



December 11, 2016 | Third Sunday of Advent

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Catholic Church

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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 5PM

Sunday: 9AM & 11AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8AM

Tues., Thurs.: 7PM

Sat. & Holidays: 9AM

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 6:30 - 6:50PM

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:45PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30AM - 4:30PM

(Closed for lunch 12 noon - 1PM)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday - Saturday: 7AM - Midnight

Sunday: 12 Noon - Midnight

EDGE NIGHTS (Grade 6-8)

Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30PM

LIFE TEEN NIGHTS (Grade 9-12)

Saturday 6:30 - 8:30PM

RADIATE (Young Adults)

2nd & 4th Fridays :7:00 - 9:00PM

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

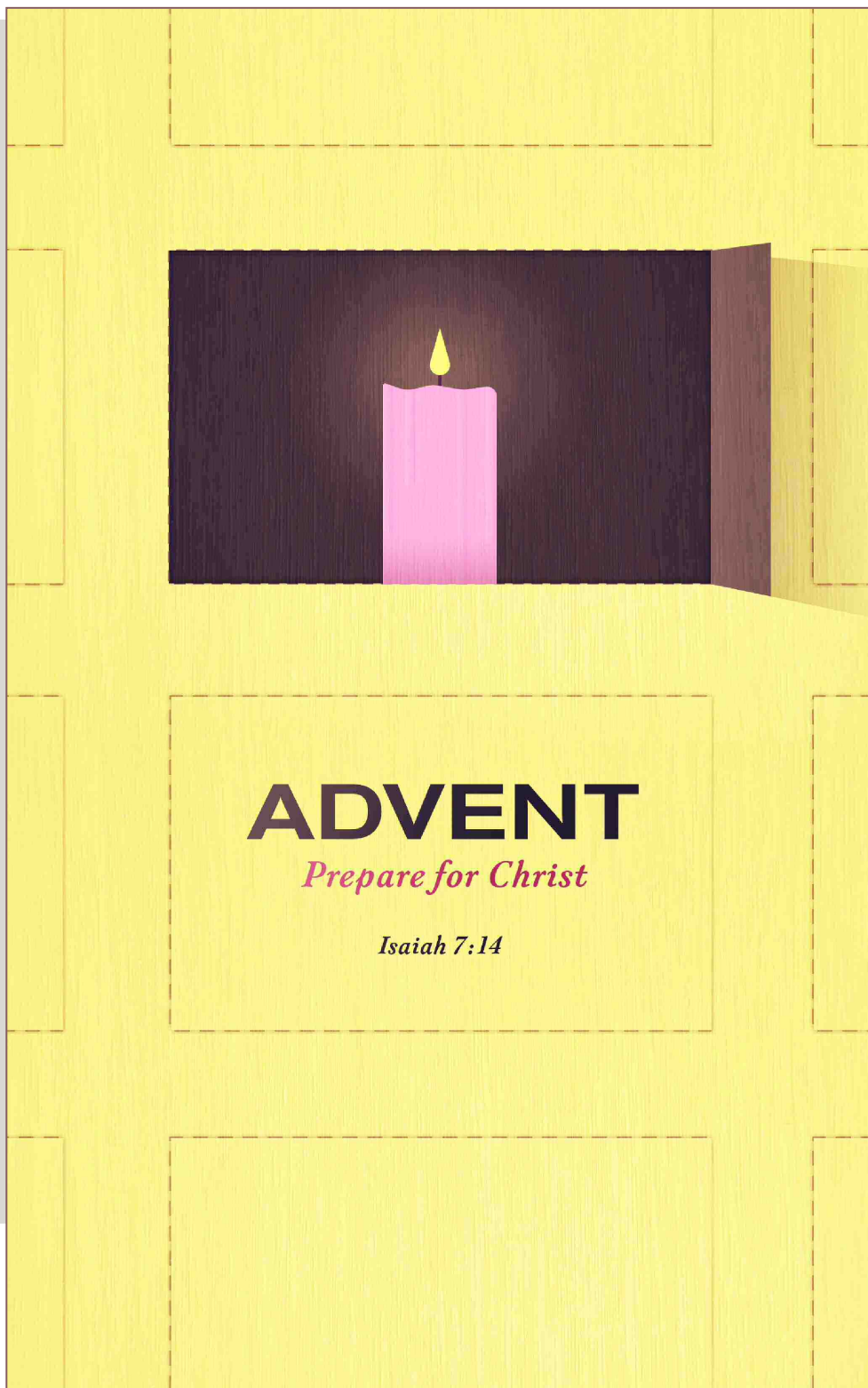
Contact the Parish office for details

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

Please approach one of the priests to introduce yourself and fill out a Communication Card (inside)

NAME TAG SUNDAY

Last Sunday of the month followed by social after each Mass



Pray | Serve | Give



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calendar

3rd Week of Advent • Psalter Week 3

Monday, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
8:00am Mass + **Living and Deceased members of St. Alphonsus Knight of Columbus 11086**

Tuesday, December 13 *St. Lucy*
2:30pm Divine Mercy, Redemptorist Room
4:30pm SVP social, Vincentian's home
7:00pm Mass & Novena + **Carolina Ciervo**

Wednesday, December 14 *St. John of the Cross*
8:00am Mass + **Anne Clark**
6:30pm EDGE, Parish Hall

Thursday, December 15
9:00am St. Catherine & St. Alphonsus school confessions
7:00pm Mass + **Doris Pekola**

Friday, December 16
8:00am Mass + **Faustino & Cecilia Adesanya & Charles & Victoria Ajie**
8:30am Gospel Reflection, Redemptorist Room

Saturday, December 17
9:00am Mass + **Leo & Esther Methot**
10am Christmas Pageant Practice, Church
