe and no one really wanted. It is a case where even the beneficiaries of her actions did not protect her when the time came.

Jeanne was one of three children of Jacques d'Arc and Isabelle Romée, who were pious peasants of Domrémy, close to the province of Lorraine. She said that from the age of 13 she had visions of Saint Michael the Archangel, and Saints Catherine and Margaret. Among other things, they told her to drive the English out of France and to have the Dauphin anointed King at Reims.

Of course, the French local commander was not impressed with her mission. But then she told him about a military defeat just having taken place, which was only reported days later and of which she could not have guessed. So, he permitted her go under escort to see Charles VII at Chinon. She was dressed as a male soldier and mounted a horse. She was able to recognize the Dauphin among his courtiers, and was able to reveal to him things he only could know.

The Dauphin had her examined by ecclesiastics to make sure she was indeed doing God's work. They vouched for her character but could not guarantee divine inspiration. They suggested to test her claim that she would succeed in lifting the siege of Orléans. She was given armour and continued fighting in male clothing. Her presence had a galvanizing effect on the army and the English lifted the siege, as she had predicted. She had had a standard made bearing the names Jesus and Maria with a picture of God the Father, kneeling angels and a fleur-de-lys. She also sent a message to the King of England with an ultimatum to leave French soil. A quick campaign followed and on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1429 Charles VII was anointed King of France at Reims with her in attendance.

All these successes were not welcomed by the nobles surrounding the King. At every step they tried to marginalize her. So, when she was taken prisoner by allies of England, these were able to sell her to the English. The latter decided to fight fire with fire, and had her convicted by an ecclesiastic court of heresy and, especially, of cross dressing. The jurors basically had the choice of either finding her guilty or being found dead. So, she was taken and burned at the stake on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1431 at Rouen. Once dead, her body was cremated twice and the ashes were dumped in the Seine.

So then, why was she canonized? That will have to wait for next week...

To be continued.

# ST. ALOYSIUS BULLETIN

December 3, 2023



## ST. ALOYSIUS' NEWS

### HYMNS FOR

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

- **OPENING: 441 – O Come, Divine Messiah**
- **OFFERTORY: 717 – Whatsoever You Do**
- **RECESSIONAL: 622 – Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

### FATHER DONBOSCO:

#### AVAILABILITY FOR MINISTRIES

Please note that Fr. Donbosco is available to bless homes and cemetery graves upon request. He is also willing to visit the ill and bring communion.

For any requests, you can call Fr. Donbosco directly at 438-937-3767 or leave a message at the office. Please note that Father does not have a car. He can easily manage if the visits are close to the parish. If someone is able to bring him to a hospital or residence in question it would be most appreciated.

### COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Your 2024 Collection envelopes will be available in the next few weeks. If you do not have a parishioner number and would like to receive a box of collection envelopes for tax purposes, please see Joanne.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Sunday, November 26, 2023:**

St. Aloysius Parish: \$273.00

H.O.P.E.: \$460.00

Sunday Missals: \$10.00

If any of you still have your church envelopes for Parish Dues it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring them in during our Sunday collection. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### WARDENS' ELECTIONS

Immediately following today's 9:30 a.m. Mass, there will be a gathering of parishioners in order to elect three wardens. **Jacques Beaulieu** has expressed an interest in running for a second term. As well, we will be electing two parishioners to begin their first term of three years.

### H.O.P.E. COMMITTEE:

#### CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS/ ADOPT-A-CHILD CAMPAIGN

During the months of October, November and December, all of H.O.P.E.'s collections will go towards our annual Christmas Baskets (gift cards) and Adopt-a-Child Campaign. Once again, we are helping families from two local schools along with families in need in our community. We sincerely thank you in advance for your generosity. It is through your kindness that we are able to help those in need during the Christmas season.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Moving forward, all cheques for H.O.P.E. must be made out to 'St. Aloysius Parish' ('H.O.P.E.' on memo line).

**Most importantly**, cheques **cannot** be combined with donations to both H.O.P.E. and St. Aloysius Parish. Unfortunately they will be returned to you. We are sorry for this inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

### 2023/2024 SUNDAY MISSALS

Your new 2023/2024 Sunday Missals are now available at the back of the church. A donation of \$5 would be greatly appreciated to help cover the costs. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Please see below the dates and times of our Masses:

- **Sunday, Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Morning Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent), 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Mass, 9:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve Morning Mass, 9:30 a.m.
- **Monday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>,** New Year's Day Mass, 9 a.m.

Please note that there will be **no** **Mass** held on Christmas Day.

All our masses will be held at Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church (7901 Ste-Claire t., Montreal, H1L 1W2).

We look forward to welcoming you during this Christmas season.

### HELP NEEDED

One of our parishioners is looking for some work. If anyone would like some help with household chores, please see me at mass or call the office and I will put you in contact with our parishioner.

Thank you,  
Joanne

**Blessings on your week and thank you for your stewardship. Stay healthy and well.**

### PRAYER FOR PEACE, HEALING

In your prayers, please remember in a special way **Mark, and Faith Halsey**, and all those who are ill and suffering.

***May I be at peace.***

***May my heart remain open.***

***May I be aware of my true nature.***

***May I be healed.***

***May I be a source of healing to others.***

***May I dwell in the breath of God.***

- Saint Teresa of Avila

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