

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI R.C. CHURCH

DECEMBER 25, 2025
NATIVITY of the LORD

DECEMBER 28, 2025
FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

JANUARY 1, 2026
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 4, 2026
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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Contact the parish office

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One hour following First Friday Mass in Church

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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)

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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

Octave of the Nativity

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:00PM Special Intentions of the family of June Kozlow

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:00PM† Jim Craig by Neil and Anne-Marie Robertson

† Luis and Eloisa Mabutas

by Emmanuel and Grace DeRivera

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00PM Missa Pro Populo (for the people)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026 NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:00AM Missa Pro Populo (for the people)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00AM† Carl Moher by Ruthie, Courtney and Family

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

4:00PM† Angie Hewitt by Deirdre Thomas and Doug Finbow

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00AM Missa Pro Populo (for the people)

11:00AM† Ruben John Mendoza by Justo, Mom and Dad

Bishop Miehm celebrating 11am Mass

Epiphany of the Lord

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

6:00PM Special Intentions of Helen Hasenecker
by St. Alphonsus Liguori CWL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

6:00PM Special Intentions of Joseph Benson

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

6:00PM† Ann Veena Joy by Ann Shilpa Joy

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

6:00PM Special Intentions of Michael Wojciechowski
by Claudio and Ania Engli

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00AM† Scott O'Leary
by Margaret-Ann and Brian O'Connell

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00AM† Rosario and Rosina Bianco by Bianco Family

11:00AM† Ruben John Mendoza by Justo, Mom and Dad

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish offices will be closed for Christmas holidays beginning **December 25th and will re-open Monday, January 5th at 10am.** We wish everyone a blessings and a wonderful time with family and friends.

This bulletin is for the Christmas season up to and including January 4th, Epiphany of our Lord. Please keep it on hand for holiday information. Thank you.

Our next Seniors

Faith Cafe will be

right after we bring

in the New Year -

January 6th.

Please join us for

Mass at 10am fol-

lowed by social

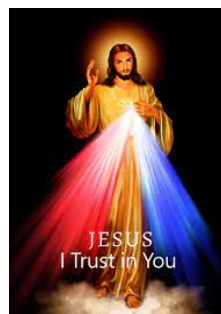
time at the Parish Hall and listening to our guest speaker and fellow parishioner, **Steve Kylie.** Steve is a local lawyer and will talk about wills, estates and bequests and their importance to have and keep up to date. Steve will also try to answer any questions you may have. Lunch will follow. Please tell your friends!



ADORATION

You are most welcome to join us for an hour of Adoration on the **First Friday** of each month after the 9am Mass.

There is also **SONShine Family Adoration** for young families on the third Friday of the month for an hour after Mass.



On the third Tuesday of each month you are welcome to come to the church at 2:30pm for an hour of Adoration, praying the Rosary as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet. These are very powerful prayers.

God's love, especially in the face of sin and suffering, is always present and can be accessed through faith and trust. "Jesus I trust I You".

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL (ORATORY)

St. Alphonsus Liguori is fortunate to have a **Blessed Sacrament Chapel (Oratory)** beside the office for you to come anytime **Monday to Friday, 9am to 9pm** to sit with our Lord. There is a key code to get in. Please ask at the office or try knocking if someone is in the chapel.

If you feel the Lord calling you, we try to have someone in the chapel at all times for an hour each between 9am and 9pm but it has been difficult. Please call **Mary Ellen or Renate** whose numbers are on the front cover if you think you can take an hour weekly.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

We have several youth programs which run weekly thanks to our many volunteers who help out. Talk to Monica (contact info on front page) if you have any questions or would like to learn more - or help out!

TINY DISCIPLES

This is a program where you can drop your little ones ages 2 - 5 off so you can have some quiet time and participate in the Mass. Children get the chance to have fun and learn that God loves them. There are always two volunteers to look after them. Just go through the door behind the choir to a room dedicated for them. Tiny Disciples runs every week at the 11am Mass as long as we have volunteers.

KID'S CHURCH

Kid's Church is for children in grades 1 - 5. It is a worship experience for our younger members. How does it work? Children go to Mass with their families; after the opening prayer, they are invited to gather in a separate area for readings, a message, and a fun worship experience geared too their age. It runs every Sunday at the 11am Mass.

CLUB 316

This program is for students in grades 6 - 8. At Club 316, they worship through powerful music and fun programs and grow through the relevant message of the Gospel. And they have fun too! It's here where life change begins. They meet Friday evenings in the Parish Hall from 6 - 9pm. *Supper is provided!* We have over 40 signed up!

CATALYST

Catalyst is our program for high school students. Teens worship, learn, and grow as they get to know the Lord Jesus. In small groups they go deeper with one another and adult mentors and form life-long friendships. Catalyst meets Tuesday evenings in the office area basement 6 - 9pm. *Supper is provided as well!*

CHILDRENS CHOIR

We are blessed to have our choir director, Andrea, lead a youth choir at the 11am Mass on the last Sunday of each month. What beautiful, angelic voices! If you have a child in grade 3 or older who would like to sing, please speak with Andrea after Mass or call her at 705-872-2274.

