

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI R.C. CHURCH

DECEMBER 14, 2025
THIRD 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)

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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

3rd Week of Advent

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:00PM † Carl Moher by Bill and Merrell Morrissey

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00PM † Faustino and Cecilia Adesanya
& Charles and Victoria Ajie
by Dominic and Catherine Adesanya
For a safe and successful mission to
Afghanistan for Eric T. Hill by Amparo Hubbell

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:00PM † Ester and Leo Methot by Clark Methot

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:00PM † Maria Graziano by Sandy Chase

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00AM † Repose of the soul of Angie Hewitt
& Special Intentions of Jessie Adam-Stewart
by June Kozlow

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00AM † Joanne Devlin by Rob and Betty Dainton and Family
11:00AM † Jean-Pierre Clement by Clement Family
† Ruben John Mendoza by Justo, Mom and Dad

The **Sanctuary Candle** will be lit the week of **December 13 - 19** for the clergy and staff of Peterborough Diocese as they prepare for Christmas.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION, ADORATION and DAY of PRAYER

Friday, December 19th

beginning with **Mass at 9am**

Adoration and Reconciliation 9:30am - 6:30pm

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed the entire day.

Come and sit with the Lord for some
quiet time, to pray and reflect.

There will be at least two priests available
at all times for Reconciliation.

*Prepare your hearts for the coming
of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00PM (CHILDRENS CHOIR)
WITH CHILDRENS PLAY

7:00PM

10:00PM

CAROLS BEFORE 7 & 10PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

10:00AM

CAROLS BEFORE MASS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASSES

DEC 31, 5:00PM

JAN 1, 10:00AM



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.

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 or Monica. Any assistance from parents with rehearsals and costumes is always greatly appreciated. Rehearsal times are **December 14th at noon & December 20th at 5pm.**





BIBLE STUDY

Thank you once again to **Doug Finbow** for leading another successful Bible Study, this time on the Gospel of Matthew and the Kingdom of Heaven. Doug is very inciteful and always a pleasure to listen to.

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.



DIVINE MERCY

You are most welcome to come this **Tuesday, December 16th at 2:30pm** for an hour of Adoration and to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Come for some quiet time and reflect on the preparation of Christmas.

SIMBANG GABI 2025

A 9 day novena from **December 15th to the 23rd** at the **Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains** beginning with **Mass at 6:30pm** followed by the novena and food!

A different priest will celebrate Mass each evening with Bishop Miehm celebrating on the final day, December 23rd. Our Fr. Simmy will be there on Day 4, December 18th to celebrate. This is a Filipino custom but all are invited.

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS LAWN SIGNS

As Christians we have the call to evangelize. Let us use Christmas decorations that talk about the real reason for Christmas, which is the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. St. John the Baptist/Sacred Heart IVE Sisters are selling outdoor Christmas decorations (lawn signs at \$20 each, which include a wire H-Stake). To order please call 705-977-6279. Take advantage of these meaningful signs for your houses and as gifts for Christmas.

SAVE THE DATE

2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee closing Mass will be **Sunday, December 28 at the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains at 10:30am**. A light reception will follow in Bishop Doyle Hall.

ADVENT PRAYER

Mother Mary, pray for us, that we might be inspired by the way you received your life and God's. Draw us close to your Son, that we might trust Him with our lives, as He learned to trust His Father by His trust in you. Amen.

If you lavish your food on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your gloom shall become like midday. Isaiah 58:10

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.,

705-243-9131 laverna@capuchins.ca

facebook.com/Capuchins.ca for programs/activities.

Advent Moments - 2025

Wed., Dec. 17: Our Solitary Boast

7 - 8:30pm RSVP

suggested donation of \$10, snacks included

MEDITATIO - Franciscan Contemplative Prayer

Chapel at La Verna, 7pm - 8pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays, December 18 & 30



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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.

REMEMBER St. Alphonsus Liguori in YOUR WILL

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.

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.

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