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Isaiah 7.10-14 • Romans 1.1-7 • + Matthew 1.18-24

5:00pm Mass + **Abbie St. Rose**
6:00pm Life Teen, Redemptorist Room
Sunday, December 18
9:00am Mass **Missa Pro Populo** (for the people)
11:00am Mass + **Tran Minh Cong**
12 noon Vantage Point, Parish Hall

next week

Dec. 20, 6pm K of C exec meeting, Parish Hall
7pm K of C general meeting, Parish Hall
Dec. 22, OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 23, 9am-9pm **All Day Confessions**

NOTE: There will be no daily Masses and the offices will be closed December 26th to 31st.

prayers for the sick

Gaye Ayotte, Elizabeth Beach, Baby Emmaline, Cull Family, Dale Healey, Hugh Laviolette, John Mahoney, Patrick Mackey, Don Morton, Janet Perry, Jessica Pluard, Federico Quidit Rocapor, Owen Thompson, Lloyd Wheeler.
Please pray for healing

stewardship of treasure

"Give and gifts will be given to you...the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you." -Luke 6:38

December 3/4, 2016

Offertory Envelopes (158)	\$5,114.75
Electronic Giving (155)	3,255.50
Loose	573.85

Total Offertory Contributions \$8,944.10

Other Collections

Christmas Décor	135.00
Faith Formation	25.00
Visioning for the Future	25.00
Youth	407.60

2017 Religious Calendars & Missals

The 'Catholic Faith Calendar 2017' and **St. Joseph's Sunday Missals** are available in the Narthex or Parish office for \$5.00 each. Limited quantity!

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 us.

Reflection

John the Baptist had disciples of his own and while in prison he sent some of them to Jesus. At John's request, the disciples asked Jesus if he was the Messiah or were they to wait for another. Jesus did not answer them directly, but pointed to the miracles he had performed in the name of God's love. If John himself did not wonder, it was likely that his followers did. Jesus did not fit the image of "Messiah," and so it was possible that people began to doubt their original perception.

Vocation View

"As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, friend, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord." (James 5:10)
A vocation is responding to the call of God.

