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## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sundays 9:30AM at Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church

(corner Beaugrand & Ste Claire). Streamed live 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 4, 2026 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today's Mass Intentions are for

**ROBERT STOPPONI**

Requested by

His loving cousin, Gina Marocco

With special prayers of peace and healing for

Piers Corsi

Bobby Squires

Claris Mascarenhas

John Henry

Mathilda Dias

Jeannie Wayland

Mary Bardo

Roger Laporte

Anne Symonds

Pierre Guimond

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 134**

**Offertory Hymn: 461 – What Child Is This**

**Recessional Hymn: 463 – Angels We Have Heard On High**

**Birthday greetings for this week:**

(7) Monica Valade, (10) Doug Best

**Celebrating an anniversary:**

None listed

Mass Intentions for next Sunday  
Jacqueline Desaulniers

Requested by  
Jeannie & Allen Wayland

## FAITH AND DOUBT

I was having a discussion, with someone at Saint Louise, that turned into a confrontation about the creation of the Gospels. I was amazed at how quickly I became aggressive on the subject. I try to remain composed and sympathetic to other peoples' opinions but I surprised myself by my intolerant reaction.

All this is really about faith and doubt. Years ago, I got burnt badly by accepting someone who should know much better than I that such an investigation was really worth pursuing. It turned out in the end that the work we decided to continue and that we had considered reliable was not. Someone had published something in a reputable scientific journal that I should have doubted, but I did not. Instead, I relied on this person, who should have known better than me, that it was thesis material.

I had faith but I failed to doubt. This had a tremendous effect on me. Experts are not infallible, even in a simple science, such as physics. Since then, I have studied more, read more, thought more. I found out that great physicists' papers are often wrong as they work on what turns out to be false assumptions. In fact, I always told my students that 19 scientific articles out of 20 were simply wrong. How I got to that proportion was and still is pure guesswork...

May I point out that my suggestion to contact the author of the original article to discuss this was shot down in flames... one does not act in such a way with colleagues. After all, it is all about keeping up appearances, and maintaining good relations with people who might some day be useful.

That this mentality exists in all subjects, I am certain. In some cases, it is all about personalities and subject politics. This is why I prefer to go for theories which have been seen and found valid for generations. These surely are more reliable, and so more believable. The more experiments that prove a theory, the more one has good reason to have faith in it. And, this is a good reason to have faith in Christianity, after all, this «theory» is about 20 centuries old. Our dogmas are mostly that old; the «experiments», as reported by the Gospels, are about that old, and individual «experiments», peoples' life experiences, can all be explained by them. Catholic and Orthodox Dogmas form the «theory» founded on the research of 2000 years of «experiments».

Of course, it might turn out that there are other world views that are important to live a valuable human life just like there may be other ways to understand physics. As a novice bowler, I now consider «events» like a strike as possibly lasting up to three or four seconds. The strike being a many-body collision where ten pins of a certain shape and dimension, placed at certain intervals, are hit by a ball of certain size that spins with definite velocity at a definite place within the array, which results on all the ten pins falling.



# H.O.P.E COMMITTEE

Emma Lisi                      Joyce Montanaro  
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### CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS / ADOPT-A-CHILD

Thank you very much for all your donations! Your generosity has helped 26 families and 77 children. Each family received a Maxi gift card ranging from \$200 to \$375, depending on family size. Each child received a \$25 gift card for Walmart. All expressed gratitude!

### GRACE DART EXTENDED CARE

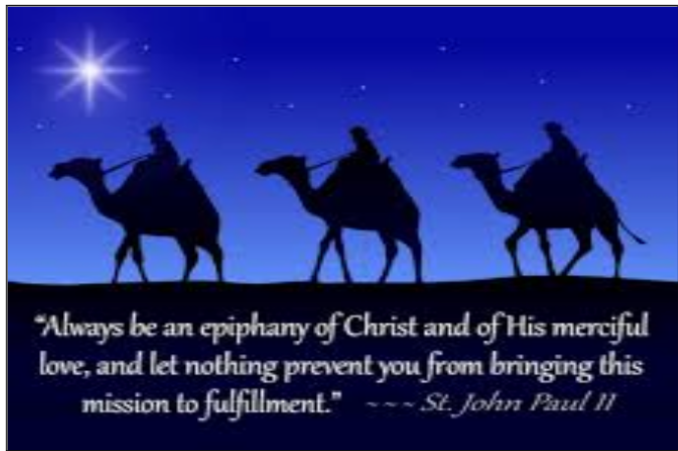
On Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, the delivery of 190 presents took place. Thank you to Peter and Tony!

### FOOD DONATIONS PICKUP

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, over 40 boxes of food and toiletry items were picked up from Dalkeith and Edward Murphy Schools. They were donated to the Societe St. Vincent de Paul of Ste-Louise-de-Marillac.



Thank you to the schools and to Peter and Tony!



### 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!

### 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!

### POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

**January 2026:** Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### 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. 28, 2025.** January 1 amounts to come next week.  
St. Aloysius Parish: \$115.00                      Parish Dues: \$100.00  
H.O.P.E.: \$40.00                                      Missals: \$0.00



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

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**Saints of the Week**

**4<sup>th</sup>: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

1774/08/28 – 1821/01/04

**5<sup>th</sup>: Saint John Neumann**

1811/??/? – 1860/01/05

**6<sup>th</sup>: Saint Andre Bessette**

1845/08/09 – 1937/01/06

**7<sup>th</sup>: Saint Raymond of Pennafort**

??/? – ??/?/?

**8<sup>th</sup>: Saint Thorfinn**

??/? – 1285/01/08

**9<sup>th</sup>: Saint Adrian - Abbott**

??/? – ??/?/?

**10<sup>th</sup>: Saint William of Bourges**

1155/??/? – 1209/??/?

**EPIPHANY WORD SEARCH**

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