



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church ■ stalphonsus.net

Are you new here? Welcome! No matter who you are or where you're from, we're so glad you've joined us. Stop by the Welcome Desk, we'd love to meet you!

December 8, 2019

GRACE AND TRUTH // Advent is a time when grace and truth enter the world in a special way: the arrival of Jesus. Many of us can struggle to balance grace and truth; we tend to be good at emphasizing one but not the other. Truth without grace isn't actually truth, it's about being right. Grace without truth isn't really grace, it's enabling or lawless. It's not "either/or", but "both/and"!

SERVE THIS CHRISTMAS // Christmas is coming and we need your help!

To help make our church welcoming to all our guests we need YOUR help with parking, greeting (before and after Masses), hospitality and more. Please sign up online by going to stalphonsus.net, scroll down and click on the box **Serve Christmas** or stop by the Welcome Desk to plug yourself in. Let's make this Christmas experience amazing!

4PM CHRISTMAS EVE SHUTTLE BUS // Park at St. Alphonsus School, just down the road, and get hassle free service to and from the front door of the church at the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass. No struggling in the parking lot PLUS get a treat when you get back to your car!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA // Sunday, December 15th. Come to the Parish Hall for a delicious breakfast and say 'hi' to our special guest! **PLEASE NOTE: Breakfast will be served from 9:30 - 11:00AM.** Come before attending 11AM Mass or after 9AM Mass. Only \$5/person or \$15/family for a great variety of food!

2019 DONATIONS // Please ensure donations are made before December 31, 2019 if you would like them included on your tax receipt. Thank you for supporting your parish.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS AND LECTORS // Please contact Anne-Marie Robertson at nrobertson4@cogeco.ca if you are away this winter/spring so she doesn't schedule you.

TINY DISCIPLES

Tiny Disciples is a drop-off worship experience for Kids ages 2-5. Kids get the chance to have fun and learn that God loves them while their parents get some quiet time to participate in worship. Tiny Disciples runs every Sunday at the 9AM and 11AM Masses. Just follow the signs to the Tiny Disciples area or stop by the Welcome Desk to learn more.

KIDS CHURCH

For children in grades 1-5, we offer Kids Church, a worship experience for our younger members. How does it work? Children go to Mass with their families; after the opening prayer, they're invited to gather in a separate area for readings, a message, and a fun worship experience geared to their age. Kids Church runs every Sunday at the 9AM and 11AM Masses.

SWITCH

Switch is our program for students in grades 6-8. At Switch, students worship through powerful music and grow through the relevant message of the Gospel. And they have fun too! Students meet in small groups where they ask questions, and discuss the message as it applies to their life. It's here where life change begins. Switch meets Wednesday nights 6:30 - 8:30PM in the parish hall.

IMPACT

iMPACT is our program for high school students. At iMPACT, teens worship, learn, and grow as they get to know the Lord Jesus. iMPACT small groups are where students go deeper with one another and adult mentors, and form life-long friendships. iMPACT meets Saturday nights 6:30 - 8:30PM in the meeting space behind the parish office. Free Supper at 6PM!

SINGERS WELCOMED! // We are looking for more voices to add to the choir for the various Masses over this Christmas/New Year season. It is a short commitment to practices. If you are interested and willing to share your talents, please contact Andrea at 705-872-2274 for more information. Lets celebrate Christmas with a full choir and many beautiful voices!

CHRISTMAS DECOR // Advent is here and the excitement of Christmas and our Lord's birth is rising! With your help, we can beautify our sanctuary with flowers for Christmas. Envelopes are available at the church doors for donations. Please write names of loved ones you would like remembered on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket or bring to the office. Names will be published during the Christmas season. Thank you.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION // To celebrate God's mercy and love, you are invited to come to our **12 Hours of Grace, All Day Reconciliation, December 23rd, 9AM to 9PM**. This will be the last opportunity for confession before Christmas.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL // The Chapel (Oratory) will be closed Sunday, December 22nd at 11PM and re-open Friday, December 27th at 7AM. It will also be closed for the day, Wednesday, January 1, 2020. The Blessed Sacrament will be in the church during our All Day Confessions, Monday, December 23rd from 9AM to 9PM for you to come and visit.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES // **Christmas Eve** Mass times are 4PM with Children's dramatization before Mass (shuttle service from St. Alphonsus School), 7PM and 10PM (Solemn Mass with incense). **Christmas Day** Mass is 10AM.

December 28/29 (Holy Family) - Saturday 5PM, Sunday 9 & 11AM (no kids programs)

Solemnity of Mary Tuesday, December 31, 5PM and Wednesday, January 1, 10AM
The Rosary will be prayed half hour before Solemnity of Mary Masses

January 4/5 (Epiphany of the Lord) - Saturday 5PM, Sunday 9 & 11AM
(kids programs at both Sunday Masses)

CHRISTMAS CAKES // Delicious traditional gourmet Christmas cakes in support of Campaign Life Coalition for \$20 each. Call Brad at 705-772-1579 to order yours.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Dec. 9 8AM Sawchuk & St. Rose Families

Tues., Dec. 10 7PM Joseph Vu Van Chuc & Maria Madalena Chu Thi Huyen

Wed., Dec. 11 7PM Middy Murphy

Thurs., Dec. 12 7PM Middy Murphy

Fri., Dec. 13 8AM James MacAvlay

Third Sunday of Advent

Sat., Dec.14 5PM - Abbie St. Rose

Sun., Dec. 15 9AM - Missa Pro Populo (for the people)

Sun., Dec. 15 11AM - Susan Gagliardi

WEEKEND WORSHIP

Saturday 5PM

Sunday 9AM*

11AM*

*Children's Ministry for ages 2 to Grade 5

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays 6:30-6:50PM

Saturdays 3:30-4:30PM

OUR TEAM

Pastor ▸ Fr. Jerry Tavares

Youth Minister ▸ Nicolas DuBonnet

Lay Pastoral Assistant ▸ Samantha Miller

Administrative Assistant ▸ Hanna Dracup

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STAY CONNECTED

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