

Serving the English Catholic Community in East End Montreal since 1908



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 15, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Mass Intentions are for

RAO NARAYANAN

Requested by

Jacques Beaulieu

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

Sharon Cormier

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: 604 – The Church's One Foundation

Readings: Page 172

Offertory Hymn: 698 – Prayer of St. Francis

Recessional Hymn: 687 – Father, I Have Sinned

Birthday greetings for this week:

(19) Sandra Tartamella, Charles Radack

(21) André Lavigne

Celebrating an anniversary:

(21) Michele & Ravindran Kanniah

Mass Intentions for next Sunday

Maxi Mascarenhas

Pierrette Legault

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MAGNETISM

As you probably know, I was a teacher at Collège Jean de Brébeuf. I had gone to Université de Montréal to study Physics, and then to Oxford to study Plasma Physics before coming back to Brébeuf to teach there. I was hired by the same Jesuit Father who gave me a letter of recommendation for my Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford and it is my Corpus Christi College scarf that I wear as a stole at Mass.

Now if you look at the sanctuary at Sainte Louise where we have our celebrations, you cannot avoid seeing the statue of Christ with His arms spread in the shape of the Cross suspended in mid air. It reminds us of Jesus' words saying that when He will be lifted up, He will attract all to Himself. That is the passage that my text book on Electricity quotes in what I consider the original Greek. That statue shows the Risen Christ attracting everyone to Himself. Attraction was not something which was common during His time on earth. The only thing known at that time, that could attract something to itself was a magnet, some piece of iron that had fallen out of the sky, something that was quite rare, that kept attracting any small piece of iron and nothing else.

By the way, without that effect there would be absolutely no electricity at the present time, ergo no light bulbs. We would be still using oil lamps. There would be no phones, no tablets. We would not be in the stone age, but far from what we consider essential today.

Of course, these days we talk about the attraction of bodies, like the attraction between the Moon and the Earth, between the Sun and the Earth, between a man on the edge of a precipice and the Earth and his fall... we are used to this idea. But you also know that back in the time of Christ, the only way to get a buggy to move was for someone to pull it or push it. There was no such a thing as action at distance... except between a magnet and iron.

So basically, Jesus was comparing Himself to a magnet drawing every small piece of iron to Himself, and that is the statue suspended in the sanctuary. So, we have a very powerful image of a very rare and powerful Being making other beings themselves into little magnets and attracting these other beings to Himself.

How do we make ourselves into a being able to draw others to one's self, propagating as it were that power of Jesus into our World? How do we make ourselves magnetic so to speak?

We do that through Holy Communion. By absorbing Jesus, the primary magnet, we become magnetic ourselves. It is by partaking of communion, that magnetic Body of Christ which unites us all, brings us all together, that unites us into a common union. Christ is Love Incarnate, and it is by Love that we can attract everything like us, to Himself.

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

Emma Lisi Joyce Montanaro
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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!** ♥

IN THE MIDST OF WINTER

Lord:

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce, remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early, remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.



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. 8, 2026 – Thank you for your generosity!

St. Aloysius Parish: \$190.00 Christian Giving: \$0.00
H.O.P.E.: \$47.10 Missals: \$0.00

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