



Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
Pentecost Sunday
May 22/23, 2021

Reading I	Acts 2.1-11
Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Reading II	Galatians 5.16-25 (1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13)
Gospel	John 20.19-23

***** Current Status *****

The church is open for Sunday 11 a.m. mass allowing up to 25 attendees as per current pandemic provincial restrictions.

Pre-registration for Sunday masses is now required. Please contact the office to register at 819-243-0250 or email at st.aloysius@bellnet.ca

Disposable tri-fold masks are now mandatory (FABRIC or CLOTH MASKS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE), as per diocesan directive.

Social distancing of 2 meters between individuals must be maintained. Upon arrival and during mass, attendees are not to move about in the church but must remain in their pews. During communion, those wishing to receive the eucharist are to stand in their pew and wait for a eucharistic minister to bring the eucharist to them.

Wednesday morning mass will follow the same protocols as Sunday mass but pre-registration is not required.

For those unable to attend the Sunday mass in person, we will continue to live stream the mass on St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish Community page on Facebook (viewing the LIVE mass as it takes

place). Make sure to “like” and “follow” our FaceBook page (see link below) to be able to view the live stream at 11 a.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/StAloysius-Gonzaga-Parish-Community-141740569252256>

The live stream will be saved on the FaceBook page to be viewed at any time.

We will keep you informed of any changes as they arise.

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

May 16: \$635

SPECIAL COLLECTION – May 15/16 – Papal Charities: \$85

MASS Intentions:

Sat. May 22	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Walter Willcott by Marty and Amanda
Sun. May 23	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Ellen Hickey (Lemieux) by Carol and Pierre Léonard
Wed. May 26	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. May 29	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Martin St. Amour by Marty, Amanda and Hannah Burns
Sun. May 30	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Ellen Hickey Lemieux by The Gatineau Friendship Club

Receive the Holy Spirit; Receive and Use the Gifts!

Pentecost literally means fiftieth. It is a feast celebrated on the fiftieth day after the Passover feast of the Jews and a feast celebrated on the fiftieth day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus (the New Passover) by Christians. The Jews celebrated it as the commemoration of the arrival of the Israelites at Mount Sinai and the receiving of the Law by Moses on their behalf. The Israelites celebrated it to thank God for having chosen them and giving them the Law to guide their lives. Despite the Law the old Israel did not always produce good fruits. For us Christians, Pentecost marks the end and the goal of Easter season. It is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The disciples needed this Power to be with them in the ‘absence’ of Jesus. There are times when we are asked to do something for which we feel entirely unqualified. The readings of last Sunday (Ascension) challenged us to take the good news to the whole world. Lest such a task seem beyond the power of the disciples, Jesus asked them to wait until the Spirit came. That is what we celebrate today, the descent of this power from on high.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes this event. The disciples had a powerful wind from heaven and then *‘divided tongues as of fire appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them.’* The disciples all *‘began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability.’* By saying that the disciples received the Holy Spirit on the Pentecost, St Luke is teaching us that for us Christians, the Spirit has substituted the new Law for that of Moses. That new Law is the Law of the Spirit. It is the new heart, the life of God, which once it enters a person, transforms and changes that person into one capable of producing spontaneously the work of

God. When one is filled with the Holy Spirit, something never heard of before begins to take place in one's life; one loves with the same love as God loves. One does not need anyone to teach them (1Jn:3, 9). The Spirit is now the only Law of Christians. Through the Spirit, the disciples now possessed the power and the ability to share the good news with all the nations of the world.

In the second reading, St Paul explains what the Holy Spirit does for us. First, He enables us to say, *"Jesus is Lord."* Only with the help of the Spirit can we come to realize and acknowledge that Jesus is indeed God. We cannot on our own arrive at that truth. Paul then describes the varieties of gifts given by the same Lord. *'To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.'* Hence, the Holy Spirit facilitates and coordinates all the activities of Christians so that they can accomplish God's purpose for the world. The Spirit is not shy of difference, but is free to deal with people as individuals. Variety is the emphasis! It is not that our differences are stifled by the Spirit; rather our differences are funded by the Spirit who works not to standardize everyone, but to make variety His mark. Our task is to discover how the Spirit has gifted us in individual ways, and to appreciate the Spirit's different gifts in other people.

