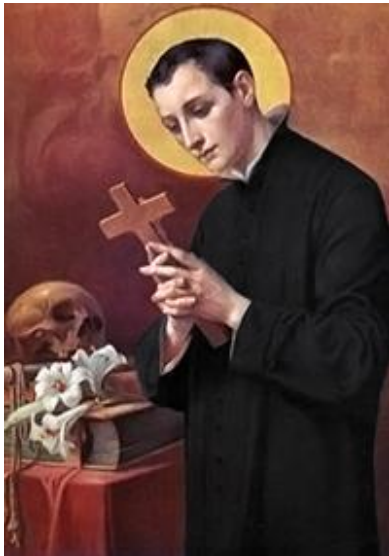




# ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH



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## 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

REV. PAUL POMKOSKI

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAYS 9:30AM at STE. LOUISE-DE-MARILLAC CHURCH  
(corner Honoré-Beaugrand & Ste. Claire)

## SECRETARIES

JOANNE RUSSO

CYNTHIA MARIE PAGINADO

## CONFESSIONS

THIRTY MINUTES PRIOR TO ALL MASSES, OR BY APPOINTMENT

## BAPTISMS

CONTACT OFFICE FOR INFO

## WEDDINGS

CONTACT OFFICE MINIMALLY SIX MONTHS BEFORE MARRIAGE

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DOROTHY LETANG

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Blue Mondays: MONDAYS - 8:00PM

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH CENTRE

(8402 de Marseille St., Montreal)

## WARDENS

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ST. BRENDAN'S HALL

(5740 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., corner Rosemont)



# MASS INTENTIONS



**For Today:**

Sunday, February 26  
and  
and

**Intentions are for:**

CHUCK DOZOIS  
THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
THE SULLIVAN FAMILY  
THE FEAST OF THE  
HOLY FACE OF JESUS

**Requested by:**

Marilyn and John Henry

Elena Scalia

**For Next Week:**

Sunday, March 5  
and

MARGARET AND JOHN DIAS  
SIMON KELAHEAR

Julius and Mathilda Dias  
Rosemary Kelahear

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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** for this week go out to:  
Ron Northrup (26), Regent Campio (27),  
Angelina Lockhart, Celia Coirazza (Mar. 4)

**CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY** this week:  
No anniversaries listed.

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## Did you know?

**Ash Wednesday** officially begins Lent and the Easter cycle. Ashes from burned palms saved from the previous year are placed on the forehead of parishioners. This custom of placing ashes on the heads of people and, originally, the wearing of a sackcloth is an ancient penitential practice common among the Hebrew people. By the 7<sup>th</sup> century, this custom had expanded in some churches into a public Ash Wednesday ritual. Sinners first confessed their sins privately then a laying on of hands and imposition of ashes. Common penances required that these penitents abstain from meat, alcohol, haircuts, shaves, marriage relations, and business transactions or anything we indulge in.

**In recent years** an alternate formula for the imposition of ashes emphasizes a more positive aspect of Lent: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel". Three kinds of traditions have given Lent its particular character: 1) those that support a sombre atmosphere; 2) penitential practices, especially fasting and abstinence; and 3) devotions centered around the suffering Jesus. During the past twenty years these traditions have been joined by newer ones, adding a more positive dimension to Lent.



Let today be the  
day you give up  
who you've been  
for you who can  
become.

*Blessed Ash Wednesday*

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## **Ash Wednesday Prayer**

Father in Heaven,  
the light of your truth bestows sight  
to the darkness of sinful eyes.  
May this season of repentance  
bring us the blessing of Your forgiveness  
and the gift of Your light.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## ST. ALOYSIUS' NEWS

### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Many thanks to the time and efforts of Mary Bardo, Cynthia Hansen and Joanne Russo, income tax receipts for contributions for the year ending 2016 are now available at the back of the church. Please remember to pick up your copy.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday service will be on **Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, 4 p.m. at St. Aloysius Parish Centre (8402 de Marseille). An evening service will be held at 7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan Parish (3542 Rosemont Blvd.). A reminder that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

### 2017 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

As is tradition, a local celebration for World Day of Prayer will be held on **Friday, March 3**, 2 p.m. at Anjou United Church (7951 Dade St.). Participating local faith communities include St. Cuthbert, St. Margaret Anglican and Anjou United. If you are interested in participating or would like more info, please see Marilyn Henry after Mass. This year's celebration is themed "Am I Being Unfair to You?" written by women of the Philippines.

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

We will be holding a Lenten Penitential Service on **Wednesday, March 29** beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan Parish. This is a good time to prepare ourselves spiritually for the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

### H.O.P.E. COMMITTEE : ITEM DRIVE

This week the H.O.P.E. committee will be wrapping up its February collection of items for Chez Doris. Your donations can be left in the bins provided in the back of the church . We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### EVANGLIZATION AND STEWARDSHIP GROUP

Our next faith sharing and prayer group will be held on **Wednesday, March 15**, 7 p.m. at our Parish Centre (8402 de Marseille St.). Our next gathering will feature the screening of *Of Gods and Men*. More details to follow. All are welcome!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ST. MONICA PARISH: LENTEN RETREAT - HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD?

*Healing Our Images of God* presented by Fr. Philip Chircop, SJ. "We become the God we worship and adore". Who is the God you're falling in love with? Is your God perhaps too small, created in your own image and likeness? A pocket-sized God that does not excite or challenge? Has your God grown and matured since you were a child? Please join us on **Saturday, March 4** from 9:30am-12:30pm (6405 de Terrebonne St., Montreal) for a morning of recollection in which we will explore some unhealthy, toxic images of God, and learn how to replace them with the lifegiving images of God found in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. For info, contact Anna at 514-481-0267 x22 or [anna.diodati@stmonica.ca](mailto:anna.diodati@stmonica.ca). All are welcome!

### 50 YEARS OF SHARE LENT!

On Ash Wednesday, [Development and Peace – Caritas Canada](#) will launch its 50<sup>th</sup> annual Share Lent campaign, entitled [Women at the Heart of Change](#). Since the Organization's founding in 1967, money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent provides essential support to the poorest populations of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Today, Development and Peace supports 173 partners and 194 projects in 46 countries around the world! Materials will be made available the first Sunday of Lent.

Have a wonderful week everyone, thank you for your stewardship, and keep up the excellent work!



***"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."***

- Matthew 6:24

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