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St. Aloysius Parish

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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, MARCH 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Mass Intentions are for

MAXI MASCARENHAS

LARRY HAMILL on his birthday anniversary

Requested by

Jacques Beaulieu

His loving wife, Linda

With special prayers of peace and healing for

Piers Corsi

Bobby Squires

Claris Mascarenhas

John Henry

Mathilda Dias

Jeannie Wayland

Roger Laporte

Anne Symonds

Pierre Guimond

Victor Lourenco

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: 485 – Take Up Your Cross

Readings: Page 204

Offertory Hymn: 711 – Lord of All Power

Recessional Hymn: 712 – Help Us to Help Each Other Lord

Birthday greetings for this week:

(13) Alex Bellisario-Giglio

Celebrating an anniversary:

(8) Sandra Tartamella & Robert Raimondo

Mass Intentions for next Sunday

Rao Narayanan

Simon Kelahear

Requested by

Jacques Beaulieu

His loving wife Rosemary and family

FAST AND ASHES

A while back during the week we looked at a writing from the Book of Jonah, chapter three. It refers to the prophet Jonah arriving at Nineveh, the great pagan city. Its population was such that it took him three days just to cross it while proclaiming that God would destroy the city because of its wickedness. So, there you have a fellow from a different religion coming to the city and proclaiming that his god would destroy them because of their sins, that is, their evil ways of acting towards each other.

In this day and age, Jonah would have been put into jail and charged with something or other and either killed, sent to Guantanamo, or deported. A lot of bad things would also be said about his religion and his god on the news.

The people of Nineveh were not as sophisticated as we are. But they had a certain awareness that their conduct toward each other had a lot to be desired. They also were aware that they did not have all the answers. They knew in their hearts of hearts that Jonah, the foreigner, the mouthpiece of a god they knew not, properly diagnosed their wickedness.

They wanted their city to survive and, they themselves wanted to survive. So, what did they do? They took a gamble. Since Jonah told them they would be destroyed because of their wickedness; they acted. First, they accepted the verdict and accepted that they had sinned. They abased themselves by putting on very hard garments, made of sackcloth; then they sat on ashes. They immediately punished themselves. Moreover, they stopped eating appetizing food as well. They considered themselves guilty and accepted their punishment.

Also, most required, they changed their ways in dealing with their relationship with each other. They abandoned their wickedness. They showed mercy towards each other. They helped each other. They stopped taking everything for granted. The city, Nineveh, changed its ways and the city was saved. However, this salvation was only temporary. The city eventually returned to its wicked ways and was completely destroyed.

Originally, Jonah had not wanted to go to Nineveh and prophesize there. That is why he had tried to run away from God. Why? Because he sensed that God would not carry out the announced destruction if the people repented. He sensed that God would accept their repentance, would pardon them their sins and would let them live. Basically, it would make of him a liar. He did not care for Nineveh and he wanted his words to come true. He, contrary to God, refused to show mercy.

He was a very good example of what we are today, was he not? He accepted God's judgment of destruction and he insisted on its fulfillment. He did not want to lose face. He loved a good catastrophe. But God did not.

TAX RECEIPTS

Your 2025 tax receipts will be available Sunday March 8th (today) after the 9:30am mass. Receipts not picked up will be placed in the mail. Thank you.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Mass: 9:15am
 Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm
 Easter Sunday Mass: 9:30am
 All will take place at Ste-Louise-de-Marillac Church.



H.O.P.E COMMITTEE

Emma Lisi Joyce Montanaro
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EMERGENCY SPECIAL COLLECTION – SUCCESS!

We made a request and our St Aloysius Family responded! Our gratitude to all of you for your kindness and generosity. Within a month we raised over \$4500 for the Khaka family's request to stay. As soon as we receive a call from the immigration lawyer that the form needs to be prepared, we will be ready to go. Lyn and Timothy wanted to express their sincere gratitude for all your help. This means so much to them. The children are thriving in school and are happy. That is most important. We pray that this will be enough to win this case so that the family can remain in Canada. Lyn's mother lives in DDO and her sister resides in Calgary. Once again, the parishioners of St. Al's manage to pull together in difficult times. Thank you so much!!!!

EASTER ACTIVITIES

As HOPE has done for decades at Easter time, HOPE will deliver gifts to the residents of Grace Dart Extended Care Hospital.

HOPE's schedule for wrapping and delivery will be available in the coming weeks. Please speak with a member of HOPE if you wish to help with wrapping and/or delivery. As Jacques so eloquently put it, "HOPE is not just a few people among us. HOPE is what we give as a Christian Community to those we know to be in great need."

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

March 2026: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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, Mar. 1, 2026 – Thank you for your generosity!

St. Aloysius Parish: \$625.00 Christian Giving: \$0.00
 H.O.P.E.: \$340.00 Missals: \$0.00

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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 Beoadh
?/?/? - 518/?/?

9th: Saint Anthony of France
?/?/? - ?/??

10th: Saint John Ogilvie
1579/?/? - 1615/?/?

11th: Saint Aengus
?/?/? - 824/03/11

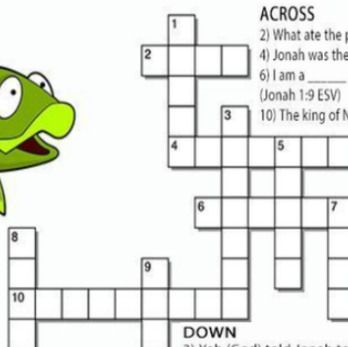
12th: Saint Alphege
?/?/? - 951/?/?

13th: Saint Ansovinus
?/?/? - 840/?/?

14th: Saint Matilda
?/?/? - 968/03/14

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS MAZE?

JONAH AND THE BIG FISH



ACROSS

- 2) What ate the plant? (Jonah 4:7 ESV)
- 4) Jonah was the son of _____. (Jonah 1:1 ESV)
- 6) I am a _____ and I fear the God of heaven who made the sea and the dry land. (Jonah 1:9 ESV)
- 10) The king of Nineveh covered himself in _____. (Jonah 3:6 ESV)

DOWN

- 3) Yah (God) told Jonah to go to this city. (Jonah 1:2 ESV)
- 5) Jonah was in the belly of the fish _____ days and three nights. (Jonah 1:17 ESV)
- 7) "God hurled a great wind upon the _____. (Jonah 1:4 ESV)
- 8) Jonah was swallowed by a _____. (Jonah 1:17 ESV)
- 9) God appointed a _____ and made it come up over Jonah..." (Jonah 4:6 ESV)