

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 24/25, 2021

Reading I	2 Kings 4.42-44
Responsorial Psalm:	You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you satisfy all our needs.
Reading II	Ephesians 4.1-6
Gospel	John 6.1-15

*******DECONFINEMENT UPDATE*******

Masses at St. Aloysius church now allow up to 144 attendees given our current configuration of pews. Pre-registration is NOT required for mass attendance.

Disposable tri-fold masks remain mandatory (FABRIC or CLOTH MASKS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE) as per diocesan directives. Masks may now be removed, once you are seated in the church.

Social distancing is now set at 1-meter. The pews have been adjusted accordingly.

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 and Friday morning masses will follow the same protocols as Sunday mass.

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 further changes as they arise.

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION

July 11: **\$745.00**
July 18: **\$550.00**
Carpet Fundraising: **\$20.00**

MASS Intentions:

Sat. July 17	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For all parishioners
Sun. July 18	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Alex Beauchamp by Raymond and Mirella Bernier
Wed. July 21	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Fri. July 23	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. July 24	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Robert Lalonde by Irene & Family
Sun. July 25	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For Sheila Brisson by The Gatineau Friendship Club

WEEKDAY MASSES will be Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FUNERALS

Les Jardins du souvenir is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Diocese. They offer complete funeral services, prearranged funerals and cemetery products. Because they are a nonprofit organization, they guarantee that you will pay less for funerals and prearrangements. They also offer a 15% discount on all services offered by them, to all volunteers including members of the fabrique council, liturgy committees, pastoral committees, members of the choir, diocesan committees, members of religious organizations such as Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, etc. They also offer a 2% rebate to parishes, for each contact signed to use their services. For complete information on all the professional services they offer, visit their website at www.lesjardinsdusouvenir.com

FROM ARCHBISHOP DUROCHER

July 13, 2021

Dear collaborators,

Our synodal process has allowed us to establish pastoral priorities for our diocese, our Christian communities and the movements in our Church. We have identified two groups in particular that need our attention: young families (especially immigrants) and seniors (especially those who live alone).

Let's take a moment to consider this second group, since we will be celebrating the first Sunday dedicated to grand-parents and elders next July 25. The needs of second group have been particularly exacerbated by the pandemic. What can we do? Heaven seems to have provided the answer: the Little Brothers have chosen this precise moment to establish themselves in the Outaouais. This community organization hardly needs introduction. For several decades, it has been recognized in the Montreal-Quebec City corridor as a source of hope for seniors who suffer from isolation. By creating partnerships between these seniors and younger volunteers, the organization fosters the development of friendships that enrich the lives of both. I am happy to welcome the regional office of the Little Brothers to our Diocesan Center.

Parishes are natural environments for identifying both the elders who would benefit from such support and the potential volunteers who could provide it. I therefore invite you, as parish leaders, to generously welcome the invitations of the Little Brothers to collaborate with them in this initiative. Take the time to discover this beautiful movement, make it known in your parishes, invite people to identify themselves or get involved. The tool is given to us, it is up to us to use it.

Let us learn to be "Marys" by going to the "Elisabeths" of our neighbourhoods to accompany them in their old age. We will simply offer them our presence, our listening and our faithful friendship.

Thank you for your engagement in this beautiful project.

+ Paul-André Durocher

Good morning,

In the last year, we have become increasingly aware of the social isolation experienced by our fellow citizens. Many organizations are working tirelessly to offer support to individuals in need. Active in the province of Quebec for over 50 years, Little Brothers have been reaching out to lonely seniors, and providing them with companionship and affection. The diocese of Gatineau also acknowledges the need of the elderly as a priority: *"Our communities will become attentive to the elderly, particularly those who have no family or friends nearby"* (Pastoral Letter: May 25, 2021). Sharing this common goal, Little Brothers of Gatineau and the Diocese of Gatineau are initiating a collaboration to contribute in relieving the social isolation of the elderly in our communities.

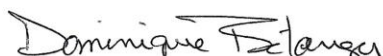
Regardless of their background, religion, mobility level or physical or intellectual capacity, Little Brothers is reaching out to seniors who are 75 and older with no family or significant social connections; open to building new relationships, living either at home or in a residence. Caring volunteers are paired with an elderly and the aim is to maintain a long term commitment. The elderly will be accompanied until the end of their life by the team of volunteers.

Newly established in the region, Little Brothers of Gatineau believes in the importance of working in collaboration with the resources already active in the community. Parishes being communities of solidarity, we invite you to communicate with us if you are aware of an isolated elderly and would like to refer him or her to us. As well, we are presently building our team of volunteers and we would be happy to discuss with parishioners interested in contributing to the mission of Little Brothers.

