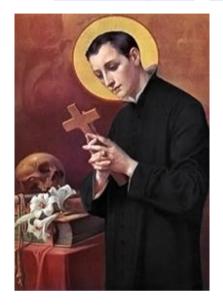


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We, as a Christian Community, Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Strive to live our Baptismal Promises by using our time, talent and treasure to reach out to others **as Jesus did**.

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FR. JEAN-PIERRE COUTURIER

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FR. DONBOSCO MAWDSLEY, SMA

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAYS 9:30AM at STE. LOUISE-DE-MARILLAC CHURCH (corner Honoré-Beaugrand & Ste. Claire)

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Blue Mondays: MONDAYS - 8:00PM ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH CENTRE (8402 de Marseille St., Montreal) Cancelled until further notice **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

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For This Week: Sunday, December 6 Intentions are for:
MR. RICHARD MICHALISZYN

Sunday, December 13 and

MARILYN HENRY EVELYN KEOUGH Requested by:

Cidalia and Denis Farias

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS for this week go out to: Fr. René Gagnon (6), Mary Wiltshire (8), Trinette Mascarenhas (11)

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week: Bishop Thomas Dowd's 19th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination (7)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Prepare our hearts in faithful waiting

by Amanda Idleman

After a chaotic year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season...a time when believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth.

This week, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making space in our schedules for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

As you light the second advent candle, may God's spirit prepare your heart to receive Jesus as your king. May God's grace abound in your life in this season of holy anticipation.

Prayer

Father, prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth joyfully! We thank you for faithfully doing what you promised long ago when you sent your Son to earth so that we might have the chance to become part of your family. Let the promise of your second coming inspire us to live with hope and purpose.

As we wait for your plan to unfold, give us the patience we need. Remind us of the peace we can access when we take time to still ourselves before you and remember that you are God. We thank you that you are both sovereign and gracious.

Help us to find rest in the midst of what feels like chaos in our world. Amen.



ST. ALOYSIUS BULLETIN

December 6, 2020



ST. ALOYSIUS' NEWS

DIGITAL MISSION COMMITTEE MASS ONLINE

A reminder that our Eucharistic celebrations will be livestreamed 9:30 a.m. Sundays, from Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church.

You may follow Mass online via the parish Facebook page here:

St. Aloysius Facebook page

CHURCH OPEN FOR SUNDAY MASS

Advanced registration is required to attend our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses each week. Please visit our website for more details and for updates as safety measures are subject to change:

Sunday Mass and Safety Protocols

WARDENS' ELECTIONS

On Sunday, December 13, 2020, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Ste. Louise-de-Marillac Church, a Meeting of Parishioners will be convened for the purpose of electing a Fabrique Warden for a period of three years effective January 1st, 2021. If you are 18 years of age or older and live within the boundaries of your parish's territory, you may wish to consider presenting vourself for the position of churchwarden. You will find resources outlining the role and responsibilities on the diocesan website. Visit Parish Resources at www.diocesemontreal.org and select Wardens under Administration:

The Role of the Churchwarden

*Note: In accordance with Fabrique Law, a Meeting of Parishioners must be convened and announced before the end of year 2020, but given the current government directives, if restrictions continue this month to limit gatherings to a maximum of 25, it will be possible to postpone a meeting until within the first 60 days of 2021. Parishioners would then be notified of this postponement as soon as possible.

THE H.O.P.E. COMMITTEE: 2020 CHRISTMAS BASKETS AND ADOPT-A-CHILD CAMPAIGN

Given the current pandemic restrictions, we will not be collecting canned goods nor other food items for this year's Christmas Baskets. As an alternative, we will be providing families with food vouchers/gift cards to grocery stores.

As of three weeks ago, we had up to 26 families in need listed, including 78 children. As with the food baskets, we will not be purchasing presents this year. We will offer instead gift cards from retail stores *Toys 'R' Us* or *Walmart*. Our goal is to give a \$25 gift card to every child on the list. We encourage you to adopt a child or perhaps more than one if you have the means this Christmas season. Your monetary donation will go towards funding this project and will be included in your tax receipts for 2020.

The members of H.O.P.E. will be purchasing all the food vouchers and gift cards. We want to help keep everyone safe and avoid having our parishioners go to the stores. Given that our deadline to mail the gift cards to families is Thursday, December 10., we kindly ask that you make your donations to H.O.P.E. by Sunday, December 6.

It is only through our St. Aloysius parishioners that we are able to realize projects such as these. If you would like to help us with the food baskets, please continue to support H.O.P.E. through your weekly donations. Thank you for your generosity.

How to donate:

Cheques for H.O.P.E. should be made payable to *St. Aloysius Parish*. Please indicate "H.O.P.E. donation" on the memo line.

You may also consider donating online via e-transfer directly to:

hope@saintaloysius.ca.

Thank you for your continued support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRAY-AS-YOU-GO ADVENT RETREAT 2020: GOD IS WITH YOU

In collaboration with Sacred Space, written by Gemma Simmonds. CJ

Do you know that God is with you?

After a year of challenges, changes, suffering, isolation and social distancing, perhaps there's never been a more important time to reflect on the Incarnation; to reflect on God's incredible plan to draw as close as possible to us, by becoming one of us.

Sessions last about 20-25 minutes and will be released week by week. Why not add these dates to your diary now?

Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec, 21 and Dec. 28. Start your retreat today.

Visit:

ADVENT RETREAT 2020

VIRTUAL BENEFIT CHRISTMAS CONCERT: COMMUNION AND LIBERATION CANADA

Communion and Liberation choirs across Canada will join their voices for a FREE virtual event that will be premiered on the CL Canada YouTube channel.

CL choirs will accompany meditations to help introduce us to Christmas in a deeper way.

Tune in on **Saturday, December 19**, 8 p.m-9 p.m. at: <u>CL Canada YouTube</u> channel

Please consider a donation to answer the URGENT CALL FOR LEBANON campaign. All proceeds will go to Aid to the Church in Need: Urgent call for Lebanon. Click here to donate.

Have a safe and peaceful week everyone, thank you for your stewardship, and stay healthy and well! ©

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