WAY OF THE CROSS Casting Call

All interested teens and young adults are invited to attend a casting call on **January 10, 2026**, to participate in the upcoming Way of the Cross. Join us at **12 noon at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains** (411 Reid St.) and come see what roles need to be filled!

Please remember those in our neighbourhood who may be without this Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity to the food banks.



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

RESOURCES

[formed.org](https://www.formed.org) Lots of free programming. Inspiration for all ages. Search St. Alphonsus Liguori Peterborough to start your free account.



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St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish is a thriving spiritual community because of you. Your legacy can help that continue for many years to come. Please consider leaving a final gift so your spiritual home can be a healing and giving place for others. Ask your financial advisor or lawyer to help you.

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*Merry Christmas
and Blessings for a
Happy New Year!*

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Christmas Message – 2025

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” (John 1:14)

At Christmas, we celebrate the great mystery of our faith: the eternal Word of God became flesh in Jesus Christ. From the beginning of time, God prepared His people for this moment. The prophets of the Old Testament waited with hope and longing for the Messiah who would save the world.

Isaiah proclaimed, “The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel” (Isaiah 7:14), and again, “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us” (Isaiah 9:6). Micah foretold that the ruler of Israel would come from Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Jeremiah spoke of a righteous branch from David’s line (Jeremiah 23:5). For generations, God’s people trusted these promises, even when fulfillment seemed distant.

In Jesus, these prophecies are fulfilled. God did not remain distant. Though He was God, He humbled Himself and became fully human, choosing to be born in poverty and simplicity. He entered our world to live among us, to share our joys and struggles, and to reveal God’s love in a way we could see and touch.

As we celebrate Christmas at the conclusion of the Year of Hope, this message is especially meaningful for our world today. In times marked by uncertainty, division, and suffering, the birth of Christ reminds us that God is with us—Emmanuel. Hope is not an idea; hope has a face, and His name is Jesus.

This Christmas, let us make room for Christ in our hearts and in our homes. Amid the celebrations, lights, and gifts, let us keep Christ at the center. Let us ask ourselves: Can we see Him in our daily lives—in the poor, the lonely, the sick, and in one another? Can we reflect His humility, compassion, and love?

May the newborn Christ renew our faith, strengthen our hope, and fill our hearts with peace and joy.

Merry Christmas to you and your families. I remember all of you in my prayers. And a BIG THANKS for everything you are to me and the parish.

God Bless,

Father Simmy

Christmas 2025 Closing of the Jubilee Year

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Diocese of Peterborough,

The celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus is soon upon us, and every Christmas invites us to embrace joy, thanksgiving and hope. In the child born for us and the son given to us – as foretold by the prophet Isaiah – we see God's unbounded love for the world.

Our recently departed Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Year of Hope on Christmas eve last year. Our Holy Father Pope Leo will conclude the Jubilee on the feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This Jubilee has been an occasion for all Christians to embrace the great virtue of hope – a hope founded on God who has revealed his love for us in Jesus Christ. I pray that through the graces of this holy year all of us have been renewed in hope, which was the fervent prayer of Pope Francis when he dedicated this year to the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

As we prepare to close the Jubilee Year on the Feast of the Holy Family (along with all dioceses outside of Rome) I find myself looking back on the graces of this Jubilee in the Diocese of Peterborough. Many pilgrimages were made to our four Jubilee churches, where people experienced the mercy of God through the Jubilee Indulgence. Numerous celebrations were held in the past twelve months acknowledging the rich diversity of all that the Church does. These included Jubilees for men and women in Consecrated Life, Youth and Post-secondary students, and members of Lay Organizations highlighting the vibrant life of faith in our diocese. Study and faith-sharing groups in many of our parishes explored the profound themes of this Jubilee. Our liturgical celebrations and gatherings on the Feast of the Assumption, and the World Day of the Poor were superbly organized and well-attended. The hundreds of people of all ages who participated in our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland can attest to what a special day of grace it was.

The Jubilee was made even more special in our diocese as it coincided with the bicentennial of the Peter Robinson migration, so fundamental to the founding of

Peterborough and surrounding communities. Those who came two centuries ago brought their own faith and hope as they settled in what has since become the Diocese of Peterborough. Among other things these celebrations were a reminder of the treasure of faith that was bequeathed to us by our ancestors.

As we approach the end of this year, I look forward to welcoming you to the closing Mass of the Jubilee, being celebrated on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. It will be an occasion for prayer, rejoicing and thanksgiving to God, as we look back on this Jubilee Year.

The Jubilee Year of Hope will end, but the great gift of hope continues in the Church, and it inspires us to share that message with all we meet. That hope burns brightly at Christmas time when our Lord came to us as a little child, and as a light shining in the darkness of our world. May the rich treasure of hope, founded on all that God has done for us, be with you and yours this Christmas season and well beyond, as we continue together our journey as Pilgrims of Hope.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Daniel Miehm

***Blessings for a Merry Christmas
and prosperous New Year***

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