

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
3rd Sunday of Easter
April 17/18, 2021

Reading I	Acts 3.13-15, 17-19
Responsorial Psalm:	Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.
Reading II	1 John 2.1-5
Gospel	Luke 24.35-48

***** Important Notice - UPDATE *****

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 or Holy Week Masses, 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

April 11: Collection: \$907

Letter from Father Albanus

Dear Parishioners

My term as the administrator of our four sister parishes will expire on August 31st. I am not going to have it renewed. It was a very difficult decision for me to take. I have spoken with the Archbishop about this.

I came up with this decision after due and prayerful consideration of various factors top of which is my inner desire to be closer to my mother for a couple of years at this stage of her life. I understand what this means for these four churches. I am praying that whatever decision to be made be regarding our parishes be such that would satisfy the spiritual and religious longings of our loved parishioners and the glory of God

Please, continue to pray for me as I plan to make this huge move.

May you continue to have great and wonderful Easter celebrations.

Fr Albanus

NOTICE ABOUT YOUR ST. AL'S WARDENS.

There is currently one position to be filled, the Public Relations Warden.

The Board asks for anyone interested in the position of Public relations warden, contact Carol, our parish secretary, or Robert Nadeau at 819-663-6366, or email Bob at ragnadeau@outlook.com.

The duties of the Public relations Warden include:

- a) As required, forms and chairs a Public Relations committee to help in performing his/ her duties.
- b) Responsible for the maintenance of content and layout of the parish web-site and social media.
- c) In coordination with the Board, publicizes Parish-related information through various ways.
- d) Responsible for sending thank you cards or letters on behalf of the Board for special services or gifts.

The person accepting this position, will be part of a great team for two years, serving our Parish. The Board is asking you to help complete our team. Thank you.

MASS Intentions:

Sat. April 17	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Alma & Larry Miller by Gary Miller
Sun. April 18	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Breden Desveaux by Dennis & Marie Kielback For Clifford Daly by his grandchildren, Tessa & Zac
Wed. April 21	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. April 24	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Martin & Annie Burke and Angus & Mina Burns by Gail Burns
Sun. April 25	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For John Dunlop and Lorelei Smits by Ann Smits For Ellen Geraldine Hickey (Lemieux) by Betty Leach

Faith in the Risen Lord 2

On this third Sunday of Easter, the Liturgy continues to present to us the message of the Resurrection of Christ. Today's readings challenge us to adjust our lives to the living presence of the risen Lord as we grow daily more aware of God's presence with us and around us as the Holy Spirit. The **first reading** is part of St Peter's post –Resurrection speeches. Following the healing of the crippled man by Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:1-10), the people are astounded and wonder if the apostles are healers with special and mysterious powers. In today's passage Peter explains that the healing is not as result of his power or holiness. What has happened, he says, is the work of Christ and evidence that Jesus is alive. He forcefully declares that the messianic prophecies have been fulfilled in the crucified and risen Jesus and challenges all to turn toward God so that their sins might be wiped away. The actions of the apostles embody the life and sentiments of Jesus, who while on earth, was always concerned with what was for the good of His fellow men and women, taught a way of life, cured the sick, gave food to the hungry and sought out the lost. Thus, if such things are being done in His Church with the same force and power, it means that Jesus is alive and continues to act through us and that His Spirit is still present in the world. The works the apostles do prove undoubtedly that Jesus is alive.

In the **second reading**, St John answers the doubts raised by the heretics of his time. He therefore asserts the fundamental Christian doctrines that Jesus' death was a sacrifice offered as expiation for our sins and those of the whole world. He says that though we must admit our sinfulness, we nourish our hope with the knowledge that Jesus Christ, the upright, is with us. The **gospel** describes Jesus' appearance on the evening of His Resurrection to His apostles who were in the locked Upper Room. Jesus removes the doubts of His apostles about His Resurrection by inviting them to touch Him and also by eating a piece of cooked fish. Jesus explains to them how the prophecies have been fulfilled in Him and commissions them to bear witness to Him and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name after receiving the Holy Spirit. In this passage we found elements of wonder, fear, and doubts as it is always the case in Jesus' apparitions after His Resurrection. When the Risen Jesus appears, He is never recognized immediately and those who see Him always have doubts (cf. Jn. 20:11-18; 21:1-14, Lk. 24:13-35, Mt.28:17). The apostles do not find it easy to believe. Their faith develops slowly and uneasily.

