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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sundays 9:30AM at Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church

(corner Beaugrand & Ste Claire). Streamed on Facebook and available on YouTube.

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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.**



MARCH 9, 1568 – JUNE 21, 1591

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's Mass Intentions are for

ELIZABETH AWUNTUBA

MARIANNE KOWALCZYK

JOSEPH NOEL MASCARENHAS on anniversary of his birth

Requested by

Jacques Beaulieu

Pauline Topolniski

The Mascarenhas Family

With special prayers of peace and healing for

Piers Corsi

Bobby Squires

Claris Mascarenhas

John Henry

Mathilda Dias

Diane Vanin

Jeannie Wayland

Stephan Pomerleau

Margaret Martell

Mary Bardo

Roger Laporte

Lise St. Amant

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

Opening Hymn: 695 – God Gives His People Strength

Readings: Page 100

Offertory Hymn: 711 – Lord Of All Power

Recessional Hymn: 443 – On Jordan's Bank

Birthday greetings for this week:

(25) Oliver Raddack, (27) Joseph McArdle

Celebrating an anniversary:

(26) Claris & Francis Mascarenhas

Next week's Mass Intentions will be for

Betty Trottier & Alma Cormier on their birthday

Requested by

Joanne, Chloe & Chelsea

Healing Intentions will be for

Three, separate, private healing intentions

Nancy Curran

Message from our Parochial Administrator

God is good all the time. Greetings of Peace and Joy to all. Christmas is a special time for us. This year's inauguration of the 2025 Jubilee adds more blessing and joy. "Pilgrims of Hope" is the theme of the Jubilee. It is wonderful to start this pilgrimage of Hope on the day of Christ's birth. From the beginning, the whole creation has been a pilgrim of Hope. On the day of Christ's birth, the shepherds and the wise men became pilgrims of Hope. When they met Christ at the grotto of Bethlehem He brought them Joy and Peace. They continued their pilgrimage to bring this Joy and Peace to the whole creation as pilgrims of Hope. Like the shepherds and the wise men, let us also begin our pilgrimage from Christ on this Christmas day, as pilgrims of Hope, to bring Joy and Peace to the whole creation and meet Christ in the glory of our Heavenly Father. May Our Blessed Mother of Good Voyage help us. Amen.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Hope-filled Jubilee year to all.
With love in Christ,
Rev. Dr. Donbosco Mawdsley, SMA

Thérèse and the Sacred Heart

Last week we published a letter from Bishop Tom on the subject of Faith and Hope. This week I suggest an excerpt from the Sainte Thérèse Missionary Centre Winter Magazine run by the Capuchins. As you know the Capuchins run the Sanctuaire Notre Dame de la Réparation and Padre Pio. They also have a house within the parish boundaries where brother Jacques prepares the various texts and sees to helping their various missions. I did not write the original text, I simply got permission to translate it into English.

...Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus was taken by the immense devotion (to the Sacred Heart) which took over France in the Nineteenth Century. On the other hand, her devotion took some specific characteristics, very different from those found at the time. At the age of fifteen, she found a way to summarize her relationship with Jesus: «The One whose heart was beating in unison with mine.» Two years later, when one talked about a heart crowned with thorns, she wrote in a letter: «You know, I do not see the Sacred Heart like everybody else, I think the heart of my spouse is mine alone, like mine is his alone and I then speak in the solitude of this marvellous heart to heart while waiting to contemplate him one day face to face.»

In a poem, Thérèse explains the meaning of her devotion:

«I need a heart burning of tenderness
Remaining my support without any return
Loving all in me, even my weakness...
Never leaving me, night and day...
I need a God taking my nature
Becoming my brother and to suffer!
Ah! I know it well, all our justices
Have in your eyes no value at all...
And I choose for my Purgatory
Your burning love, O Heart of my God»

The example of Mary-Magdalena wetting with her tears the feet of Jesus, whom she touches for the first time...will entice Thérèse to say that Her heart has understood the chasms of love and mercy of the Heart of Jesus, and that, sinner though she is, that Heart of love is not only ready to forgive her, but also to provide her with the blessings of his divine intimacy, to bring her to the highest summits of contemplation. And Thérèse to continue... «since it was given to me to understand also the love of the Heart of Jesus, I must tell you that he took away from my heart all fear. The reminiscence of my sins humiliates me, brings me to never count on my strength which is only weakness, but even more that this remembrance talks to me of mercy and love».