In order to inform parishioners, we will gladly distribute our posters and pamphlets to your parish in the week of July 19th so that you can post them on your bulletin boards. We will also take the opportunity to meet with you and answer any questions that may arise.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information. We will gladly take the time to speak with you.

Respectfully,



Mme Dominique Bélanger, Team Coordinator

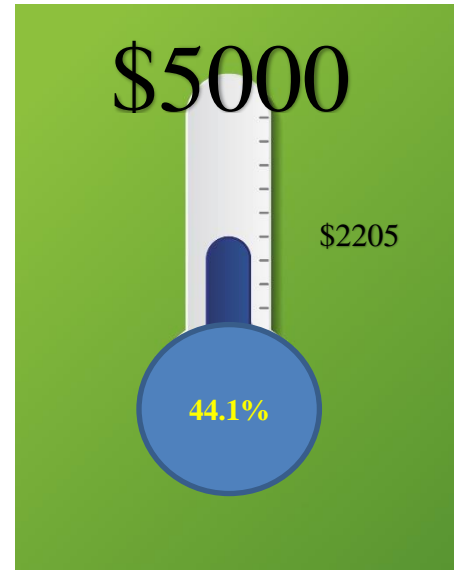
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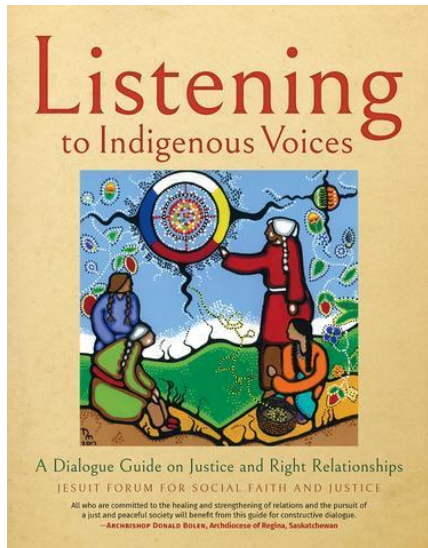
CHURCH ALTAR CARPET REPLACEMENT FUNDRAISING

As you may have read in the recent maintenance update in the bulletin, the church altar carpet needs to be replaced as a priority. The current carpet was installed back in 2007 and is currently quite worn and has buckled in several spots creating a hazard for anyone walking in those areas. As a result, we are looking to replace the carpet in late summer or early fall and have received several quotes to complete the work. It is estimated that it will cost \$5000 to remove and replace the carpet around the altar. We are seeking financial support from the parish to raise the funds necessary to cover these costs as our current budget will not allow us to do so. If you wish to contribute towards this initiative, simply drop off your contribution in the collection basket at the back of the church on Sundays. If you are using a collection envelope, please indicate "Carpet replacement fund" on the envelope and how much is offered for the fund. A standard envelope will do as well but be sure to indicate the carpet replacement fund on it. Include your envelope number, if pertinent. All contributions from individuals will be eligible for income tax receipts. We thank you in advance for your support to the parish and your generosity in maintaining our beautiful church. Maintenance Warden.



ONLINE EVENTS

THE VOICE OF THE CHILDREN - Many have expressed deep concern following the news of the discovery of the bodies of 215 Indian children buried near a residential school in British Columbia. We were horrified and wondered "what can we do about this?"



The Jesuit Forum in Toronto recently published a book **Listening to Indigenous Voices**. In its presentation it states:

"To engage in this process, we need to listen deeply to what Indigenous Peoples are saying, open ourselves to be transformed by their words, and act based on what they are telling us so that we can begin to address injustices, heal relationships, and bring about a post-colonial Canada."

The book provides a method for 11 group sessions to do just that: **listen, open ourselves, act.**

If you would like to participate in these group sessions, please register at this link: www.stalloysius-stcolumban.com/news-events/thevoiceofthechildren
Please also invite others, especially friends and neighbors who feel that their culture is not respected, who could add a lot to our discussions.

We will be meeting on Zoom bi-weekly on Tuesday nights, 7 :00 p.m. starting July 6th until Nov. 23.

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.staloysius-stcolumban.com/newsevents>

This event is taking a break for July and August; we will be resuming with renewed energy on Monday night, Sept. 6th at 7 :00 p.m on Zoom.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAY FOR JULY

Paul Gendron	13 th
Dick and Jane Pickering	15 th - 54 yrs.
Nancy Grenier-Lambert	16 th
Gary Burns	20 th
René-Paul Gendron	28 th
Louise MacMillian	31 st

