

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI R.C. CHURCH

NOVEMBER 30, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Contact the parish office

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

One hour following First Friday Mass in Church

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Open Monday to Friday 9:00AM - 9:00PM

Call Mary Ellen, 705-917-1637

to schedule a weekly commitment

Call Renata, 905-321-3384 for substitute

MASS TIMES

Saturday

4:00PM

Sunday

9:00AM, 11:00AM

The 11AM Mass is streamed LIVE on our YouTube channel and available on demand

Monday to Thursday 6:00PM

(Tuesday evening Mass followed by Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena)

Friday 9:00AM

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 5:15 - 5:45PM

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45PM

First Friday 9:30 - 10:30AM (during Adoration)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

10AM - 12Noon, 1 - 3PM

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WELCOME TO ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish is a movement that exists to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, to make disciples of all nations. As Roman Catholics, we seek to honour our faith tradition by authentically and creatively presenting it to our community in Peterborough. We are thrilled you have visited and/or joined us.

MASS INTENTIONS

1st Week of Advent

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:00PM† Angie Hewitt by Marilyn Collins and Jim Hollett

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:00PM† Erin Gorman (nee Sheehan)
by Deirdre Thomas and Doug Finbow

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:00PM Living and Deceased members of
St. Alphonsus Liguori CWL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:00PM† Lynn Parker by Cathy and Laurie MacDonald

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00AM† Carl Moher by Tom and Audrey Kingdom

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (for the people)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00AM† Lon and Catherine Desira by Nina Desira

11:00AM† Maria Graziano by Sandy Chase
† Ruben John Mendoza by Justo, Mom and Dad

The **Sanctuary Candle** will be lit the week of **November 29 - December 5** for all our young people preparing for their First Reconciliation in the next week.

BIBLE STUDY with DOUG FINBOW

The Gospel of Matthew and the Kingdom of Heaven
Parish Hall Thursdays, - December 4 & 11,
4:30 - 5:50pm (so you are still able to attend Mass)

FEET ON THE MOVE

Are you watching Mass on TV or the computer because you can't make it to the church? Would you like to make your Advent confession before Christmas and receive Communion? Why not have our priests,

Fr. Simmy and **Fr. Richard** come to your home for a visit and bring you communion? Call the office to book a time. 705-745-8623

THANK YOU!

Last Saturday morning we had **30 parishioners** of all ages come and clean the church in preparation for Christmas. They washed the pews, dug the dirt around the kneeler hinges, dusted, swept, washed windows, vacuumed, **and took off innumerable pieces of gum under the pew seats with a lot of difficulty!** Also, thank you to **Leon** for supplying us with rags and wash cloths.



CHRISTMAS DECOR

To help beautify our sanctuary with flowers for Christmas we are once again asking for your help. Envelopes are available at the church doors for donations in memory of loved ones. Please write names you would like remembered on the envelope and **return by December 21st**. Names will be remembered in the bulletin during the Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity.



TREE OF DREAMS

The Tree of Dreams tradition started right here at St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish as a way to help orphaned and abandoned children in Honduras. Over time our role has changed and we are focusing more on education and scholarship as a way out of poverty. In Honduras education is only free up to Grade 6. Take a card from the Tree to put on your own Christmas tree and make a donation to Friends of Honduran Children to **"Light Up A Child's Life!"** Thank you.

BABY WELCOME

We would like to invite families with newborns and those baptized during 2025 for a special welcome by the parish into the community on **Sunday, December 22 at the 11:00am Mass**. Please let Hanna or Monica know if you can come. Email/phone on front cover.

CHRISTMAS PAGENT

Children who would like to take part in the Nativity re-enactment, Christmas Eve at the 4pm Mass, are invited to sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex or call Hanna. Any assistance from parents with rehearsals and costumes is always greatly appreciated. Rehearsal times will be announced next weekend.



ADVENT RETREAT

at St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish

Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ.
hosted by **Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)**
A time of reflection, prayer, and renewal.

Dates & Times:

Friday, December 5 – 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday, December 6 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Join us for spiritual talks, quiet prayer, and opportunities to grow deeper in faith as we enter the season of Advent. Come for one session or both as your schedule allows.

All are welcome!