«If I had committed all possible crimes, I would still have the same confidence, I feel that this multitude of sins would be like a drop of water in a roaring fire. What pleases Him, is to see me love my smallness and my poverty, it is the blind confidence I have in his mercy... This is my only treasure... If you want to feel joy, an attraction to suffering, it is consolation that you are looking for... Understand that to be able to love Jesus, to be his love victim, the more one is weak, without desires, nor virtues, the more one is prone to the operations of this consuming and transforming Love... O! How I would want you to understand what I feel!... It is confidence and nothing but confidence that bring us to Love».

She writes to her sister Léonie: «I assure you that the Good God is much better than you think. He is content with a glance, with a sigh of love... For me I find that perfection is easy to practice, because I have understood that one has only to take Jesus by the Heart... Look at a small child, who has got his mother angry with him... if he goes to her with his outstretched little arms smiling while saying: «Kiss me, I will not do it again». Will not his mother press him tenderly against her heart and forget his childish mischievousness? ... Although she knows that her dear little one will do it again on the next occasion, but it does not matter, if he takes her by the heart never will he be punished.»

«... perfection is to me easy, I understand that it is sufficient to recognize one's nothingness and to let go like a child in the arms of the Good God».

- Authored by Jacques Beaulieu

WARDENS' ELECTION

RESULTS: A meeting of parishioners was held on Sunday, December 15th, 2024 for the purpose of electing two wardens and the renewal of another. Congratulations to Patricia McMahon and Peter Yefi as they prepare for their first term as wardens. As well we would like to congratulate Tony Secondo as he begins his second term. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Michele Narayanan and Jacques Beaulieu for their dedication during their terms as wardens. We also want to acknowledge and thank Michele for staying on as our accountant. Thank you all for your service.

FOOD COLLECTION

For many years Dalkeith has been collecting food for St Aloysius Parish. On December 18th Tony and I picked up non-perishable food items at Dalkeith School. The children have been bringing in food to help the less fortunate. We delivered (to quote a gentleman from Ste Louise-de-Marillac) a mountain of boxes to St Vincent de Paul at Ste Louise-de-Marillac Church. The people in charge, namely Mr. Roy and Mr. Breault extend their gratitude for this generous donation. This collection will help build their pantry for the winter months to come. Thank you to the families at Dalkeith School for their generosity.

Joanne

2025 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Your 2025 Collection envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you do not have a parishioner number and would like to receive a box of collection envelopes for tax purposes, please see Joanne.



H.O.P.E COMMITTEE

Manon Legault Emma Lisi
Joanne Trottier Joyce Montanaro
Tony Secondo

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS / ADOPT-A-CHILD

Through the generosity of its parishioners, HOPE has reached its goal. Thank you for all your support. We could not have done this without your help.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All cheques for H.O.P.E. must be made out to 'St. Aloysius Parish' (memo line: 'H.O.P.E.'). **Most importantly**, cheques **cannot** be combined with donations to both H.O.P.E. and St. Aloysius Parish.

♥ THANK YOU SO MUCH! ♥



My loving Jesus,
I choose You, this Advent,
as my King and my God.
I abandon myself to You
and seek to put all
my trust in Your tender care.
Draw me close to You
and free me from my sin
so that I may love You
with a pure and holy heart.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Mass at 9:30PM
Sunday, December 29th: Mass at 9:30AM
Wednesday, January 1st: Mass at 9:30AM
All masses will be held at Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church. We look forward to welcoming you during this Christmas Season.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 2024: We pray that this Jubilee strengthens our faith, helping us recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, and transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

FR. DONBOSCO - 438-937-3767

Fr. Donbosco is available for:

- blessing homes
- blessing graves
- visiting the ill
- bringing communion
- baptisms & weddings
- confessions (15 mins. before & after mass)

Father has no car but can easily manage close-by visits. For further away visits, a lift would be appreciated.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024 - Thank you for your generosity!
St. Aloysius Parish: \$2,070.00 Propagation of Faith: \$0.00
H.O.P.E.: \$1,125.00 Missals: \$5.00

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A site by a 'so-so' singer,
and a fellow parishioner. 😊
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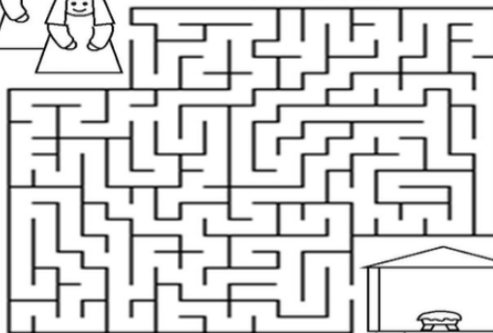
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ADVENT WEEK 4 - LOVE



Help Mary and Joseph get
to the stable.



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