



ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH



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Date: December 11, 2022



ST. ALOYSIUS 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.***

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

FR. JEAN-PIERRE COUTURIER

SUNDAY MINISTRY

FR. JOSEPH P. SULLIVAN

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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

SECRETARY

JOANNE TROTTIER

CONFESSIONS

QUARTER OF AN HOUR BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

BAPTISMS

CONTACT OFFICE FOR INFO

WEDDINGS

CONTACT OFFICE MINIMALLY SIX MONTHS BEFORE MARRIAGE

H.O.P.E. COMMITTEE

EMMA LISI
JOYCE MONTANARO
JOANNE TROTTIER
TONY SECONDO
MANON LEGAULT

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

EMMA LISI
JOYCE MONTANARO
JOANNE TROTTIER

WARDENS

MICHELE NARAYANAN
CYNTHIA HANSEN
JAMES PIERRE GUIMOND
ALEX BELLISARIO-GIGLIO
JACQUES BEAULIEU
TONY SECONDO

PARISH E-BULLETIN

CYNTHIA MARIE PAGINADO

THE LADIES OF ST. ANNE

ROSEMARY KELAHEAR

ALMAGE 50+ CENTRE

JOHN HENRY

ONLINE MASS COMMITTEE

JACQUES BEAULIEU
TONY SECONDO
ALLEN WAYLAND
FR. JEAN-PIERRE COUTURIER

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Blue Mondays: MONDAYS - 8:00PM
ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH CENTRE
(8402 de Marseille St., Montreal)
Possible re-start Spring 2023
To be announced.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

SUNDAYS - 8:00PM
ST. BRENDAN'S HALL
(5740 15th Ave., corner Rosemont)



MASS INTENTIONS



For This Week's

Sunday, December 11
and

Intentions are for:

RAYMOND AUPY
DONALD McCOOMBS

Requested by:

Patricia Chancey
Cynthia Hansen

For Next Week:

Sunday, December 18
and

Intentions are for:

BETTY TROTTIER AND ALMA CORMIER
LISE TREMBLAY

Joanne, Chloe and Chelsea
Rosemary Kelahear

Healing Intentions for:

PIERS CORSI

Nancy Curran

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS for this week go out to:

Trinette Mascarenhas (11), Anna Bellisario (14)

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY:

Trinette and Ashwin Mascarenhas (15)

Our Lady of Guadalupe

A 57-year-old man was born under Aztec rule and converted into the Catholic Church sometime after the start of Spanish rule. He was given the Spanish name at baptism of Juan Diego. This man was poor, with no education, just a labourer. On December 9, 1531, early in the morning, as he was walking to Mass he saw an apparition of Our Lady, on Tepeyac Hill, the site of a former Aztec Temple. He was flabbergasted. The apparition told him to go tell the bishop to build a temple in her honour so that she could hear the petitions and heal the sufferings of the Mexican people under Spanish rule.

We can easily imagine that the bishop was not impressed by Juan Diego's story. He listened, through an interpreter, to what the peasant had to report, but just dismissed him. Juan Diego went back to Tepeyac Hill and the apparition, told him to go back to the bishop and insist that this temple be built. The bishop was startled by the peasant's insistence and asked for a sign. Juan Diego promised to get one the next day. But then his 68-year-old uncle, named Juan Bernadino, suddenly got very sick and Juan Diego decided to stay and nurse him that day instead of meeting the apparition. As his uncle's health continued to deteriorate, Juan decided to go and get a priest but, on the way out he met Our Lady who told him off: "Am I not your mother?" She ordered him to go to Tepeyac Hill and there, to pick some flowers unknown to him. He was told to hide them in his coat and let them fall from it in front of the bishop himself. Juan Diego knew that flowers were not found in December on top of a hill in Mexico. But he went and found a great number of blooming roses. He put them in his coat as instructed and went to see the bishop.