SENIORS FAITH CAFE

This Tuesday, December 2nd, beginning with **10am Mass** Then over to the hall for coffee/tea and treats while we prepare to sing some merry ol' Christmas carols along with our choir director, Andrea! The **CWL** has graciously offered to supply us with a delicious lunch once again. Please contact Hanna to let her know if you are coming.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory boxes for 2026 are available for pick-up. Names are on the boxes if you used them in 2025. If you are new or cannot find your name, please pick a box with no name. **PLEASE DO NOT CONTINUE TO USE 2025 ENVELOPES IN 2026. GET A NEW BOX.**

PICK A SAINT

Dear friends, Advent is here and we would like to invite you to pick a new saint. For those who are new, last year we launched a year-long program called **My Saint Companion**. Each person was invited to pick the name of a Saint from a basket which had their patronage and an inspiring quote from their life and make them a companion for a year. Throughout the year, you are encouraged to learn more about your Saint, reflect on their life, and draw inspiration from their example of faith and holiness. If you feel inspired, please share your reflections with us, and we will feature them in the bulletin to inspire others in our community.

WHY A SAINT COMPANION?

Saints are our spiritual friends and intercessors. They walked the path of faith, facing trials and triumphs, and now stand before God, ready to pray for us. By getting to know a Saint, we can deepen our relationship with God, find guidance for our own spiritual journey, and draw strength from their example of courage and love.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Pick a saint from the basket
- take time to learn about your saint's life and patronage
- reflect on their quote and how it speaks to your life
- share your thoughts with us to publish in the bulletin

Let this program bring you closer to the communion of Saints and enrich your faith throughout the new liturgical year. *Let us walk together in their footsteps toward Christ!*

MEETINGS/GATHERINGS

Senior's Faith Cafe: 1st Tuesday of month, 10am Church
SVDP: 2nd Tuesday of month, 2pm Redemptorist Room
Divine Mercy Program: 3rd Tuesday, 2:30pm, Church
Catalyst: Highschoolers, Every Tuesday, 6-9pm Downstairs
CWL: 2nd Wednesday of month, 6:45pm, Parish Hall
K of C: 3rd Wednesday of month 7pm, Parish Hall
Moms,Love,Coffee playgroup: 9:30am
every Thursday, Parish Hall
Adoration: 1st Friday of month, 9:30am Church (1 hour)
SONShine Family Adoration: 3rd Friday, 9:30am, Church
Gospel Reflection: 9:30am every Friday (except 1st one)
CLUB 316: Gr. 6-8, Every Friday, 6-9pm Downstairs

LAVERNA MINISTRIES 820 Frank St.,
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Advent Moments - 2025

Wed., Dec. 3: *Advent Waitings*
Fri., Dec. 5: *Infancy Narrations in Parallel*
Wed., Dec. 10: *The Annunciations*
Fri., Dec. 12: *Our Solitary Boast*
7 - 8:30pm RSVP: 15 spaces,
suggested donation of \$10, snacks included

MEDITATIO - Franciscan Contemplative Prayer
Chapel at La Verna, 7pm - 8pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays, December 9, 18 & 30



Do you know a young adult looking for a vibrant experience of the Catholic faith? Invite them to Rise Up 2025. Four unforgettable days of faith, friends, worship, and mission. You'll hear from dynamic speakers, worship with hundreds of young adults, and ring in 2026 with a generation of people ready to ignite the world.

Hosted by Catholic Christian OutreachTM (CCO)TM, Rise Up is open to all young adults ages 18-35 and will take place in Montréal, Québec at Le Centre Sheraton from Dec 29, 2025 - Jan 1, 2026. For more info, student and early bird pricing, & to register visit cco.ca/riseup or email riseup@cco.ca.



ADVENT WREATH

If you would like to light the Advent Wreath at one of the Masses, please let a staff member know and we will get you signed up.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP YOUR PARISH THRIVING! Ways to give:

- **Pre-authorized giving** - forms available on the website or in the parish office
- **E-transfer** - to office@stalphonesus.net. Please put what funds are for in comment section. No security question
- **Giving online** - give a one-time or scheduled ongoing donations using your credit/debit card. Go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/36768>
- **Offertory envelopes** - for a box of traditional envelopes, please contact the office or pick up a box in the Narthex. Make sure to put your name and address on the first few.

"Nobody is so poor he has nothing to give, and nobody is so rich he has nothing to receive." Pope John Paul II

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