



ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH



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Date: December 24, 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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JOANNE TROTTIER
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PARISH E-BULLETIN

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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

Saturday, December 24

Intentions are for:

FOR THE PEOPLE

Requested by:

St. Aloysius Parish community

For Next Week:

Sunday, January 1st

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS for this week go out to:

Oliver Radack, Rod Dozois, Patricia Chancey (25),
Fr. Paul Pomkoski, Joseph McArdle (27),
Nancy McMahon Laporte (28), Meghan Mascarenhas (29)
Rohit Mascarenhas (31)

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY:

Claris and Francis Mascarenhas (26)

Christmas II

In this bulletin I want to concentrate on another aspect of Christmas, that is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. We know that this is the title given to Mary in the "Hail, Mary". It comes from her Latin title, "Mater Dei" but it does not reflect exactly her original Greek title, which in our alphabet, is "Theotokos". Not that it is very different, but the emphasis is not exactly the same.

You probably have already gathered that I am quite keen on the Orthodox Church, let it be the Russian or the Greek one. Some of you may also know my sympathies for these communions. The second part of the title, "tokos" means first and foremost the "action of giving birth", the "act of childbirth". The first part is the radical of "theos", that is "God". So, the term means "the act of giving birth to God".

Well, you will say, why all this complicated way of beating around the bush? Is that not simply "Mother of God"? Yes and no. What Mary is said to have accomplished by her action of giving birth to Jesus, her baby boy, has brought God into His Creation, the World. The world, He created a very long time before. Mary inserts into the Creation a baby boy who is, at the same time, God the Son, God the Word. What is described is the Incarnation, what Saint John describes at the very beginning of his Gospel: "and the Word was made flesh". We can see why the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist is on the 27th of December, on the third day of Christmas. Here we are not insisting on the lowliness of the birth of Jesus, but on the fact that He, the Son of God, was inserted into our world by the action of Mary's childbirth. He, the Son of God, gestated for nine months in Mary's womb after Mary said "yes" to God through the angel Gabriel and was born into our world like all of us.

The Church has taken great pains to make us understand that Jesus, son of Joseph by adoption and so son of David, is a human being just like us. But, contrary to us, He is also God, the second Person of the Holy Trinity, just as our Creed says.

Merry Christmas to all of you who stuck to reading this all the way to the end. By the way, the Russian Orthodox Church does celebrate Christmas of December 25 just like us, but, contrary to us, according to the Julian rather than the Gregorian calendar... which means the celebration is sometime in January according to our calendar.

— Authored by **Jacques Beaulieu**



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.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

"A heartfelt thank you to the members of H.O.P.E. for their dedication to our community."

— Rosemary Kelahear

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@santaloyusius.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: \$1, 697.00

H.O.P.E.: \$573.00

Thank you for your support.

WARDENS' ELECTIONS: RESULTS

A meeting of parishioners was held two weeks ago on Sunday, December 11, for the purpose of electing two wardens. Congratulations to **Ms. Cynthia Hansen** and **Mr. James Pierre Guimond** as they prepare to begin their second term as members of the Fabrique in the new year, effective January 1st, 2023. Thank you both for your dedicated and generous service to our parish.

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 ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIAN LÉPINE AND CHRISTMAS E-CARD

*"Dear Brother, Dear Sister,
At Christmas, we celebrate Emmanuel, 'God with us': a God among us, who comes to reveal his Divinity and to lead us toward the path of salvation through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit..."*

— + Christian Lépine
Archbishop of Montreal

To view/read the Archbishop's full message, visit the following links:

[2022 Christmas Video Message](#)

[2022 Christmas E-card](#)

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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