



ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH



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Date: January 21, 2024



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

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JOANNE TROTTIER
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ALMAGE 50+ CENTRE

8680 Hochelaga St.
(West of des Ormeaux St.)
Tel: 514-355-1712

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 15th Ave., corner Rosemont)



MASS INTENTIONS



For This Week:

Sunday, January 21
and

Intentions are for:

GIOVANNI AND BRIGIDA LISI
MARINA CHANCEY

Requested by:

Scolastica Calce
Her loving mother, Patricia

For Next Week:

Sunday, January 28

Intentions are for:

FR. JOSEPH P. SULLIVAN

St. Aloysius Parish

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS for last week:

Jordan Letang (21), John Henry (23),
Natasha McArdle (26)

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY:

No anniversaries listed.

The “Shema Israel”

It is likely that most of you do not know what this title refers to, and this is hardly surprising. These two words in Hebrew are translated into English as “Hear Israel”. There is still a good chance that this last bit of information is of no help yet again. These two words are the first two of verse four of Chapter Six of Deuteronomy. In the translation found in the Breviary, it reads: “**Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.**” This injunction is then followed by clear statements proclaiming its foremost importance: people are to make sure never, but really never, to forget this commandment by having to put reminders all over the place.

In this day and age, this injunction sounds very odd. Lots of people do not believe that there is such a thing as God; or, if it exists, it is what got the “Big Bang” going and so started our Universe, which now unfolds according to the laws of Physics, Chemistry, Biology, etc. It follows that this is hardly at all involved in the World, except as a concept. In which case, the above-mentioned verse is totally devoid of meaning. One does not love a concept; one loves a person.

Who are the first persons one loves? Normally, are they not father and mother and the extended family? Is it not because as a child we are totally dependent on them? They provide us with food, shelter, love, warmth, all that we need for our survival. And we love our parents because they have loved us first, showing that love in providing for us. This is also why later we love our leader if he provides for our security, judges justly, saves us during war, and so on.

God is really the One who provides for us, who looks after us. What the injunction also states is that He is the only One. And so, we absolutely need to cling to Him in love.

It is hardly surprising that Jesus called the Only God, His Father, as He clung absolutely to Him, and thus relied absolutely on Him, and accepted absolutely to do His will. He understood His total dependency on Him; that He owed everything to Him. And so must we. God is not a concept, but a loving Father. Basically, the only proof of the existence of God that matters is provided by our relationship with Him. Indeed, we can know that God is our Father, that it is good to depend on Him, to pray to Him, to converse with Him.

— *Authored by Jacques Beaulieu*



ST. ALOYSIUS' NEWS

HYMNS FOR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

- **OPENING: 660 – Sing A New Song**
- **OFFERTORY: 719 – Blest Are the Pure In Heart**
- **RECESSIONAL: 694 – They'll Know We Are Christians**

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Sunday, January 14, 2024:

St. Aloysius Parish: \$225.00

H.O.P.E.: \$59.55

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

2024 Collection envelopes are available. If you do not have a parishioner number and would like to receive a box of collection envelopes for tax purposes, please see Joanne.

TAX RECEIPTS

Your 2023 tax receipts will be ready by the end of February.

WARDENS' MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Wardens was held this past week on **Wednesday, Jan. 17.**

H.O.P.E. COMMITTEE

Our 2023 H.O.P.E. Action Report is now available at the back of the church. It is also posted on our website.

Thank you,
The H.O.P.E. Committee

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All cheques for H.O.P.E. must be made out to 'St. Aloysius Parish' (memo 'H.O.P.E.'). **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.

LE P'TIT PÈRE: APPEAL FOR DONATIONS OF SHOES/BOOTS

Fr. Jean-Pierre Couturier devotes much of his time repairing and donating shoes and boots to the homeless. If you have men's shoes and/or boots that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate it if you would donate them to this cause. You can bring them directly to the church or drop them off at the office. Thank you in advance for your help!

COMMUNITY NEWS

RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES/INDIVIDUALS: LOCAL FOOD BANK

If you or someone you know who resides in the following areas: Montreal-East, Tétraultville, Anjou, Pointe-aux-Trembles or Rivières-des-Prairies, are in need of a food bank, **Cuisine Collective à Toute Vapeur** can provide some assistance. Food bank distribution is open Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., corner Sherbrooke East/Henri-Bourassa East. Delivery and/or group meal prep may be available. For more information, call 514-640-6024.

NURTURING YOUNG SOULS: BEST PRACTICES FOR PRAYING WITH CHILDREN

An interactive, online workshop designed to help equip parents/grandparents and/or catechists with effective strategies and best practices for guiding children in their prayer life. Hosted online via the Zoom platform, on **Monday, Jan. 22**, from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Among the key topics covered:

1. Creating Sacred Spaces
 2. Interactive Prayer Methods
 3. Incorporating Music and Art
 4. Addressing Challenges
 5. Encouraging Personal Reflection
- Learn more and register online at the following link:

[Praying with Children Workshop](#) or contact Marie Françoise Poynee at 514-925-4300, ext. 272.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND HEALING

In your prayers, please remember in a special way those in our parish family and among our loved ones who are ill, suffering or in convalescence, especially:

Mark, Faith Halsey
Bobby Squires,
Claris Mascarenhas, John Henry,
Mathilda Dias, Diane Vanin,
Jeannie Wayland, Dan Hunt
Stephen Pomerleau

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

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

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