



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 15, 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"!

WEEKDAY MASS // This Wednesday, there will be no evening Mass at 7PM as we have three school Masses, 9:30AM, 10:50AM and 1:30PM, at the church. You are most welcome to attend. There will also be no Mass Monday morning, December 23rd.

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!

SINGERS WELCOMED! // Hello congregation - 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 and there is still time to participate. If you are interested and willing to share your talents, please contact Andrea at 705-872-2274 for more information regarding practices and music. Lets celebrate Christmas with a full choir and many beautiful voices!

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.

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!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES //

Christmas Eve 4PM with Children's dramatization before Mass
(shuttle service from St. Alphonsus School)
7PM
10PM (Solemn Mass with incense)

Christmas Day 10AM

The full Christmas week Mass schedule can be found in the December Ignite which is also on our website at stalphonsus.net/newsletter.

4PM CHRISTMAS EVE SHUTTLE BUS // Continuous hassle free service to and from the front door of the church at the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass. Shuttle service from St. Alphonsus Elementary School, St. Mary's St., to the Church starts at 2PM. Let's welcome our guests and those with mobility issues by providing them parking at the church while we take the shuttle bus. People who used it last year loved it. They even sang carols and got a treat!

EVERYONE IS INVITED // On Christmas when the parking lot is jammed and there is standing room only, it can be tempting to feel some irritation to those who only show up once or twice a year. Think of it instead as an opportunity to evangelize and invite friends and relatives who normally don't go to Mass to come on Christmas. Pick up some invitation postcards at the church doors to hand out and maybe bring someone back to Church.

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.

ST. JOSEPH DINNER // Sat. Feb. 8, 5:30PM at Personal Touch Banquet Hall. A night of joyful conversation, a meaningful talk and live music, in support of ministry to Catholic students at Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College. Our guest speaker is Dr. Anthony Lilles, Dean at St. Patrick's University, Menlo Park, CA. Purchase tickets at www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner / 705-874-1871. A great Christmas gift!

OFFICE CLOSED // Monday, December 16th in the morning only.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Dec. 16 8AM Faustino & Cecilia Adesanya/Charles & Victoria Ajje
Tues., Dec. 17 7PM Esther and Leo Méthot
Wed., Dec. 18 9:30AM Special Intentions Edward & Mizzú Quigley
1:30PM Middy Murphy
Thurs., Dec. 19 7PM Living & Deceased members CWL
Fri., Dec. 20 8AM Special Intentions Dominic & Catherine Adesanya
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sat., Dec. 21 5PM - Alina Titzman, Special Intentions Christine Loboeki
Sun., Dec. 22 9AM - Elisabeth & Wilhelm Fiand
Sun., Dec. 22 11AM - Missa Pro Populo (for the people)

OUR TEAM

Pastor ▸ Fr. Jerry Tavares
Youth Minister ▸ Nicolas DuBonnet
Lay Pastoral Assistant ▸ Samantha Miller
Administrative Assistant ▸ Hanna Dracup
Operations ▸ Peter Doyle

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

STAY CONNECTED

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