The Gospel adds another dimension to what the Holy Spirit gives us. Appearing to His disciples, Jesus says: *"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."* Through the Holy Spirit the Church possesses the power to forgive sin. As Christians it behooves us too to forgive and heal one another. We too often forget that we have this power. Remember! The disciples locked themselves up out of fear before Jesus appeared. We can literally say that it was fear that has gathered them together. However, John the evangelist shows us that there is an exit from this paralysing fear through the peace that Jesus brings. *"Peace be with you."* As the risen Jesus breathes on them, the disciples breathe in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the breath they take on that Easter Sunday evening, the breath that gives them all new heart. The response to the Psalm says: *"Lord send forth you Spirit and renew the face of the earth."* Thus, only in the gift of the Spirit is fear changed into freedom. Only in the Spirit are the disciples empowered to understand the past anew and see the future with hope. The Holy Spirit is the exit from the hopelessness of being locked into a cruel and fearful past. Through the Holy Spirit the disciples will reach all the people trapped in the hopelessness of their own lives. They are commissioned to share this new Spirit with myriad people whose lives are hell without the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete (Comforter, Helper, Encourager or Enabler). He works quietly in us and through us everyday behind the scenes, in the basic activities of our lives and the lives of the people around us. He is quietly at work: in our taking on responsibilities that we once thought beyond us; in our refusing to let the greed of society take over our soul; in our giving thanks always even though times have been hard; in our rising above past failures and putting past hurts behind us; in our finding a central core of peace in the midst of turmoil like this time; in an adult patiently teaching a child self-esteem and self-control; in the person sitting quietly beside a hospital bed; in a parent praying for a troubled son or daughter. The Spirit calls us to repentance, to turn our lives around; He calls us to Faith and to take up our cross and follow Jesus. However we look at the Holy Spirit, He is always our Helper, always helping us to be what God made us to be. He helps us to be truly great, namely, to be servants to one another. Likewise the Spirit promotes Jesus in our lives; He gathers us around the cross of Jesus; He changes our lives, helping us to be more patient and forgiving, to seek new beginnings in our relationships with one another and to let the power of God's love have the final say over the conflicts we get into. He is available to us every moment of every day as we face the choices between self-centeredness and being the God-centered people the Spirit has called us to be in Christ. Today is a great day to ask the

Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit:"

*"Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love. AMEN."*

[Cardinal Newman was beatified September 19, 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.]

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Atreyu Harvey, Rita Lacelle, Adeline Gendron, Diane Morey and John Harney.

UPDATE FROM THE MAINTENANCE WARDEN

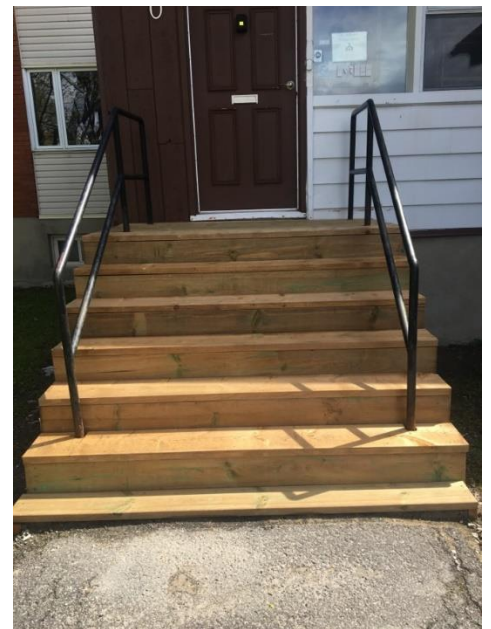
Given we have been unable to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) because of the pandemic, I wanted to provide the parishioners with an update as to the various maintenance and repair items that have been addressed since I took over as Maintenance Warden in February 2020.

The following items that were on a "to do list" by the previous Maintenance Warden have been completed as of April 30th, 2021.

