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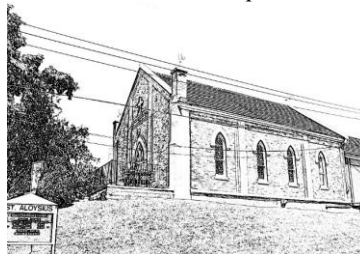


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December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

From the desk of the pastor...

It's Second Sunday of Advent! Time flies so fast!

Bishop Clarke once told this anecdote about **Growing crabs “molt” every so often as they grow**. What this means is that crabs shed their outer shell, which does not grow, to make room for a new shell more conducive to housing their growing body. And they need lots of “moisture” to avoid death and to make the process less painful. This “self-shedding of the old” is doing “radical violence” to what we call the crab’s body. But it is necessary in order to avoid death from suffocation in his “old” lifestyle. In the spiritual level St. Paul is saying that (in effect) we, too, must make “every effort to be found without stain or defilement” when the Lord comes again. Notice that it calls for effort on our part; we don’t just waltz our way into heaven – it takes work, albeit joyful work. We need to shed our old “shells” of selfishness and pride, as well as our disobedience to the teachings of the Church in matters of faith and morals (such disobedience is also sinful and stubborn pride, is it not?). St. Paul is warning us not to be caught wrapped in a useless shell of cultural conformity that prevents spiritual growth. Continued spiritual growth is an absolutely essential part of our preparation for eternity; it is our way of “preparing the way of the Lord” who will come again at a time unknown to us, without warning. We need the “moisture” of prayer, humility and trustful obedience to the Church to avoid eternal death.

On this Second Sunday of Advent, God is offering us a new future. Let us choose it, turn away from the past, and accept what God is offering us.

God loves you.

Fr. Luis

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

As we transition staff in our parish office, we will have limited office hours.

Regular office hours will resume in January 2021.

Emails and phone messages will be checked regularly.

Staff will be available Tuesday and Thursdays afternoons.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

REGISTER FOR MASS

The parishes are only permitted to have 30% occupancy during Masses.

St. Aloysius has a capacity of forty people in attendance. Our Lady Queen of Peace is permitted a maximum of seventy individuals.

It is important to phone or email the office to preregister for Mass even if you have previously stated that you are coming each week. This will allow us to reserve a seat for you and any guests you may be bringing. ***If you do not register for Mass, there is a possibility that you may be turned away if the church has already reached its capacity.*** Please note occupancy numbers include those present in the church and those who pre-registered. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation to ensure we are following all mandated COVID protocols including contact tracing, as well as doing our part to prevent further spread of COVID-19

Sat. Dec 5 th	4:00 p.m.	Zoom Mass
Sun. Dec 6 th	9:00 a.m. (BC) 11:00 a.m. (FF)	Holy Mass † Helen McAllister by Anne & Ken Boyd Holy Mass † In Memory of Dorothy Thomas and Gerald Cook by Gratton & Joanne Young
Wed. Dec 9 th	1:00 p.m. (BC)	No Intention
Thurs. Dec 10 th	9:00 a.m. (FF)	No Intention
Fri. Dec 11 th	9:00 a.m. (FF) 1:00 p.m. (BC)	No Intention NO MASS
Sat. Dec 12 th	4:00 p.m.	Zoom Mass
Sun. Dec 13 th	9:00 a.m. (BC) 11:00 a.m. (FF)	Holy Mass † In Memory of those that died in the Tragic Incident on Pigeon Lake Road and in appreciation for all the First Responders that were affected that day. Holy Mass † In Memory of Dorothy Thomas and Gerald Cook by Gratton & Joanne Young

Let us remember in our prayers all who are sick

Bobcaygeon – Paul Sirois, Lynn Lebel, Edgar Thompson, Joseph Ehmann, Judith Dann, Jody Kucera, Helen Voza, Anne Hayes, Cindy Schwarzli, Raymond Tobin, Kathy Tobin, Deborah Anne Dunbar-Angus, Mary Anne Dunbar, and Evelyn Lalonde.

Fenelon Falls – P. McKeaveney, Anne Stinson, Rita Lenton, Patrick White, Cindy Schwartzli, Deacon Bill Steenburg, and Silverio Carvalho.

Offertory November 29th, 2020

Our Lady Queen of Peace \$646.⁰⁰

St. Aloysius Offertory \$386.⁰⁰

From the Parish Office:

Sunday Missals: The missals are now available at the back of the Church. Please deposit \$5 into the available containers prior to taking a missal from the Church. Please call the Office to make arrangements for pick up, if you required.

Volunteer Sign-in Forms: The new sign-in forms for volunteers are very important and must be filled in now for each volunteer prior to or during each volunteering visit. These must be forwarded to the parish office where these records will be kept for a minimum of 30 days.


Offertory Envelopes: The 2021 Offertory Envelopes are now ready. If you are not currently coming into the church and would like your envelopes before returning, please contact the office.

Office Visits: If you need to visit the office, please contact the parish office to set up an appointment. Parishioners are also encouraged to make requests via phone or email.

Confessions: If you would like to make a confession, please contact the parish office to set up an appointment with Fr Luis.

