



ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH



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Date: December 18, 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
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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 18
and

Intentions are for:

BETTY TROTTIER AND ALMA CORMIER
LISE TREMBLAY

Healing Intentions for:

PIERS CORSI

Requested by:

Joanne, Chloe and Chelsea
Rosemary and Maureen Kelahear

Nancy Curran

For Next Week:

Saturday, December 24

Intentions are for:

FOR THE PEOPLE

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS for this week go out to:
Perry Lee (21)

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY:
Fr. Paul Pomkoski's 36th Anniversary
of Ordination (20)

Christmas I

In this bulletin I will be examining one of the two great Solemnities of our liturgical year: that of Christmas. This Solemnity, just like the one of Easter, lasts for eight days, so we talk about the octave of Christmas and that of Easter.

Christians were not the first to have festivals that last eight days: there are such festivals in the Jewish religion. Passover lasts eight days, as does the feast of Booths (Tabernacles) and Hanukkah. So, it follows that the Church took that tradition from the Jews.

The Christmas Solemnity is different from the Easter one as it has within it some Feast days. It is as if there was a need to insist on some specific points. The first day of Christmas reminds us of Jesus being born to a poor family away from home; the second day tells us that as a result of Jesus being born into the world, Stephen was stoned to death and so became the first martyr of the Gospel. The third day celebrates the Evangelist, Saint John, who insisted that this Jesus born into the world was the Son of God, as well as the Word of the Father. The fourth day of Christmas reminds us that because of the birth of Jesus, King Herod had all the young boys in the region murdered, hoping to kill Jesus among them; and all because the Magi came to him asking where they could find Jesus.

Saint Francis of Assisi is the one who came up with the props of the stable, the ox and the donkey. And made a big thing of the Angels and shepherds, as mentioned in Saint Luke's Gospel. This first day of Christmas seems at least peaceful. Although Jesus was born in a stable, there were shepherds and Angels around.

In the Nativity scene, we stress that Jesus was born in a low state to poor parents. He was not part of those who directed this world order. On the fourth day of Christmas, we recall the reaction of Herod to his meeting with the Magi, who stated that a King was born and were looking for him. Herod asked the theologians where the King was to be born and was told that it was in Bethlehem, the City of David. Instead of being happy that such a King was born, he was determined to have him killed so that the Scriptures would not be fulfilled at his disadvantage. So, all the young boys of the area were slaughtered.

Important people are usually born of important families among the aristocracy, as were Julius Caesar and Alexander, among others. And the fact that they were so successful implied that they had to be of a status superior to the leading class. It seemed to those around them that their superiority was due to the Divine, that one of their parents was probably not a human being but a god or a goddess with whom the human had had sexual relations.

At Christmas we have the world upside down: Jesus is the Son of God born outside of sexual relations to a Virgin, a poor lass from an unimportant family betrothed to a poor carpenter, a descendant of David from a branch that did not produce anyone of importance after Solomon.

- Authored by **Jacques Beaulieu**

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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.

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.

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@santalloysius.ca. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 p.m. on **Saturday, December 24**, at Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church. We look forward to seeing you there. Please note that there will be no Mass held on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25. New Year's Day Mass will take place **Sunday, January 1st** at Ste. Louise-de-Marillac Church at 9:30 a.m.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

From **Sunday, December 11, 2022:**

St. Aloysius Parish: \$211.00

H.O.P.E.: \$154.00

Missals: \$10.00

Thank you for your support.

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.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. RAYMOND LAFONTAINE, E.V.

"As we approach the fourth Sunday of Advent, and the Christmas season, we find ourselves busy and perhaps fearful we'll forget something. Yet, it is good for us to take a few moments to remember a most important, yet too-often overlooked, character in the Christmas story – St. Joseph."

- Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, E.V.

To read Fr. Ray's full message, visit the following link:

[O.E.P.S. Christmas Message 2022](#)

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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