While that was happening, Our Lady appeared to Juan Bernadino and his fever left him instantly. She told him that she is to be known as "Our Lady of Guadalupe".

In front of the bishop, our Juan Diego did what the apparition had instructed him: he opened his coat and let the roses fall to the ground. The bishop was started by what he saw: not only by the roses but also by that of an image imprinted inside the coat: an exquisite image of Our Lady, clothed as an Aztec princess.

The coat, now over 450 years old, is still with us today. It is made of cactus fibres. The image does not appear to have been painted but printed. The position of the stars on the coat is of the night sky at that time of the year. The coat is exhibited in the present-day Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

So, much before Our Lady appeared to Bernadette in Lourdes (1858) and Fatima (1917), she had appeared to Juan Diego in 1531. Her feast day is December 12, the date of her last apparition there. She has been the patron saint of the Americas since 1945. Juan Diego was canonized on July 31, 2002, and his day is celebrated on December 9, the date of the first apparition.

ST. ALOYSIUS BULLETIN

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ST. ALOYSIUS' NEWS

MASS IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

"Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy."

Though we continue to livestream 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays, it is intended to help serve those who cannot leave their homes because of illness or other serious reasons. We would love to see you back in church and have you experience the peace and joy so many have reported as they first return to in-person Mass and are able to see everyone and, most importantly, receive the Lord in Holy Communion, the Bread of Life.

WARDENS' ELECTIONS

A meeting of parishioners will be convened this morning, **December 11, 2022**, immediately following 9:30 a.m. Mass at Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church. **Cynthia Hansen** and **James Pierre Guimond** have indicated that they will run for a second term. If anyone else wishes to run, they must be 18 years of age or older and reside within the boundaries of the parish. They will need to be present at the meeting and have someone to propose their name and someone to second the proposal. We sincerely thank our wardens for their time and dedication to our parish.

2022/2023 SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are available at the back of the church. If you cannot make it to mass, there are some missals available at the office. Please call Joanne ahead of time if you plan on passing by. A donation of \$5 would be greatly appreciated to cover costs. Thank you.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all new parishioners to St Aloysius. If you would like to receive a tax receipt for your donations, please call Joanne at the office (514-351-3281) to obtain a box of envelopes.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 p.m. on **Saturday, December 24**, at Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church. Please note that there will be no Mass held on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25.

H.O.P.E. COMMITTEE: CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR GRACE DART EXTENDED CARE

We will be dropping off presents to the patients of Grace Dart Extended Care Hospital on **Saturday, December 17**. Once again, we will not be going room to room but rather dropping off all 150 gifts at the reception.

We thank you again as it's through your donations that these H.O.P.E. projects are possible

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

From **Sunday, December 4, 2022**:

St. Aloysius Parish: \$276.65

H.O.P.E.: \$473.35

Missals: \$5.00

Thank you for your support.

2023 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Your 2023 collection envelopes are now available at the back of the church. If you don't have a parishioner number and would like a box of envelopes for receipt purposes, please call Joanne at the office.

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS:

We welcome your input. Please feel free to email your comments or suggestions to the parish office at parish@saintalloysius.ca. Thank you!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MOMENTUM: CATHOLIC SINGLE MOTHERS

On **Wednesday, December 14** at 8 p.m. EST, Momentum will be hosting a webinar titled **"Freedom from Shame."** This webinar will explore how shame impacts us and how we can be free of it. We will also focus on how shame affects women and men differently.

Fr. Rob Elford and Fr. John Mishen will share their reflections followed by Q&A. Fr. Mishen will lead us through a guided meditation on the woman caught in adultery (Jn 8: 1-11).

Fr. Rob Elford has extensive experience with the prison system and will reflect on how shame impacts men.

To register online, click [HERE](#).

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND HEALING

In your prayers, please remember the ill and the suffering.

**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*

Blessings on your week, and thank you for your stewardship. Stay healthy and well.

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