



St. Alphonsus Liguori

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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!

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MESSAGE SERIES: When God Doesn't Make Sense // When we look at the world, we see evil and injustice. Bad things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people. Why does an all-good and all-powerful God allow injustice to happen? Why does God seem to answer some prayers but not others? These questions are nothing new. In this series, we will look at some of God's ways that don't seem to make sense. We'll examine what to do in the face of such questions and look at ways we can grow to understand God's perspective.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

6PM - Soup and a bun - Parish Hall **7PM** - Stations of the Cross - Sanctuary

WOMEN'S RETREAT // All women 18+ are invited to join us Saturday, **March 7th after the 5pm Mass in the main church** for an evening of laughter, worship, and beauty. Special guest **Sr. Maria Faustina SOLI** will break open what true femininity is in a world that seems to confuse it, and we will enjoy fellowship with other Catholic women, all centred around worshipping the One who loves us more than anyone. Bring a friend - make it a girls' night out!

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT: Countering A Culture of Loneliness // The world today is facing a quiet epidemic of loneliness. In a day and age where people have ready access to many through social media, we long for real connection, truth and understanding. We long to be known. We were created by God to need relationships, first and foremost with God himself, but also through friendships and community. Join us **after 7pm Stations of the Cross in the main church on April 3rd** for a Lenten reflection on how to combat loneliness through the eyes of faith with **special guest speaker Teresa Hartnett**. All welcome.

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!

PASTORAL VISITS // If you know of anyone, or are yourself, unable to leave your home to attend Mass, please call the parish office and leave your name. During Lent, Fr. Jerry would like to visit our shut-ins to offer anointing of the sick, Holy Communion or just a short visit with a cup of tea in the comfort of their home.

DAILY MASS // Have you thought about coming to Mass throughout the week? If you're not used to coming to weekday Mass, start by coming just one day a week throughout Lent. Mass is celebrated Monday and Friday at 8AM, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7PM.

NEW TO THE PARISH? // Every weekend we see new faces at Mass. St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish welcomes those who have moved into the parish and those who may be returning to the practice of their faith. You are important to us. Please register with the parish by stopping by the Welcome Desk before or after any weekend Mass, or visit www.stalphonsus.net/become-member/ and then join us at Starting Point.

STARTING POINT // We would love to formally welcome you to our parish family. New members (over the last year or so) are invited next Sunday, March 8th at 12:30PM in the Parish Hall for some lunch, meet other new members, the parish staff and learn more about what we do. Call or email the office to RSVP to ensure enough food.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY // 28th annual rally, Saturday March 7, 9-5:30. Adults (\$25.00) and youth (\$15.00). Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Visit www.ljhr.ca or talk to Nic.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - CARITAS CANADA // **The tree of solidarity that is D & P - Caritas Canada.** In 1967, the Bishops of Canada sowed a seed of solidarity, seeking to nurture a movement for social justice. This seed took root and blossomed into a strong tree. Its roots are the thousands of Canadians who support the organization by donating time and money. Their work bears fruit for millions of people in the Global South who are taking charge of their own destiny. Learn more about D & P's work at devp.org/lent/resources.

MASS CHANGE // For this day only, Wednesday, March 4th, Mass will be at 12:10PM.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., March 2 8AM Sr. Emerilda McNamara, CSJ

Tues., March 3 7PM Ed Stevenson

Wed., March 4 12:10PM Jack Waterworth

Thurs., March 5 7PM Prayers for prompt healing

Anita Neuman, Helen Hartnett, Frank Hammond

Fri., March 6 8AM Maria and Jerry Socha

First Sunday of Lent

Sat., March 7 5PM Eva Gayevsky

Sun., March 8 9AM Missa Pro Populo (for the people)

Sun., March 8 11AM Lola and Clair Howard and Family

WEEKEND WORSHIP

Saturday 5PM

Sunday 9AM*

11AM*

*Children's Ministry for ages 2 to Grade 5

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays 6:15-6:45PM

Fridays after Stations of the Cross

Saturdays 3:30-4:30PM

OUR TEAM

Pastor ▸ Fr. Jerry Tavares

Youth Minister ▸ Nicolas DuBonnet

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Administrative Assistant ▸ Hanna Dracup

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