Online Donations: Please visit <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/donate.aspx> to donate online. You may select your parish and complete the online form.

Mass Offerings: Mass Offerings may be provided to the office in clearly labelled envelopes sent by way of the collection basket. Also, you have the option of making an appointment to come into the office to arrange a Mass offering.

	<p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.</p>	<p>Father Fenelon Council 10878 Contact Bernie Fobert 705-887-8827 or Bob Smith 705-934-5776</p>
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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Thursday, Dec. 24th

St. Aloysius 4:00 p.m. Zoom Mass
OLQP 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Friday, Dec. 25th

OLQP 9:00 a.m.
St. Aloysius 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



Please Note: The extra masses are added to resolve an overflow of people that might jeopardize the 30% sitting capacity and the social distancing of 6 ft. away. **This would be a great time to phone or email the office to book a Mass Intention for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.**

The Fenelon Falls
Association of Churches

presents

The Annual Christmas Choir Performance

Sunday December 6th, 2020

You can view the Live Performance
through this link:

<https://trentside.online.church>

Access will be granted at 2:20 pm and the
performance will start at 2:30 pm

Following the live showing online you can find the
video here at:

www.youtube.com/c/TrentsideBaptistChurch/featured

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

CWL Outreach

Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to town! They have promised to be with us on December 5th, 12th, & 19th between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Bolton Street, Bobcaygeon, where grandchildren can visit with Santa and their grownups can make a food donation for our clients. Take this opportunity to support the Food Bank at this difficult time and have your little ones talk to Santa himself.

Thanks to the very real generosity of our Parish family we collected \$420 for the Toy Gift Card Drive last Sunday, which brings our total to \$1,200 for children's toys!

Think of what this will mean to our clients at Christmas. A big thank you to all who have donated, we could not have done it without you this year.

St. Aloysius Parish

St. Aloysius Ladies Group - There will be a Ladies Group meeting on December 3rd directly following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. This will be dependant on the COVID situation.

Christmas Drive - The Association of Churches came up with a plan for The Salvation Army's Christmas Drive for the Fenelon Falls community. St. Aloysius will take on the task of a drive for gift cards of \$20.00 each. These gift cards may be from: The Red Apple, Sport Check, Canadian Tire, EB Games, Ardene (Lindsay Mall), Giant Tiger, or Home Hardware. If you require a receipt, please put your card in an envelope with your mailing address. At the foot of the altar, there will be a Christmas box to deposit your card. If you are unable to go out and purchase a card, you may also make a monetary donation and a card will be purchased for you. Thank you so much. You are always so generous in supporting our whole community.

Walking Aides: Is anyone in need of a wheelchair (brand new, never used) and/or a walker? If so, please contact the parish office who will pass the information to Laura Sutton.

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Announcements from Diocesan Pastoral Center

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops ("CCCB") has produced a series of videos entitled *Journey through Advent*, which includes an introduction to the liturgical Season and reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in the Season of Advent.

This video series is the result of a joint project between the CCCB's Office national de liturgie, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. The CCCB is grateful to Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., and Bishop Pierre Goudreault for their generosity in preparing and recording these spiritual and pastoral reflections.

It is hoped, especially in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, that *Journey through Advent* will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful pastoral preparation for those who are looking for meaningful ways to welcome the Lord Jesus at Christmas.

This video series will be posted on the CCCB website. Please click the link below or copy and paste:

<https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/>

Wishing you a blessed season as we enter soon the days of Advent.

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Mass for the Second Sunday in Advent

Reverend Fr. Tom Lynch celebrates Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. (December 6, 2020).

Celebrant: Reverend Fr. Tom Lynch

Lector: Peter Stuart

Cantor: Fr. Paul Massel

Cantor and pianist: Kelly Robertson

Sacristan: Alice Stoyhoff

Technician: Steven Moore

Coordinator and Communications: Deirdre Thomas



The YouTube link below will be live starting at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2020.

<https://youtu.be/jOESDwyw0FM>



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Welcome to the celebration of Mass at our parish!

We are working to look after each other's safety and good health during these days of the pandemic. It is our hope that working together, we can stop the spread of this virus and join together in prayer safely.

This Announcement is a reminder for all of us. It remains critically important for each of us to continue following the health precautions.

This includes:

- staying home when ill, even with mild symptoms;
- practising physical distancing of 2 metres or 6 feet with those outside your household or social circle;
- protecting your social circle;
- wearing a face covering/mask;
- washing your hands frequently and thoroughly; and
- adhering to gathering limits and rules.

The O. Reg 364/20 became law in the Province of Ontario on October 2, 2020.

Everyone attending the place of worship (church), must wear a face covering the entire time that they are indoors – this includes the celebrant, deacon, and liturgical ministers.

If a person has a health concern related to the wearing of the face mask, the law provides a provision for this exemption to be respected. This time of uncertainty calls each one of us to renew and amplify our Christian commitment to prayer, reflection, prudent care of each other, and helping others. Let us continue to pray for those who have died, those who are ill, those who work on the front lines and serve our community, and the ongoing work of medical researchers to discover a vaccine and a cure.

May God bless us and guide us.

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