

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI R.C. CHURCH

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | 5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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StAlphonsusChurch



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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

CONFESIONS

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

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE
Contact the parish office

EUCARISTIC 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

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 in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:00PM **†** Carl Moher by Ruthie, Courtney and Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:00PM **†** Peter Venneri by Susan and Keith Trotter

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:00PM Missa Pro Populo (for the people)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00AM Past and Present Members of St. Alphonsus SSVP

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

4:00PM **†** Phil Chamberlain by Michelle Chamberlain

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

11:00AM **†** Nardo Vizza by Vizza Family

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit continuously from **February 7th to the 13th for the special intentions of Fr. Richard Opoku** requested by the Gospel Reflection.

BURNING OF THE PALMS

Please bring your palms by **February 15th** and place them in the marked box in the Narthex so they can be burnt Tuesday to be used Ash Wednesday.



You are most welcome to come and watch the short ceremony of the palms being burnt **February 17th, 4pm, by the garage door behind the church.**

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. **February 11** highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

February 11th at our regular 6pm Mass, all can receive the Anointing of the Sick for health, comfort and healing.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening at 6pm during Lent you are welcome to come to the church and participate as we pray through the final hours of Christ on His way to Calvary. There will be an opportunity for confessions afterward.

FAREWELL FR. RICHARD

Fr. Richard will be leaving us this Tuesday to just go a few miles away - St. Thomas More Parish in Millbrook. Even though he has only been here 7 months, Fr. Richard has made a lasting impact on the parish with his kindness and humility. Fr. Richard is still close enough to call on for help with occasional Masses so we will be sure to see him again.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION AND FAREWELL

A few months ago, I was assigned to this parish to support Fr. Simmy Joseph, CMI, in serving you. From the very beginning, you received me with open hearts, supported me generously, and made me feel truly at home during my time of ministry among you.

As I prepare to leave shortly to take up my new appointment as Pastor of St Thomas More Parish in Milbrook On, and St Bernadette's Mission Church in Nestleton On, I do so with deep gratitude. As the saying goes, "Gratitude is the memory of the heart." My months among you have been both enriching and memorable.

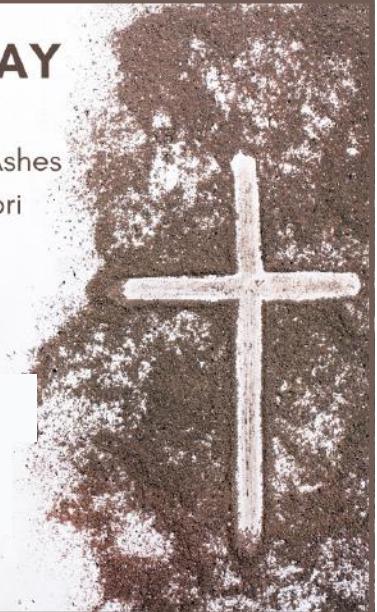
I am sincerely grateful to Fr. Simmy, Andrew (Seminarian), the parish staff, and all parishioners of St. Alphonsus Parish for the warmth, support, and collaboration I received during my service as Associate Pastor. I deeply appreciate this wonderful expression of love and kindness. As I begin this new chapter of ministry, I assure you of my continued prayers and humbly ask that you keep me in yours as well.

Fr. Richard Acheampong Opoku, C.S.Sp

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18th

Mass with Imposition of Ashes
at St. Alphonsus Liguori



9:00am

10:30am (at Holy Cross S.S.)

12:15pm (with St. Alphonsus School)

1:30pm (liturgy
at St. Catherine School)

6:00pm

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

are being prepared this week and will be in the Narthex the next two weekends for pickup. Those not picked up will be mailed the last week of February.



MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 14 from 9 am to 3pm

St Alphonsus Parish

The Franciscan Brothers will be our
Retreat Masters.

A donation of \$10 includes lunch.

All men invited. To attend, please text Tony
at 905-933-5764.

DIVINE MERCY PROGRAM

This **Tuesday, February 10th** you are welcome to come to the church for an hour of Adoration, reciting the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confession is also available if you wish. These are powerful Catholic devotional "weapons" focused on intercession and meditation, often used together to obtain graces, divine mercy, and protection.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

We are in the midst of planning for World Youth Day 2027! While details are being worked on, it is expected that a delegation from our diocese will be travelling to **Seoul on July 27th-August 9th, 2027**, so **save the date!**

Any interested pilgrims, individuals or groups, between the ages of 18-35 are invited to contact Fr. Stephen at FrStephenDecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org so that we know who is interested and to have an information session in the near future.

CAMP NORTHERN LIGHTS

Special collection February 21/22. CNL envelopes are available at the doors.

Your camp donation will be added to your Parish tax receipt. Please be sure to print your name and address clearly on the special envelopes provided. **All cheques should be made payable to the church with 'Camp Northern Lights' on the memo line.** The camp website is www.campnorthernlights.com. Thank you for all your continued support.

REGULATIONS ON FASTING & ABSTINENCE

FASTING is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics between the ages of **18 and 59 years (inclusive)**. All Fridays of Lent (including Good Friday) are also days of abstinence from meat. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all who are **14 years of age and older**. On days of abstinence, no meat is permitted. Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent (also known as pillars). The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

NOTE: If a person is unable to observe these regulations due to ill health, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable to their condition.



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

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ST. PAUL'S

Annual Valentine's Italian Night & Karaoke

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall (4 Reid St., Lakefield)

Enjoy a spaghetti dinner and come sing your heart out!

Friday, February 13, doors open 5:30pm, dinner 6pm

Adults \$20, Youth \$10, Under 10 free.

VERITAS SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration for this program at **Our Lady Seat of Wisdom** is now open. The summer program is a great, low commitment way for high school students to experience all that Our Lady Seat of Wisdom has to offer. Throughout the program, attendees will attend faculty-led lectures and seminars, explore the beautiful Madawaska Valley, and live in our student residences which will be chaperoned by current students who are serving as counsellors. There are daily opportunities for Mass, Adoration, and communal Compline, as well.

Those who attend the summer program and later come to the College as a full-time student will receive a tuition benefit of equal value to the registration fee.

For those interested, more information can be found at: <https://www.seatofwisdom.ca/veritas-summer-program/>

LA VERNA MINISTRIES

820 Frank St.,
laverna@capuchins.ca facebook.com/Capuchins.ca
705-243-9131 Contact them for programs/activities.

END OF LIFE SEMINAR – FINAL PLANS:

Final evening at Immaculate Conception Church

• **Feb. 11th – Sean Dunlop**, Diocese of Peterborough Diaconate program on Estate Planning and Finance

7:00 to 8:00 pm, with light refreshments served at 6:45 p.m. Admission is free.



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@stalphonsus.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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