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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, MARCH 2, 2025

### EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Mass Intentions are for

**CAROLE GUERARD**

**SIMON KELAHEAR**

**PATRICIA & MARINA CHANCEY**

Requested by

Scolastica Calce

His loving wife, Rosemary

Saint Aloysius Parish

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:** 689 – The Lord Is My Shepherd

**Offertory Hymn:** 708 – I Will Never Forget You

**Recessional Hymn:** 604 – The Church's One Foundation

**Readings:** Page 201

**Birthday greetings for this week:**

(7) Ashwin Mascarenhas

**Celebrating an anniversary:**

No anniversaries listed

Next week's Mass Intentions will be for

Pietro Straccini

Three separate private healing intentions

Requested by

Jacques Beaulieu

Nancy Curran

## Lent

Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of Lent. It is the day called Ash Wednesday as it is the day where Catholics receive the ashes on their foreheads with the solemn words «Remember, o man, that you are dust and into dust you shall return» or, more «modern», the words «Repent and believe in the Gospel».

Lent is the time of the year when we meditate on our mortal condition and our imperfections, on our sins. We understand that we are not on this Earth for a very long time; the very long time follows our life on Earth. We are trying to make it to Heaven. We are on this Earth to prepare for our eternal life in Heaven, when we will be with God.

It is interesting to recall what happened to many Kings and Emperors in the Middle Ages. These people in Europe were acting in very violent ways, fighting their enemies from various Kingdoms and Empires. They would decide at one point that they had to save their souls, and so join various convents to atone for their sins. They were in a way doing their Lent.

Lent is a time of the year where we do penitence. That means giving up something, accepting to abstain from something we like, cutting down on our expenses so we can give to others what we saved.

Fasting is the easiest way to do penance. Alms giving is the way to give to others what we have saved. And it is through love that we manage to give to others what we did not use.

Our religion is one of sacrifice; Lent is a season of hardship. The idea is of expressing our love of God and Man by giving to others what we could have had for ourselves. From selfishness to selflessness.

One thing which is very important is to act in secret. We do not want to perform these acts so as to be considered good Christians; Christians are not looking for notoriety while performing these acts of kindness to others. We should act in secret; otherwise, we receive compliments and acknowledgements and so have already received our rewards.

Some might say: the rich have much more chance of doing good because their means are greater; they also have more chance of being noticed, and that is bad. But really, what counts is the sacrifice of each person. For some, a small amount is a lot considering their meagre resources; for others, it is insignificant considering their abundance. What is most important is the love involved.

## 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.

### Mass Intentions: For the People

Opening Hymn: 485 – Take Up Your Cross  
 Recessional Hymn: 640 – O God Our Help In Ages Past

## 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!



### H.O.P.E COMMITTEE

Manon Legault Emma Lisi  
 Joyce Montanaro Tony Secondo

### 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!

## ST. JOSEPH ORATORY – WAY OF THE CROSS

The pastoral team of the Oratory invites you to participate in a **bilingual Commentated Way of the Cross**, held in the Crypt Church **every Friday at 3:15 p.m., from March 7 to April 11, 2025.**

This Way of the Cross offers an opportunity to reflect and meditate on Jesus' journey from his condemnation to his crucifixion and burial, in order to better understand the meaning of his sacrifice.



## POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

**MARCH 2025:** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## 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. 23, 2025 - Thank you for your generosity!**  
 St. Aloysius Parish: \$250.00 Parish Dues: \$0.00  
 H.O.P.E.: \$45.00 Missals: \$0.00

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physics, theology, dog parks or  
genealogy, all composed bilingually.*

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[JacquesBeaulieu.ca](http://JacquesBeaulieu.ca)

A site by a 'so-so' singer,  
and a fellow parishioner. 😊

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**Saints of the Week**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Saint Agnes of Bohemia**  
1211/?? - 1282/03/02

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Saint Katherine Drexel**  
1858/11/26 - 1955/03/03

**4<sup>th</sup>: Saint Casimir**  
1461/?? - 1484/03/04

**5<sup>th</sup>: Saint John Joseph of the Cross**  
1654/?? - 1734/03/05

**6<sup>th</sup>: Saint Colette**  
1380/01/13 - 1447/03/06

**7<sup>th</sup>: Saint Ardo**  
? - 843/03/07

**8<sup>th</sup>: Saint John of God**  
1495/?? - 1550/03/08

**POPE FRANCIS - "...TYRANTS WILL ALWAYS FAIL"**

