

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI R.C. CHURCH

DECEMBER 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE

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

4th Week of Advent

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:00PM† Bruce McArthur by Marylin McArthur

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:00PM† Elisabeth and Wilhelm Fiand
by Clark Methot

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

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

7:00PM Missa Pro Populo (for the people)

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 BOXING DAY

9:00AM NO MASS

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00AM Special Intentions of
Dominic and Catherine Adesanya

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** will be lit the week of **December 20 - 26** in memory of Bruce McArthur by Marylin McArthur.

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 wonderful time with family and friends.

Our next Seniors Faith Cafe will be right after we bring in the New Year - **January 6th.** Please join us for Mass at 10am followed 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 bequeaths 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!



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



INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS

You are encouraged to invite family and friends to one of our Christmas Masses and feel the peace of Christ. We would also like to make visitors and guests to our church feel welcome by moving from the end and offering them a seat in our pew (or letting them in). Who knows - our kindness may have them start coming regularly to church! There is lots of room if we squeeze together and get cozy.

TREE OF DREAMS

There are still cards on the Tree of Dreams. Please take one and make a donation to Friends of Honduran Children to **"Light Up A Child's Life!"** There are several ways to make a donation. Thank you.

GLUTEN FREE?

If you require a gluten free host, please make your way to the far aisle by the wall on the choir side at Communion time and let the priest or minister know you need one. They have a pyx with several gluten free hosts to give you one.

DIFFICULTY WALKING?

Do you find it difficult to walk to the front to receive Communion? Please stand in your place in your pew and a priest or minister will come to you after all who have come forward have received.

YEAR END GIVING

Thank you for remembering St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish with your charitable contributions during the 2025 tax year. Please be sure all final donations are in the church offertory by December 31st to include in your tax receipt. Giving by credit card through Canada Helps at www.stalphonsus.net/give or etransfer to office@stalphonsus.net are two quick ways to make sure it's done. Questions? Contact Hanna.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Next Sunday, December 28th there will be **NO Kid's Church or Tiny Disciples** at the 11am Mass. We want volunteers to be able to spend time (going to Mass) with family.

You will still be able to come and listen to the beautiful voices of our **youth choir** who sing the last Sunday of the month at 11am.

NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Do you have someone who you just don't know what to get them? How about having a Mass celebrated for their intentions? This is an approved tradition of the Church.

You can have a Mass celebrated any time of the year for anyone for their birthday, anniversary, to pray for healing, for the repose of the soul of someone recently deceased or anniversary of their death.

Please check with Hanna at church or in the office.

SIMBANG GABI 2025

The final days of a 9 day novena from **December 15th to the 23rd** take place at the **Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains** with **Mass at 6:30pm** followed by the novena and food! A different priest celebrates Mass each evening with Bishop Miehm celebrating on the final day, December 23rd. This is a Filipino custom but all are invited.

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.

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!

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

There are still a number of offertory boxes for next years donations. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. If you used them this past year there is a new box with your name on it. Please **DO NOT** use 2025 envelopes for 2026 even if you have lots left. Your number may have changed.

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.

St. Alphonsus Liguori is also 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.

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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CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

St. Joseph's, Douro. Join in prayer for our faithful departed at a candlelight memorial service **Monday December 22 at 6:30 pm**, 300 County Rd. 8, Douro.

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.

DIDN'T GET A PARISH BULLETIN?

Go to www.stalphonsus.net/newsletter to get a PDF copy of weekly bulletins. You can also sign up there to have it emailed directly to you each week.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Do you have your own business? Would you like to promote it on the back cover of this bulletin? Talk to Hanna about pricing and how you can support your parish as well as make your business more visible.

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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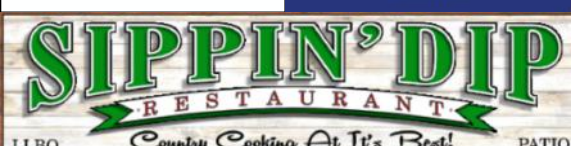
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