

Serving the English Catholic Community in East End Montreal since 1908



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's Mass Intentions are for

PETER PIEROG

THREE SEPARATE HEALING MASS INTENTIONS

Requested by

Cynthia Hansen

Nancy Curran

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: 460 – The First Nowell

Readings: Page 147

Offertory Hymn: 717 – Whatsoever You Do

Recessional Hymn: 480 – When Jesus Comes to be Baptised

Birthday greetings for this week:

(14) Lynn Valenta, Mike Lacombe,

(16) Cynthia Paginado, (18) Maureen Kelahear

Celebrating an anniversary:

None listed

Next week's Mass Intentions will be for

Larry Hamil on 2nd anniversary of his passing

Requested by

His loving wife, Linda

Saint Brother André of Montreal - I

I used to frequent Saint Joseph's Oratory on Queen Mary Road every Sunday. This was when Raymond Daveluy, the organist at the Basilica, gave organ recitals there at 3:30 pm. He was playing a Von Beckerat organ, which had been installed in 1960. So, while I was going there for the recitals, I got acquainted with the place. Under the Basilica is the crypt, with its church and Brother André's coffin. At that time, the Basilica was basically concrete except for the organ. I had known Raymond Daveluy as a music teacher at Collège Brébeuf, quite close to the Oratory. My parents were living on a small street west of the college.



Mother told me about the people who had lined up to pass next to his coffin in 1937: about one million. She was among them. Why would she do that? Well, Brother André was known as a «miracle worker» during his lifetime. People would come to him to pray for their healing. He would pray with them to ask for their healing through the intercession of Saint Joseph. And many were healed. Why was the Basilica built there? The shrine is across the street from Collège Notre-Dame de Montréal, a college run by the Holy Cross Fathers. Brother André was a brother working at the college. He was basically the doorman and the college authorities got tired of seeing all these sick people coming to Brother André to cure them.

The easiest solution was to send him to the other side of the street to meet the sick. Thus, he began working at the college as a menial worker and seeing to the sick across the street. Slowly, he managed in 1904 to get a small chapel built on that land and spent some time in prayer there. It was only when Brother André's little chapel became a place of pilgrimage that the Holy Cross Fathers started to build the shrine. The Fathers only built when they had enough money, and it is one of the reasons why it took so long.



Brother André really had nothing to do with the Basilica, its organ and the even the crypt. This was all done by the Holy Cross Fathers. Due to the economic crises, the work had been suspended in 1931 and had not restarted by the time he died in 1937.



This being said, who was brother André? He was born in a dirt-poor family. He was orphaned at 12 years old. He was sickly and frail all his life. Yet people came to him to get cured! He was a great man of prayer, and for him the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ as well as a devotion to Saint Joseph were the two pillars of his prayer life.

St Brother Andre lived from 1845 to 1937 and his feast day is celebrated here on January 7th.

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.

WITH GRATITUDE

Heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners who have donated treats, juices, cups, coffee, the coffee machine and funds for our 'After Mass Coffee'n'Treats'. It is much appreciated!

LE P'TIT PÈRE: APPEAL FOR DONATIONS OF SHOES/BOOTS

Fr. Jean-Pierre Couturier devotes much of his time repairing and donating shoes and boots to the homeless. If you have men's shoes and/or boots that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate it if you would donate them to this cause. You can bring them directly to the church or drop them off at the office. Thank you in advance for your help!

ALMAGE ACTIVITIES

January 28th: Pet Therapy from 10am-12pm
January 29th: Outing to Montreal Casino from 10am-3pm (\$25 for taxi), deadline to register is January 22nd

10-Week Fitness Programs:

\$60 for 1 program; \$110 for 2 programs; \$155 for 3 programs

Exercise Club

Every Monday at 10am from January 13th to March 17th

Line Dancing

Every Tuesday at 10:30am from January 21st to March 25th

Chair Yoga

Every Thursday at 11am from January 9th to March 13th



H.O.P.E COMMITTEE

Manon Legault Emma Lisi
 Joanne Trottier Joyce Montanaro
 Tony Secondo

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 the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, His second epiphany.

The baptism of John was in a way a preparation for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John, He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Much of what happens during Christ's baptism is symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity entered our soul. At His baptism, Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At His baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. We now enter Ordinary Time lasting from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

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, Jan. 5, 2025 - Thank you for your generosity!
 St. Aloysius Parish: \$725.00 Propagation of Faith: \$0.00
 H.O.P.E.: \$125.00 Missals: \$0.00

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Keen on history or on facts of yore,
physics, theology, dog parks or
genealogy, all composed bilingually.*

You just might fancy

JacquesBeaulieu.ca

A site by a 'so-so' singer,
and a fellow parishioner. 😊

Welcome and enjoy!



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HELP JESUS GET TO JOHN

