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# St. Aloysius Parish

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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.**

### PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

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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, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Mass Intentions are for

**FR. MIKE McKENNA**

**THREE SEPARATE HEALING INTENTIONS**

**MARIA WILSON** on tenth anniversary

Requested by

Saint Aloysius Parish

Nancy Curran

Michael, Monique, Debbie, Carol & Mike

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

Pierre Guimond

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: 650 – Holy God We Praise Thy Name**

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**Offertory Hymn: 698 – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

**Recessional Hymn: 603 – Faith of Our Fathers**

**Birthday greetings for this week:**

(23) Luigi Montanaro, (25) Fr. Donbosco Mawdsley,

(27) Regent Campion

**Celebrating an anniversary:**

No anniversaries listed

Next week's Mass Intentions will be for

Carole Guerard

Patricia & Marina Chancey

Requested by

Scolastica Calce

Saint Aloysius Parish

## Bernadette, Lourdes and the Sick

The 11<sup>th</sup> of February the Church celebrated Our Lady of Lourdes, whose mouthpiece was a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous who communicated with her while she was standing in the cave of Massabielle. That day was the first of the lady's eighteen apparitions. Bernadette was told to drink water from a spring inside the cave; for that she had to use her hands and dig for it. She just managed to get a bit of very dirty water to drink. That was the only result of her dialogue with Mother Mary. Bernadette had to relate every thing she said as she was the only one who communicated with Mother Mary. By the way, the apparition was of an extremely beautiful girl of 12 years of age, much younger than most statues. The apparition said that she was the Immaculate Conception. In passing, it could have been the age Mother Mary was when Jesus was born.



Everything else just happened. The little wet spot in the cave gained in importance and although the cave was barricaded to make sure no one could access it, more water trickled from it, such that a spring now comes out of the cave. People immerse their sick in that water and are cured.



Of course many have refused to accept those cures: psychosomatic, it was said. But unfortunately for them, many cures were undeniably miracles. Holy Mother the Church, always wary of such, made sure to check everything. But the faithful came in ever greater numbers for healing by the waters of that stream.

Many from the Roman Catholic Oxford Chaplaincy took part in a yearly pilgrimage to Lourdes, to help the sick immerse

themselves in the waters. I was told that this was life-changing, as there were thousands of people of faith. May I add that all were cured, perhaps not of what they were hoping for but all were invigorated by God's grace. What Lourdes shows is that God takes care of us in our sickness, just like Jesus took care of the sick while on earth. This is why it is also the day of the sick. By the way, Bernadette understood that it is not Lourdes' water that heals, but faith, just like in the Gospels Jesus cannot heal someone without faith.

Bernadette was sickly. She had contracted cholera as a small child and she suffered from asthma all her life. Her parents were very poor. After the apparitions at age 14, she retired to the mother house of the Sisters of Charity and Christian Instruction in Namur where she became a nun. Her health prevented her from becoming a Carmelite. She died in Namur, in her convent, at the age of 35. Her body is incorrupt.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Mass will take place on **March 5, 2025 at 11:00AM** at our parish centre located at 8402 Marseilles. It will be presided over by Fr Richard Authier.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is a period of 40 days, not including Sundays, marked by repentance, fasting, prayer and ultimately, celebration of Christ's resurrection. This 40-day period represents Jesus' time wandering the desert where He fasted and was tempted by Satan. Lent asks Catholics to set aside this period for similar fasting marking an intentional season of focus on Jesus' life, ministry, sacrifice and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday always happens 40 days plus six Sundays before Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere. It is referred to as the Paschal full moon.

Sacrifices made during Lent are voluntary and personal. However, fasting on Ash Wednesday and not eating meat on Fridays during Lent are mandatory unless you are too young, elderly or can't fast due to health issues.

## JOIN ALMAGE & HELP OTHERS

The 50+ centre promotes a "senior helping senior" approach to service delivery. The goal of Almage is to improve the quality of life of seniors who live independently. The programs and services are designed to enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their community involvement.



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## H.O.P.E COMMITTEE

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## 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!** ♥

## HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO GIVE

Julius and Mathilda Dias have some household items to donate such as crockery, dishes, dinnerware, utensils and more. If you can use some of these items, please contact Julius and Mathilda at (514) 352-7668.

## WITH GRATITUDE

Heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners who have donated treats, juices, cups, coffee, the coffee machine and funds for our After Mass Coffee'n'Treats. It is much appreciated!

## RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES/INDIVIDUALS: LOCAL FOOD BANK

If you or someone you know who resides in the following areas: Montreal-East, T traultville, Anjou, Pointe-aux-Trembles or Rivi res-des-Prairies, are in need of a food bank, *Cuisine Collective   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.

## POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

**FEBRUARY 2025:** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

## 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, Feb. 16, 2025 - Thank you for your generosity!**  
St. Aloysius Parish: \$90.00 Parish Dues: \$0.00  
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A site by a 'so-so' singer,  
and a fellow parishioner. 😊

Welcome and enjoy!



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**Saints of the Week**

**23<sup>rd</sup>: Saint Polycarp**  
? - ?

**24<sup>th</sup>: St John Theristus**  
1049/?/? - 1129/?/?

**25<sup>th</sup>: Saint Tarasius**  
730/?/? - 806/?/?

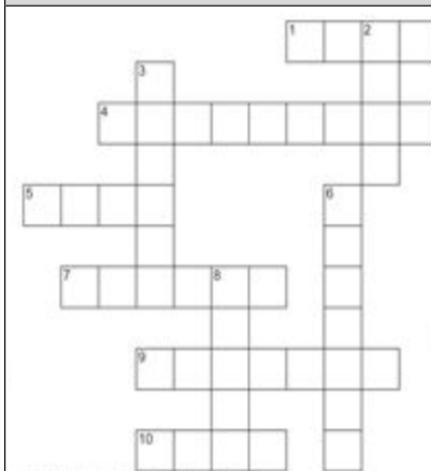
**26<sup>th</sup>: Saint Isabel of France**  
? - ?/02/23

**27<sup>th</sup>: Saint Leander of Seville**  
534/?/? - 600/?/?

**28<sup>th</sup>: Saint Hilary, Pope**  
? - 468/02/28

**1<sup>st</sup>: Saint David**  
?/?/? - 589/?/?

**SAINTS CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**ACROSS**

- 1 Saint \_\_\_\_\_ Diego saw Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 4 On this saint's feast day, you might give cards to your friends
- 5 Saint \_\_\_\_\_ of Arc
- 7 This saint was the earthly father of Jesus
- 9 This saint taught people about the Holy Trinity using a three leaf clover
- 10 The mother of Jesus

**DOWN**

- 2 This saint was Saint Mary's mother
- 3 We believe people who go to Heaven become \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Saint \_\_\_\_\_ of Assisi
- 8 This saint was the first pope