

Serving the English Catholic Community in East End Montreal since 1908



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.**

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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 23, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Mass Intentions are for

MIKE MICHALISZYN

THREE SEPARATE PRIVATE HEALING INTENTIONS

Requested by

Diana, Ron, Kevyn and Eric

Nancy Curran

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: 482 – Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Readings: Page 230

Offertory Hymn: 687 – Father, I Have Sinned

Recessional Hymn: 485 – Take Up Your Cross

Birthday greetings for this week:

(25) Margaret Michaliszyn, (29) Vito Dachille

Celebrating an anniversary:

No anniversaries listed

Next week's Mass Intentions will be for

Teresa Mormina

Malcolm Orrell

Requested by

Scolastica Calce

His loving mother Cynthia and family

The Meaning of Life – I

Why do we exist? Why does Creation exist? Do those questions have answers? Why does Holy Mother the Church exist? Is there any point to it? We have extraordinary knowledge about the Universe, about its laws. We have knowledge that goes back thousands of years. Do we not see the huge progress that has been accomplished during that time? One out of every three children did not see his first birthday just a hundred and twenty years ago. This is now in the past thanks to our new medical knowledge. Aren't we far superior to our ancestors in our knowledge of medicine, physics, biology and the rest? Why do Christians – that is, us – still hold on to ideas that are two millennia old?

For a couple hundred years at least, some people have stated that the Holy Mother Church is part of false knowledge accumulated through the centuries, but is that really the case? How can we tell? It has been said that religion is the opium of the people. How do we test such a statement?

Science has no answers about why Creation and Man exist: it just accepts these. Science basically states that there is no way to answer these questions. Another way to put it, is that there are questions which have no answers and it is unscientific to ask them.

But when we look at Creation, we know some basic things. We all know that children need to be protected. Parents instinctively are there to nurture them, protect them, show them how to live. We know that when young men and women fall in love and decide to build a family, the men will fight to protect their wives and children; will give their lives for them. We know that mothers will take humongous risks to save their unborn child. That parents will give their lives for their children. This is why humans continue to exist and form the groundwork of society. What causes this to happen? Does science give a reason why? Put in different terms, what is **the meaning of life for humans?**



Holy Mother the Church has the answer to those questions, and these are the questions that matter. The answer is love! People know that acting properly, with respect will, resolutely, give them real happiness in this world and in the World to come. Saint Paul made it clear: if there is no life to come, we are the most to be pitied. We are ready to sacrifice ourselves for our children: what is the point without Life Everlasting? We know instinctively that it is the right thing to do, but why is it? Again, the answer is Love. And we all know that «God is Love». By our sacrifice to Love our children we accomplish our *raison d'être*: to become part of that Love Who created us in His image and likeness. That is the meaning of life!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Eanjaln and Leo on the baptism of their son **Dheeran Raphael**. The baptism took place on March 1st in India where their family resides. They returned home to Montreal last Saturday March 15th. May God's grace guide your family, protect you, and shower you with endless blessings

LINKS FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Explore the grace and power of the sacraments with an all-new video series on Lent at relevantradio.com/Lent.

Season 5 of The Chosen is now streaming for free on The Chosen app and on Prime Video. It is also available on DVD, on Blu-Ray and you can also watch at www.thechosen.tv.



H.O.P.E COMMITTEE

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Joyce Montanaro Tony Secondo

2024 ACTION REPORT

HOPE's 2024 Action Report, showcasing the achievements HOPE was able to attain with your donations will soon be available.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

The HOPE Committee is preparing for their Easter Activities. They are presently purchasing items for the F.R.I.E.N.D.S. of St Als, as well as gifts for the residents of GRACE DART. This year we will be providing gifts for 185 residents of Grace Dart. Those gifts will be delivered the morning of Good Friday.

We are also providing gift bags for approximately 25 F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

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! ♥

SPRING PRAYER

May the sun's warmth awaken the land,
And the gentle rain nurture the seeds of hope.
May the birdsong fill the air with joy,
And the earth bloom with vibrant life.
May we find renewal in this season,
And a deeper connection to the beauty around us.

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, 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.

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, March 16, 2025 - Thank you for your generosity!
St. Aloysius Parish: \$345.00 Parish Dues: \$0.00
H.O.P.E.: \$93.50 Missals: \$0.00

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*If you are nosy, or just plain bored.
Keen on history or on facts of yore,
physics, theology, dog parks or
genealogy, all composed bilingually.*

You just might fancy

JacquesBeaulieu.ca

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

Welcome and enjoy!



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Open Monday to Friday from 8:30-4pm

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Full course meals and
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11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
7655 Roi-René/Chateaufort Blvd.
Anjou, QC H1K 3G9
Tel: 514-352-8076

Saints of the Week

23rd: Saint Toribio
1538/?? - 1606/??

24th: Saint Aldemar
?/?/? - 1080/?/?

25th: Saint Dismas
?/?/? - 0/?/?

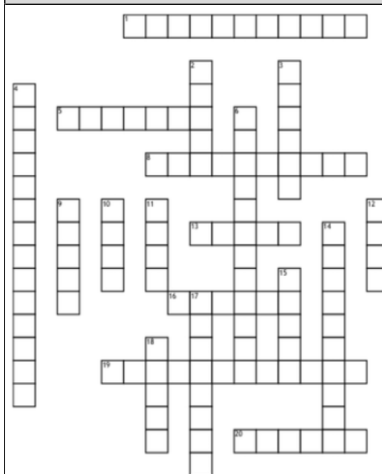
26th: Saint Margaret Clitherow
1555/?/? - 1586/03/25

27th: Saint Rupert
660/?/? - 710/?/?

28th: Saint Venturino of Bergamo
1304/?/? - 1346/?/?

29th: Saint Berthold
?/?/? - 1195/?/?

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY



Across

1. What comes after Lent (2 words no space)
5. What is often practiced by individuals during the Lenten Season?
8. Holy week begins with? (2 words no space)
13. How many Days are observed in Lent? (Not including Sundays)
16. Lent is "a time to reflect upon baptism, a time for rebirth and renewal in preparation for the celebration of _____"
19. What is the first day of Lent? (2 words no spaces)
20. What is the "Color" of the Lent Season?

Down

2. The day before Easter is called Easter
3. The word Lent means _____
4. On this night Jesus instituted "a memorial" of his Passion in the Lord's Supper. (2 words no space)
6. Easter is the day acknowledging Christ's _____ (2 words no space)
7. The day of Christ's Crucifixion. (2 words no space)
9. The color representing Good Friday is?
10. "Remember: You are _____ and to _____ you shall return" (one word)
11. Ashes come from _____ (s) that were blessed on _____ Sunday the year before
12. Sundays are "in" Lent but not "of" it. How many are there?
14. Lent is the season of _____
15. What is Drawn on your forehead by Pastor on Ash Wednesday?
17. What word is not said during the Lenten Season?
18. The Triduum consists on _____ days.