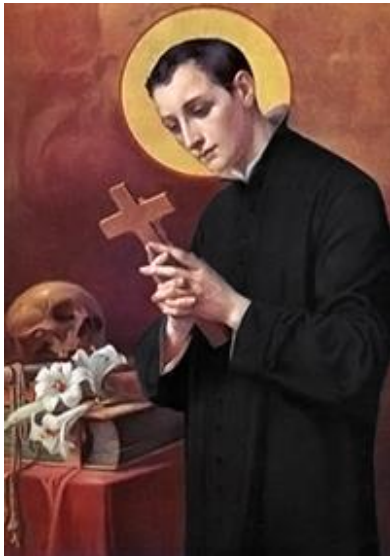




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## ST. ALOYSIUS MISSION STATEMENT

*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

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## SECRETARIES

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## CONFESSIONS

THIRTY MINUTES PRIOR TO ALL MASSES, OR BY APPOINTMENT

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ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH CENTRE

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ST. BRENDAN'S HALL

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



## MASS INTENTIONS



**For Today:**

Sunday, January 12

**Intentions are for:**

BETTY TROTTIER

**Requested by:**

Jacques Beaulieu

**For Next Week:**

Sunday, January 19

MARINA CHANCEY

Her loving mother,  
Patricia Chancey

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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** for **last week** go out to:  
Monica Valade (Jan. 7), Doug Best (10),  
Marilyn Henry, Joanne Trottier, Dan Briand (11)

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

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** for **this week** go out to: Lynn Valenta, Michael Lacombe (14),  
Nicholas Tavares (15), Cynthia Marie Paginado (16), Maureen Kelahear (18)

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## Baptism of the Lord

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The vivid narratives of this week's gospel are packed with stories of Jesus' entering into the lives of real people and touching them in extraordinary ways. These are not far away stories, but ones that have a real meaning for us. This is a week of invitation from Jesus to us, with two invitations for us to ponder in our hearts this week.

Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector. Because of his profession, he was probably wealthy but he has humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of those around him. Jesus' response to this "outcast" was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples - and to dine at his house.

In our own lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us - "Follow me." This clear and personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

The Sunday gospel is a warm story of Jesus calling two more apostles, asking them, and us, "What are you looking for?" This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.



January 12, 2020

## ST. ALOYSIUS' NEWS

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Mark your calendars for this year's Ash Wednesday services, which will be held on **Wednesday, February 26:**

- **4 p.m. at St. Aloysius Parish Centre (8402 de Marseille, Montreal, H1L 1P9)**
- **7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan Parish (3542 Rosemont Blvd., Montreal, H1X 1K8)**

### LENTEN PRAYER REFLECTION

All are welcome to take part in a Lenten Prayer Reflection designed to help prepare ourselves in our spiritual journey for Lent.

Led by Fr. Paul Pomkoski, the reflection will be held on **Saturday, February 29**, from 1 p.m.– 3:30 p.m. (3542 Rosemont Blvd., Montreal, H1X 1K8).

### TUESDAY EVENING MASS AND HOLY HOUR RESUME THIS WEEK

Please note that Tuesday Mass and Holy Hour resume **Tuesday, January 14** at St. Brendan Parish (3542 Rosemont Blvd., Montreal, H1X 1K8). Holy Hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by Mass at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FRIENDS OF MERCY : PRAYER MINISTRY

In March 2018, a new diocesan project, The Friends of Mercy (Les Amis de la Miséricorde) was created. The main objective of the Association of the Friends of Mercy is to encourage people in the Parishes of our Archdiocese (as well as former volunteers who are now ill themselves or inactive for other reasons) to become aware of the large number of sick and lonely people who are in their homes, in the hospitals, in seniors' residences, nursing homes, etc., and to do something about it.

How can we do something? The first thing that the Friends of Mercy are asked to do is **pray for the sick**, for their families and for all the members of the Association. We all know that Jesus met with many sick people. We want to do as he did. All the Friends of Mercy are invited on the 11th of each month to offer their day for the intentions of the sick, their families and the volunteers. In addition, we pray for all the members of the Association, our community partners and the parishes that are involved in care for the sick. We have been called by Pope Francis to be a "missionary Church". New members will be asked to sign a commitment form and will receive a certificate of participation signed by our Archbishop. We thank you for your interest in this Prayer Ministry.



*"And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'"*

— *Matthew 3:17*

### COME AND SEE EVENING FOR THE CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The next "Come and See" evening will be taking place on **Friday, January 17** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Annunciation Parish** (71 Roosevelt Ave., Mount Royal, H3R 2G9). These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest. These evenings are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood, to share in fellowship, and to explore their call together.

For information or to reserve a spot, please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200

or [mtlvocations@hotmail.com](mailto:mtlvocations@hotmail.com).

### UNITED IRISH SOCIETIES OF MONTREAL: SELECTION EVENING

Each year since 1956 the United Irish Societies of Montreal has organized a contest to select a queen and princesses for the annual parade. Originally called the Queen's Pageant and held at the Sailor's Club in Old Montreal, today the Selection Evening is a public speaking contest held on **Saturday, February 1**, 7 p.m. at Plaza Centre-ville (777 Robert-Bourassa Blvd., Montreal, H3C 3Z7). Open to women of Irish descent between the ages of 18-25 who are permanent residents of Montreal and Canadian citizens.

For more information contact: Elizabeth Quinn at

[equinn17@videotron.ca](mailto:equinn17@videotron.ca) or Colleen Murphy at [cmurphy2\\_3@msn.com](mailto:cmurphy2_3@msn.com)

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

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