- 1) 4 new ceiling fans were installed.
- 2) minor repairs to hall and patch hole in Gyproc.
- 3) repaint hall walls and women's washroom.
- 4) replace bi-fold doors where chairs are stored.
- 5) urinal in men's washroom unblocked
- 6) replaced missing shingles on church roof.
- 7) repaired crack in step leading to church, east entrance.
- 8) wooden storage box inside fence dismantled.
- 9) installed a door handle that locks for visitor's bedroom.
- 10) repaired two leaking toilets tanks.

Other items that were not on the previous maintenance list but have also been addressed:

- 1) painted cloak room near the stage and installed new coat racks.
- 2) blocked cracks in cement outside east entrance, bee problem.
- 3) repainted cement steps leading to hall from church and from outside, west entrance and beside stage
- 4) repainted hand railings beside stage.
- 5) replaced wooden stairs leading to office.
- 6) painted over stage mural and surrounding walls.
- 7) repairs and modifications to furnace ducts.



8) Plumber removed toy from toilet in men's washroom.

For the balance of 2021, the following priority items are planned to be addressed time and funding permitted:

- 1) remove and install new carpet around altar area, awaiting cost estimates.
- 2) remove and replace floor tiles in women's washroom.

Special thanks go to the following parishioners for their continued support and help in regard to maintenance and repairs of our church facilities:

Dan and Diane Ford, Joe McCarthy, and John O'Farrell.

Thank you,
Mike McCann
Maintenance Warden

ONLINE EVENTS

MIXED BAG TRIVIA – via ZOOM



This time, for the St. Aloysius Trivia Zoom social distancing event, we have a mixed bag trivia evening. Your host (Michelle Cook) will have....

3 rounds: General multiple choice questions, Mother's Day questions, name that tune and/or artist and a new matching bonus round. If you still haven't gotten a chance to check it out on ZOOM, you still can. On **Friday, May 28,**

2021 at 8:00 pm.. Come join in the fun. Don't delay and register for this fun event now! For more details and to register please visit <https://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/events/trivia> Registration is free; however, donations to the church are greatly appreciated.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: ONLINE EXERCISES (Spring session)



Diane Joannis has kindly offered to do a second session of the online exercise classes. The classes will be every Thursday morning at 10:00am beginning **April 22nd to June 3rd**. Exercises are geared to every fitness level and equipment is not required. Register on our website at [https://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/news-](https://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events)

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A MIND-OPENING WAY TO SPEND A MONDAY EVENING.



Pauline Leduc is hosting a Monday evening at 7:pm session on Reflection on Scriptures. The participants are asked to read over the scriptures for the up-coming Sunday. Everyone is asked to take a few minutes to really reflect on what is written. The discussions that follow are very heartfelt and mind opening.

We are finding that each participant, when celebrating the mass the following Sunday, listens to and understands the homily more meaningfully. Join us by Registering on our web site. <http://www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/newsevents>

THE MASS - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT



The Bishop has not yet concluded this youtube series on the Mass Unconfined so we have come to the end of what is presently available.

This attentive study of the Eucharistic Prayers has made us aware of how rich they are! The Preface gives us a multitude of reasons to give thanks. We call on the Holy Spirit to make us one body to give thanks with the saints and angels in heaven, our brothers and sisters on earth, with Jesus who offers Himself as food and drink. We proudly proclaim the very core of our faith. We pray for the Church, for our loved ones, for our community, for our deceased relatives and friends, for the whole world. All this we do with Jesus, for the glory of God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Little wonder that we can

firmly state our AMEN!

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY

Moe Lambert – 2nd
Blaise Foley – 10th
Barbara Morey – 12th
Judy Grandmaison – 13th
Louise & Gord MacMillian – 15th
Gail Nadeau – 17th
Pauline Leduc & Mike Groulx – 18th
Pat Prud'homme – 27th
Paul Paiement Jr. – 28th
Margaret and Gary Burns – 30th

Jim Brownrigg - 5th
Avery Miller – 12th
Moe Amyot – 13th
Shirley Daly – 14th
Pauline Leduc – 16th
Ron Pearce – 18th
Donna Escander – 26th
John O'Farrell – 28th
Nora Prud'homme – 28th