Christmas Décor

Envelopes can be found at the church doors for donations to help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. Please write names of loved ones you would like remembered on the envelope, return before Christmas Eve, and they will be published during the Christmas season.



Advent Reconciliation

Experience forgiveness! On **December 23rd** come to our **"12 Hours of Mercy: All Day Reconciliation", from 9am to 9pm.** There will be many priests from the area to assist us....Last chance before Christmas!

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION

Monday, December 19, 1—7pm, Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4PM - Children's Mass with dramatization

7PM - Family Mass

10PM - Carols begin at 9:30; Incense is used

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

10AM - Mass of Christmas Day



2017 Offertory Contribution Envelopes

Envelopes for 2017 are ready for pick up. Blank boxes are available if you wish to start. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes. Consider changing to our Electronic Giving Program (automatic withdrawal from your bank account) for consistent giving. Please talk to Hanna before January. *You will notice an envelope near the front of the box called 'Make the Switch'. The date should say 2017 instead of 2018.*

We encourage all of our parishioners to plan out their giving. Just as we plan out all of our personal expenses, our parish stewardship should also be a priority. The parish depends on your financial contributions to pay faith programs, bills, staff, taxes, etc. Thank you.

Tree of Dreams

Donations will be used to buy gifts in Honduras to support the country and will help the children in our care have a more enjoyable Christmas. Tax receipts issued for donations of \$20 or more. St. Alphonsus parishioners have been generous in the past and the children and their supporters are very appreciative.



Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Join us for talk, prayers and refreshments **Tuesday, December 13th, at 2:30pm in the Redemptorist Room.** All are welcome! For more information please call Marnie 705-743-2080. **Please note date change—2nd instead of 3rd Tuesday for December only.**

Parking Lot and Church Greeters!

We are looking for people to help make our Christmas Eve Masses as welcoming and safe as possible. We have a core team ready to help manage and direct traffic before these Masses, but we could definitely use more help! We need assistance beginning at 3pm on Christmas Eve. What a better way could there be to start your Christmas celebration then by wishing **"Merry Christmas"** to so many people? If you are interested and available to help, please leave your name at the Welcome Desk or office.

Year End Giving

Thank you for remembering St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish with your charitable contributions during the 2016 tax year. Please be sure all final donations are in the church offertory by December 31st, or mail cheques with a December postmark, to be included in the parish contribution records for 2016.

You may also contribute using our easy and secure online service. Online contributions initiated by December 31st will be included in parish contribution records for 2016. Visit www.stalphonsus.net/give. If you have any questions, please contact Hanna Dracup in the parish office.

Opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays to Saturday from 7AM until Midnight, and Sunday from 12 Noon until Midnight.

Please consider making a commitment to spend some time with the Lord.

CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Oratory will close Dec. 24th, 12 noon and reopen Dec. 26th, 7:00am

NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY: regular hours
NEW YEAR'S DAY: Open 1:00—4:00pm

Special Guest Next Weekend!

We heard rumours that a special guest may be attending all Masses next weekend and may be bringing candy canes! His name starts with an 'S'!

Refuge for Refugees

The Syrian Refugee Committee extends its many, many thanks for the support of the church with our sponsored Syrian family. A second collection, in support of the family, will be made on the weekend of **Dec. 17th and 18th.** Tax receipts can also be provided with donations. As we end our Year of Mercy, let us remember that we dedicate ourselves to come back into the right relationship with one another and with God. It is a year of mercy and forgiveness.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

During Advent the candles on the Advent Wreath are lit before Mass begins.

This weekend the following families lit a candle.

5:00pm—Wheeler Family

9:00am—Recker Family

11:00am—Slater Family



D & P Postcard Campaign

A big thanks to all of you who joined with parishioners from across the diocese on November 12/13 to sign this year's Action Card. We demanded that our Canadian government come through on their promise to invest \$2.65 billion by 2020 to support people in developing countries who are severely affected by Climate Change. We collected 320 signed cards and all of them were mailed directly to our Prime Minister. If you missed signing a postcard, you can still sign the petition online at <http://www.dev.org/en/education/fall2016/action>.

