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St. Aloysius Parish

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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

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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, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Mass Intentions are for

LUCE DOYLE

IN HONOUR OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Requested by

Jacques Beaulieu

Elena Scalia

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: 621 – All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Readings: Page 166

Offertory Hymn: 717 – Whatsoever You Do

Recessional Hymn: 712 – Help Us To Help Each Other, Lord

Birthday greetings for this week:

(8) Emma Gentile

(10) Desiree Camacho

(13) Jonathan Andrade

Celebrating an anniversary:

None listed

Mass Intentions for next Sunday
Rao Narayanan

Requested by
Jacques Beaulieu

MAKING SENSE - II

As I have probably already said, my wife and I were married at the Roman Catholic Oxford Chaplaincy. As such, the marriage was celebrated under the rites of the Roman Catholic Church. The officiating priest did not have a licence from the state authorities to perform a civil marriage, and thus the assistant registrar for the County of Oxford had to be present as a witness and to have us sign the form for the Civil marriage as well as sign the form for the Catholic marriage.



As you probably also know, the marriage of two Catholics in the Church takes place within a Mass and so the couple not only swear an oath to each other, but pray together and have communion together, in front of others with two of them being witnesses. In the Catholic Church, the priest basically asks one question to both, who simply answer «I do». The question, if I remember, was: «Jacques, do you take Linda for your lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part?» It is really a covenant and, like many others, I still wear my marriage ring even though Linda died seven years ago. I even heard of people who renewed their marriage vow even after losing their spouse.



Now our Holy Mother Church considers marriage a sacrament, just like the Eucharist, and in both cases, it works by God providing real and tangible succour to both partners. Of course, God's action is limited by the recipient just like in the Eucharist. It depends on the willingness to receive God's grace.

As we saw last week, marriage is understood everywhere as a commitment of love between a man and a woman, with a willingness to have children, to look after them, to nurture them and to let them go when the time comes. It is an example of the Love that God is, of the Love of Jesus for His Church. Marriage is a life of service toward one's spouse and towards one's children. It is a fitting preparation for Eternal Life, for the Life of Love for God and everyone that will, in God, be everlasting. This is the goal of this life, the object of all our desires.

Having said that, it is quite obvious that not everyone really wants that. There are many who only love themselves and want to subordinate others, control others, be it their spouse or their children. There are others who insist on enslaving others. There has been so many murders, rapes, torture, hate. So many who destroyed God's harmony for their own nightmares... They, definitely, will not reach Eternal Life.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Mass will take place on **February 18, 2026 at 4:00PM** at our parish centre located at 8402 Marseilles. It will be presided over by Fr Jean-Marc.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is a period of 40 days, not including Sundays, marked by repentance, fasting, prayer and ultimately, celebration of Christ's resurrection. This 40-day period represents Jesus' time wandering the desert where He fasted and was tempted by Satan. Lent asks Catholics to set aside this period for similar fasting marking an intentional season of focus on Jesus' life, ministry, sacrifice and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday always happens 40 days plus six Sundays before Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere. It is referred to as the Paschal full moon.

Sacrifices made during Lent are voluntary and personal. However, fasting on Ash Wednesday and not eating meat on Fridays during Lent are mandatory unless you are too young, elderly or can't fast due to health issues.

Mass Intentions: For the People

Opening Hymn: TBA
Recessional Hymn: TBA

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!



H.O.P.E. COMMITTEE

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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!** ♥

HOLY FACE NOVENA

The Holy Face Novena is a nine-day prayer devotion focused on making reparation for sins of blasphemy, atheism, and the profanation of Sundays. Typically prayed leading up to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday), it honors the sufferings of Jesus, particularly insults to his countenance, promising to restore the image of God in souls.

Holy Face Novena prayer booklets are available at the back of the church.



NOVENA FROM MARCH 10 TO 18, 2026 – LIVE ON YOUTUBE

- Preaching in English at 12.15 P.M. except Sunday March 15 at 11.15 A.M.
- Preaching in French live at 2 P.M. and 7.30 P.M. *participation of Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal in the 2 P.M. preaching*

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH ON THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2026.

Live on YouTube

- Live at 2.30 P.M.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

February 2026: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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, Feb. 1, 2026 – Thank you for your generosity!
St. Aloysius Parish: \$295.00 Christian Giving: \$5.00
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physics, theology, dog parks or
genealogy, all composed bilingually.*

You just might fancy

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

Welcome and enjoy!



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Saints of the Week

8th: Saint John of God
1495/?? - 1550/03/08

9th: Saint Alexander
?/?/? - ?/?/?

10th: Saint Scholastica
?/?/? - 543/?/?

11th: Saint Paschal
?/?/? - ?/?/?

12th: Saint Buonfiglio Monaldo
?/?/? - 1256/01/01

13th: Saint Catherine de Ricci
1522/?/? - 1589/?/?

14th: Saint Valentine
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ASH WEDNESDAY WORD SEARCH - 1

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- PALMS
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- HOLYDAY