Today's gospel passage shows that the apostles are in a state of shock. The Good Friday happenings continue to hunt them. In that atmosphere of wonder, fear, doubt and gloom, Jesus makes an appearance. He breaks in with the words of peace: *Peace be with you!* The peace Jesus communicates is not an uneasy peace of coexistence with the demons of fear, doubt and anxiety. It is not the fragile peace that the world gives. It is the peace of the Resurrected Jesus who has convincingly conquered sin and death. By confronting His disciples with His physical self, he builds their shattered psyche by opening their minds to the sacred scriptures. It is this invincible peace of the Risen Lord that we are all invited to communicate to our world ridden by anxiety. The spiritual journey of the apostles towards faith is the image of what we also have to go through. We too pass through many doubts, uncertainties and fears before we can "see" the Risen Lord. Every time we gather together in prayer and listen to His word, He is among us. Gradually our eyes open up, and we discover that if we die with Him, we will enter with Him into the full life of God. Belief in the Lord's resurrection urges us to radically change our way of thinking and living. Happy Sunday!

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

ONLINE EVENTS

TRIVIA is BACK!! – via ZOOM



We are changing the social distancing event from Family Feud back to trivia. We all have to be home by 8:00 p.m.; so if you still haven't gotten a chance to check it out, you still can, on **Friday, April 23, 2021 at 8:00 pm**. Michelle Cook Warden has kindly agreed again to host. Come join in the fun. The St. Aloysius Trivia event will consist of 3 rounds and a bonus round,



all with a Canadian theme. EH....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.

St. Al's Virtual Paint Nite: Summer Vibes!



Looking for a fun activity to keep yourself busy until summer comes knocking at your door? Join us on Saturday, May 1st, 7:30-9:30PM for a free hosted Virtual Paint Nite, an instructor lead class you can follow in the comfort of your own home! You can either use the supplies you have at home, or order painting supplies from us for home delivery!

How it works: You will be provided with a Zoom link for the date and time of the event, login and follow along while our instructor guides you step-by-step through the featured painting. If you're feeling creative, change the colours to suit your décor or go completely rogue.

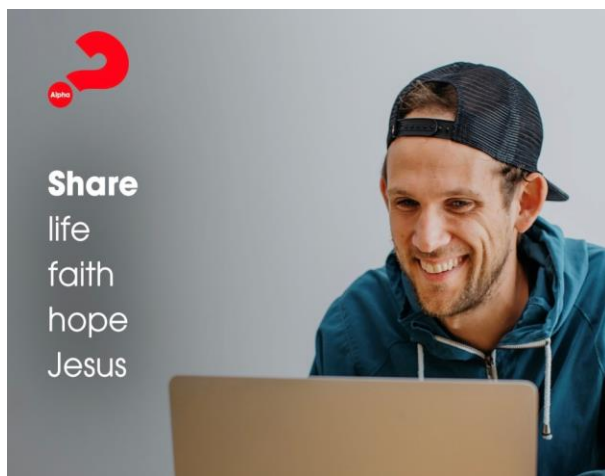
This is your creative license!

