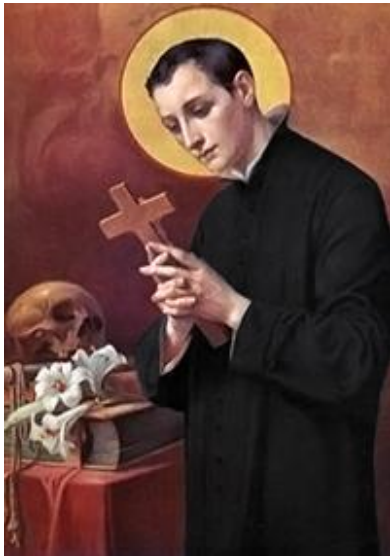




# ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH



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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.***

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ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH CENTRE

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# MASS INTENTIONS



**For Today:**

Sunday, March 12  
and

**Intentions are for:**

CHUCK DOZOIS  
THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
PREBINSKI AND WEGLINSKI FAMILIES

**Requested by:**

The H.O.P.E. Committee

Diane Norwood

**For Next Week:**

Sunday, March 19  
and

FELIPE (JUN) CUETO  
THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
THE SULLIVAN FAMILY

Margaret Martell

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** for this week go out to:

Alex Bellisario-Giglio (13),  
Fr. Joseph P. Sullivan (15)

**CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY** this week:

No anniversaries listed.

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: THE TRANSFIGURATION**

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent presents the Transfiguration, or the “the Changing of the Garb.” Peter, James and John go up a hill with Jesus. They have a most intimate encounter with Jesus, God the Beyond, and, of course, themselves.

Jesus dazzles his followers with some state of glorification. Moses, the man of the law, and Elijah, the man of prophesy, are seen conversing with Jesus. Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets, and the “voice” again ordains him as “my beloved son.” The terrified trio is encouraged also to “listen to him.”

Immediately after this experience, there they are, just the four again and nobody else, no other sounds. They leave with this experience and their questions about what it was all about. They are charged by Jesus not to speak about it until he had risen from the dead. They did not understand this, either, but they kept on walking back down from this hill of intimacy.

Peter, James and John experienced an unusual convention and communion. They are “befuddled-beholders” and they go off into the routine down-the-hill living of their lives.

Their faith seems to be strengthened, but at the same time they experience bewilderment and must ask themselves about the “realness” of what has just happened.

Devotion, prayer, liturgy can be similar calls to simple and honest closeness. Trying to figure out these experiences and explain them cheapens them and flattens them out into a practice rather than a delight. We go toward a time of being met by the Holy, given something of ourselves by the encouragement and comfort of God’s presence and then sent away, but always the little question, “Was that really real? Or was I talking to myself, comforting myself, judging myself?”

Intimacy with God does not lead to comprehending, but to sending, living, transfiguring, changing because we are so loved. I wish to come away from every liturgy or times of personal prayer less able to explain why I live the way I do. I wish to be a befuddlement and, in a sense, be a transfigurational experience, not easily explained away.

Reflection: *Am I able to delight in the unexplainable mysteries and experiences of my faith?*

# ST. ALOYSIUS BULLETIN

March 12, 2017



## ST. ALOYSIUS' NEWS

### H.O.P.E. EASTER MISSION

It's that time once again! Help spread the joy and hope of Easter to our F.R.I.E.N.D.S. and to the residents of the Grace Dart Extended Care Centre. Please join us in packaging and delivering Easter gifts on the following dates:

- WRAP-UP OF GIFTS: **Wednesday, April 5** at 7 p.m. at the Parish centre (8402 de Marseille St.)
  - DELIVERY OF GIFTS: **Good Friday, April 14** at 9:30 a.m. at the Parish Centre or 10 a.m. at the Grace Dart Extended Care Centre (5155 Ste. Catherine St. East) Centre's tel: 514-255-2834
- A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

### EVANGELIZATION 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**. Inspired by a true story: in 1996, under threat by fundamentalist terrorists, a group of Trappist monks stationed with an impoverished Algerian community must decide whether to leave or stay. All are welcome!

### 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. COLLECTIONS

H.O.P.E. collections for the month of March will be donated to K.D. Jola Parish Project in India in support of Father Bala's initiative. We thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 50 YEARS OF SHARE LENT!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada continues its 50<sup>th</sup> annual Share Lent campaign, entitled Women at the Heart of Change.

Did you know that in 1979, Development and Peace led a campaign to support the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, in Argentina, whose children and grandchildren disappeared under the military dictatorship? And in 2004, a tsunami hit the coastlines around the Indian Ocean, resulting in 300,000 victims. In collaboration with its partners, Development and Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3,500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations. Consider supporting D&P projects around the world! Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Montreal's 194th St. Patrick's Parade, an event famous the world over, will be held on **Sunday, March 19** starting at noon on Ste. Catherine Street from Fort St. to Phillips Square. This year, to mark Montreal's 375th anniversary, the organizing committee has planned some fun new items to highlight the people and history of the city. The Archdiocese of Montreal will also be participating, together with several parishes. If your parish does not have a unit but you are interested in walking with the diocesan group, please feel welcome to join us before noon at SECTION C. Meeting spot for Section C will be on René-Lévesque Blvd. West, between St. Mathieu and Guy Streets. We invite everyone to come out and enjoy this great event regardless of the weather! More information can be found here: <http://www.montrealirishparade.com/parade>.

**Have a wonderful week everyone, thank you for your stewardship, and keep up the excellent work!**  
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***"Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."***

- **Matthew 17:9**

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