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St. Aloysius Parish

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sundays 9:30AM at Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church
(corner Beaugrand & Ste Claire). Streamed on Facebook and available on YouTube.

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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**.



MARCH 9, 1568 – JUNE 21, 1591

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

Today's Mass Intentions are for
FOR THE PEOPLE

Requested by
Saint Aloysius Parish

With special prayers of peace and healing for

Piers Corsi

Bobby Squires

Claris Mascarenhas

John Henry

Mathilda Dias

Diane Vanin

Jeannie Wayland

Stephan Pomerleau

Margaret Martell

Mary Bardo

Roger Laporte

Lise St. Amant

May I be at peace. May my heart remain open.

May I be aware of my true nature. May I be healed.

May I be a source of healing to others.

May I dwell in the breath of God.

- Saint Teresa of Avila

Opening Hymn: 459 – The First Nowell

Readings: Page 134

Offertory Hymn: 708 – I Will Never Forget You

Recessional Hymn: 478 – As With Gladness Men Of Old

Birthday greetings for this week:

(1) Lawrence de Gruchy

Celebrating an anniversary:

None listed

Next week's Mass Intentions will be for
Ann Snow and Kay Taylor

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The Holy Doors

Last time, we touched upon the meaning of a Jubilee Year and how each Jubilee marks a special year of grace and forgiveness, offering the faithful an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence. Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica to mark the beginning of the Jubilee Year on December 24th, 2024 with a theme "Pilgrims of Hope."

When the Catholic Church is not in a jubilee year, the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica is sealed by a stone wall placed behind the doorway. Between 1500 and 1974, for every jubilee year, the sitting pope would symbolically start to break the stone, with masons finishing the job of removing the rest. But this ritual was changed in 1974 during the closing of the Holy Door. This was when Pope Paul VI was accidentally hit by some rubble, and after that the ceremonies of the opening and closing of the Holy Door were simplified.

The current Holy Door made of bronze in St. Peter's Basilica was carved in 1948 by Vico Consorti. He was chosen after the Catholic Church started a competition to design and repair the older wooden doors for the Jubilee from 1949 to 1950. The door opened on Christmas Eve in 1949, showing its 16 Biblical scenes focusing on stories of mercy and forgiveness. These scenes were carved in wood eventually replaced with bronze, creating a more durable design that can be seen today.



For the first time in history, on December 26th 2024, Pope Francis opened a "Holy Door" at Rebibbia prison in Rome, showing his continued closeness to detainees. His message to them was, "Do not lose hope."

On Sunday, December 29th 2024, the Pope opened the Holy Door of his cathedral, Saint John Lateran in Rome, which on November 9th 2024 celebrated the 1700th anniversary of its dedication.

Today, January 1st 2025, the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome was opened.

Lastly, Sunday, January 5th 2025, will mark the opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, also in Rome.

These last three Holy Doors will be closed on Sunday, December 28th 2025.

The other Holy Doors are located in: Atri, Italy; Galacia, Spain; Manila, Philippines; Ars-sur-Formans, France and right here in Montreal at the Notre-Dame Basilica. They were not opened this year.

WARDENS' ELECTION

RESULTS: A meeting of parishioners was held on Sunday, December 15th, 2024 for the purpose of electing two wardens and the renewal of another. Congratulations to Patricia McMahon and Peter Yefi as they prepare for their first term as wardens. As well we would like to congratulate Tony Secondo as he begins his second term. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Michele Narayanan and Jacques Beaulieu for their dedication during their terms as wardens. We also want to acknowledge and thank Michele for staying on as our accountant. Thank you all for your service.

FOOD COLLECTION

For many years Dalkeith has been collecting food for St Aloysius Parish. On December 18th Tony and I picked up non-perishable food items at Dalkeith School. The children have been bringing in food to help the less fortunate. We delivered (to quote a gentleman from Ste Louise-de-Marillac) a mountain of boxes to St Vincent de Paul at Ste Louise-de-Marillac Church. The people in charge, namely Mr. Roy and Mr. Breault extend their gratitude for this generous donation. This collection will help build their pantry for the winter months to come. Thank you to the families at Dalkeith School for their generosity.
Joanne

2025 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Your 2025 Collection envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you do not have a parishioner number and would like to receive a box of collection envelopes for tax purposes, please see Joanne.



H.O.P.E COMMITTEE

Manon Legault Emma Lisi
Joanne Trottier Joyce Montanaro
Tony Secondo

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS / ADOPT-A-CHILD

Through the generosity of its parishioners, HOPE has reached its goal. Thank you for all your support. We could not have done this without your help.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All cheques for H.O.P.E. must be made out to 'St. Aloysius Parish' (memo line: 'H.O.P.E.'). **Most importantly**, cheques **cannot** be combined with donations to both H.O.P.E. and St. Aloysius Parish.

♥ **THANK YOU SO MUCH!** ♥



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This celebration is the 'Octave of Christmas'. An octave is an eight-day extension of the feast. Only Christmas and Easter have an octave. This holiday is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind.

The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to 431AD. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Between the 13th century and 1974, it was celebrated on various other days until Pope Paul VI moved it back to January 1st.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1st: Mass at 9:30AM

Mass will be held at Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church. We look forward to welcoming you during this Christmas Season.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

JANUARY 2025: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

FR. DONBOSCO - 438-937-3767

Fr. Donbosco is available for:

- blessing homes
- blessing graves
- visiting the ill
- bringing communion
- baptisms & weddings
- confessions (15 mins. before & after mass)

Father has no car but can easily manage close-by visits. For further away visits, a lift would be appreciated.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024 - Thank you for your generosity!
St. Aloysius Parish: \$340.00 Propagation of Faith: \$0.00
H.O.P.E.: \$50.00 Missals: \$0.00

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NEW YEAR'S DAY WORD SEARCH

<p>S N J A N U A R T B I L F G C G O V W X Z J H B J R T I P A T I M E S S Q U A R E I R A L X S D S Q U I V L T S M S R E D E C E M B E R L K O E T H N P M O P B A L L D C L O C K D J A N U A R Y P R S U J A C A L K A K R R M A O O T A G O R B E K D I L T R P A I N Y L O K R V K M S B Y E Y O W V J B N S A E M K S M I D N I G H T</p>	<p>JANUARY PARTY CLOCK FIRST HAT BALL DROP EVE NOISEMAKERS MIDNIGHT DECEMBER KISS CALENDAR MIDNIGHT RESOLUTION TIMES SQUARE</p>
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