****WHAT YOU'LL NEED!****

- 11x14 canvas (any size will work)
- Acrylic Paint -Primary Colours (White, Black, Blue, Red, Yellow)
- 3 Brushes (we suggest a small, medium and large brush)
- A tabletop easel (not necessary)
- Paper towel and a cup of water to clean your brushes

Note: Paint, canvas and brushes can be ordered beforehand for a fee of \$30 (cost includes supplies, delivery and a small donation to St. Aloysius parish)

Please register early to guarantee your spot! For more details and to register please visit <https://www.staloyisius-stcolumban.com/events/st-als-virtual-paint-nite-summervibes>

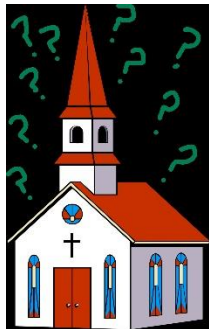


ALPHA is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Our parish is offering an Alpha every Thursday night 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. starting April 8th and until June 17th. Though each one of us has the responsibility to make Jesus known, we find it hard to start a conversation about Jesus. That is why Alpha can be so helpful.

PLEASE invite that person you have been praying for to join our Alpha session. It starts this Thursday April 8th at 7:00 p.m. Tell him or her to go to www.staloyisius-stcolumban.com/news-events to register and a

link will be sent.

THE MASS - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT



This week we had listened to the Bishop's comments on the first reading, the responsorial psalm, the second reading and the gospel.

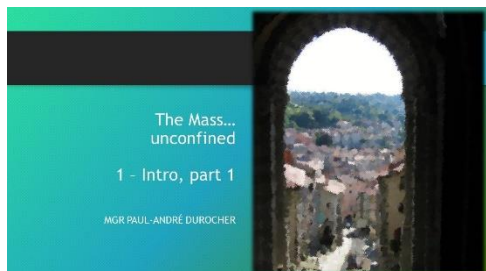
DID YOU NOTICE that the first reading is always from the Jewish Scriptures except for the Easter Season when it is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings teach us the long story of God's covenant with humanity; they inform us of our history, the roots of our identity.

DID YOU KNOW that the psalm is our response to the reading. It also is from the Jewish book of Psalms written over many centuries and expressing a whole spectrum of human emotions and experiences. Jesus prayed these psalms and we join Jesus in prayer. Normally the cantor sings the verse and the community responds with the refrain. This will resume when Covid restrictions are lifted.

DID YOU NOTICE that the second reading is from letters written by Paul, James, Peter or John or by an unknown author to the Hebrews. Paul, who addressed letters to Greeks and to Romans, was the first to have to express the faith outside the Jewish culture. These letters elaborate the principles of faith, morality, Christian life; they are foundational for us.

DID YOU NOTICE that the book of the Gospels is given special treatment; it is because they tell the story of Jesus who fulfills Scripture. We draw a cross on our foreheads to keep these words in our minds, on our lips to proclaim these words and on our hearts to be touched and moved by these words. We stand in a position of dignity with our heads held high to listen to these words. For next week, go to

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bzb1XwO_ic&list=PL9yp6nuVNMtiz1-7itdm2RgSYO114v4M&index=20 and listen to videos 20,21,22.



The Mass, Unconfined (20, 21, 22) - Intro I - YouTube

Archbishop Durocher launches a series of videos on the meaning of the Mass.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: ONLINE EXERCISES (Spring session)

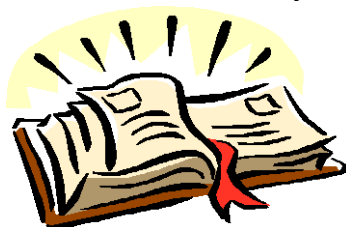


Diane Joannis has kindly offered to do a second session of the online exercise classes. The classes will be every Thursday morning at 10:00am beginning **April 22nd to June 3rd**. Exercises are geared to every fitness level and equipment is not required. Register on our website at <https://www.staloyisus-stcolumban.com/news-events> There is no fee

to register, however donations to the parish would be greatly appreciated. Get a healthy start to your day with friends!

Note: if you registered for the previous session you must register again for the classes in March.

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.staloyisus-stcolumban.com/newsevents>

BIRTHDAY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Marty Burns	-2 nd
Fr. Al	- 5 th
Anne-Marie Plante	- 7 th
Diana Foley	- 18 th
Carole Douaire	- 26 th
Isabel Carolina St-Louis	- 20 th
Daphne Vachon	- 26 th
Cornelius Foley	- 29 th

