



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!

March 15, 2020

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.

WELCOME FR. JOSHY GEORGE KONTHIPARAMBIL, CMI // We offer a warm welcome to Fr. Joshy George who will be celebrating Masses here while Fr. Jerry recuperates from his surgery (he is recovering slowly). Fr. Joshy George recently moved to the Cathedral from St. Jean Vianney Parish in Barrie.

12 HOURS OF MERCY // All Day Confessions will take place here on **Tuesday, April 7th from 9AM to 9PM**. This will be your last chance to celebrate God's mercy and love before Easter. There will be at least two priests available at all times.

Other confessions: Immaculate Conception March 28, 8-4

PARISH PROGRAMS CANCELLED: Until further notice all parish programs are being cancelled or postponed until further notice. These include Kid's Church, Tiny Disciples, Switch, Ignite, Radiate, Small Groups, K of C, CWL, SVDP meetings, Divine Mercy Prayer Group, Gospel Reflection, Sacrament Prep, Just For Lent weekly faith study, Parish Lenten Retreat, April 3rd, soup on Fridays during Lent, etc.

With everyone's due diligence, we pray that this crisis will soon come to an end.

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!

FRIDAYS DURING LENT // 6PM Soup (Cancelled) **7PM** Stations of the Cross - Sanctuary

24 HOURS OF ADORATION // During All Day Confessions we will have Adoration from 9AM Tuesday, April 7 which will continue until 9AM Wednesday, April 8. Come, be still.

EASTER DECOR // Envelopes can be found at the church doors for donations to help make the sanctuary beautiful for Easter. They can be made in memory of loved ones who's names will be published during the Easter season. Please write your name and envelope number, or name and address, as well as names of loved ones you would like remembered.

SHUTTLE BUS // The shuttle bus was a success on Christmas Eve so we have decided to offer it on Easter Sunday for our two morning Masses! Park down the road at St. Alphonsus School and get hassle free service to and from the front door of the church. The bus will run back and forth from 8AM to 12:30PM. No struggling in the parking lot.

SOCIAL JUSTICE INFO // All over the world migrants face risky voyages to escape violence, war, and poverty. Our Holy Father emphasizes the need for welcoming people of different cultures. "We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters ... may be heard and considered." St. Alphonsus' SVDP Conference is responding to the Pope's appeal by sponsoring a Syrian refugee. He arrives in Peterborough on March 25. For more info contact Lynn-Marie Gallant-Whipp (Chair of the SSVP Social Justice Committee): lmwhipp@cogeco.ca.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - CARITAS CANADA // The Mura: beset by buffaloes, plagued by potash. For several years, the Mura people of Brazil's Amazonas state have sought to assert their claim to their ancestral lands. To their frustration however, it has been much easier for cattle herders and a potash mine. D & P's partner, the Indigenous Missionary Council helps them advocate for, defend and publicize their cause more effectively. "On behalf of the Mura in my region, I want to thank Canadians...." - Jeremias Oliveira. Watch the Mura's testimony at devp.org/campaign/mura.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., March 16 8AM Sawchuk and St. Rose Families
Tues., March 17 7PM Faustino and Cecilia Adesanya &
Charles and Victoria Ajje
Wed., March 18 7PM Fr. Peter Tammearu
Thurs., March 19 7PM Sr. Emerilda McNamara, CSJ
Fri., March 20 8AM Mary Dillon

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat., March 21 5PM Missa Pro Populo (for the people)
Sun., March 22 9AM Bruno DeMarchi
Sun., March 22 11AM Dorothy Woods

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 6:15-6:45PM

Fridays after Stations of the Cross

Saturdays 3:30-4:30PM

STAY CONNECTED

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STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 (Coronavirus) UPDATE #1

March 13, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The news reports regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus continue noting that the World Health Organization has described COVID-19 as a pandemic. The Diocese continues to monitor the situation and is updating the March 6th Statement as follows:

Handwashing – One of the most effective means to prevent the spread of viruses is frequent and thorough handwashing. If hand sanitizers are available for purchase, they will be at the entrances of Churches, Halls and Parish Offices. Parish Priests and Pastoral Ministers should be especially attentive to regular handwashing, particularly between Masses or before and after visiting the sick.

Cleaning - **Cleaning of high traffic public spaces in Churches, parish offices and parish halls will follow regular cleaning and disinfecting procedures and schedules.**

Sign of Peace – “In the dioceses of Canada, the sign of peace is given by a handshake or a bow.” (GIRM, 82.) **At this time, Pastors shall advise their Parishioners to exchange the Sign of Peace by a bow and a greeting of “Peace of Christ” or another appropriate greeting.** The Sign of Peace is not to be omitted from the celebration of the Eucharist.

Ushering and Greeting – **Ushers and greeters shall refrain from shaking hands. A simple bow, smile, and/or greeting of “welcome” will be used in place of the handshake.**

Reception of Holy Communion – The option to receive Holy Communion in the hand, or on the tongue, is up to the Communicant. During a viral outbreak people may wish to receive Holy Communion in the hand, but they are not to be denied if they choose to receive on the tongue.

Communion from the Chalice – Christ is fully present in each species. **At this time, Communion from the Chalice will be suspended.**

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion - **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who feel uncomfortable distributing Communion will be excused from this ministry.**

Communion for the Sick - For those who bring Communion to the sick in Health Care Institutions, please follow the directions of the Institution you are visiting.

Holy Water Fonts at the Doors of Parishes and Baptismal Fonts - Baptismal and Holy Water fonts are to be emptied and thoroughly sanitized.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from a contagious illness. **Those with flu-like symptoms should remain at home in order not to spread the virus to others. Parishioners who have travelled outside of Canada may wish to access this information link <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html#f>.**

Resources for spiritual communion and prayers will be posted on the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough website. Please check the website for updates.

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/index.aspx>

Let us pray for all those who are impacted by illness, for their families and care-givers.

Yours in Christ,

†Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehms
Bishop of Peterborough

POPE FRANCIS OFFERS A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FOR PROTECTION FROM COVID-19

"O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross was near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."