We are grateful for your support and solidarity!

Make a Difference in Uganda

We have a real opportunity to make a difference.

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish teams up with the Peterborough Medical Brigade and we'll be collecting Vitamins for a Mission trip in February to Uganda.

Please bring 'multivitamins' for children, adults, men or women (not vitamin E or C or D). We can make a difference to positively impact the general health of the Ugandan people with a regiment of multiple vitamins. If everyone brought one bottle of vitamins, we could really help the people of Uganda. Please drop off the vitamins in the designated box in the Narthex. Thanks for making a difference.

An 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.

When a death occurs, please call the Parish Office first to arrange for the funeral liturgy.



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EDGE: Grades 6-8
Wednesdays at 6:30PM

Radiate: Young Adult (18-39)
2nd & 4th Fridays at 7PM

Life Teen: Grades 8-12
Saturdays at 6:00PM



EDGE



LIFE TEEN

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Upcoming Events!

Life Teen: Movie Night!

This week at Life Teen we had a Movie Night!



Life Teen/EDGE/Radiate: Saturday, Dec 17

Relentless XLT Worship Night

Join us at 7:30PM in the church for a message, praise and worship and Eucharistic Adoration!

EDGE: Wednesday, Dec 14 ***EDGE Christmas Party!***

The last EDGE before the new year we celebrate with our annual Christmas party!

EDGE returns Jan 11 and Life Teen returns Jan 14 after the Holidays!



EDGE: He's Here!

At EDGE we finished our Mini-Series on Advent with a talk on the birth of Jesus and time in the church with Praise and Worship and Adoration!



Saturday Dec 17 at 7:30PM

we are having an

XLT Night

themed **Relentless.**

A night of praise and worship from our worship band, a message from a guest speaker and time in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Stewardship

Today's Scripture readings clearly express the joy and healing that we, and the entire world, will undergo with the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. St. Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the wondrous deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry: the blind see, the crippled walk, lepers are made clean, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to new life, and the poor are made rich with the Good News. As Christian stewards, we are challenged to continue Christ's ministry through the Church and to the world. This Advent, in the spirit of evangelization, invite a neighbor or family member who has not been to church for a while to join you for the Eucharistic celebration of the Mass.

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Countless souls all over the world have been inspired by the books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series of **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**. This digitally mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

"This is an absolute MUST for Advent every year! Archbishop Sheen has a beautiful way of explaining the miracle of Christmas!" - Phyllis

We ask for a donation of \$5 per DVD which can be found in the Narthex.

Sacred Heart College is offering 3 courses from January 9 – April 7.

-The Ethics of Leadership Tuesdays, 1:00-3:50p.m.

-Canadian History I: Becoming Canadian (Origins to 1867) 11:00a.m. – 1:50p.m.

-Religion and the Rise of Modern Science 7:00-10:00p.m.

For registrations visit www.shofp.ca or call 705 745 5549.

Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours.

Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord

who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a hunger for peace:

peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a joy responsive to the father's joy.

I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me the joy and love and peace

it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.

Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there,

hearty gratitude for the life begun there,

and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

papal blessings special anniversaries & birthdays

Please contact the parish office six months in advance to ensure delivery before the occasion.

We extend a warm welcome to St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish and pray that you feel very much at home here. We'd love to have you take the first step to join our parish to become a member. Simply stop by the Welcome Desk, visit www.stalphonsus.net/join, or fill out the Communication Card below.

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI PARISH - COMMUNICATION CARD

☐ I am interested in becoming a member of St. Alphonsus Liguori

☐ I am interested in becoming Catholic

☐ I am interested in becoming involved in my parish.

NAME(S): _____ **PHONE #** _____

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