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Cemetery	Mike Byrne	705-887-6376

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Sat. Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	For the People of the Parish For the People of the Parish
Sun. Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BC FF	
Wed. Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	BC	Advent Mass † Season of Hope
Thurs. Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	FF	For the Intention of the St. Aloysius Ladies Group
Fri. Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	FF BC	Advent Mass † Season of Hope Advent Mass † Season of Hope
Sat. Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	
Sun. Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BC FF	

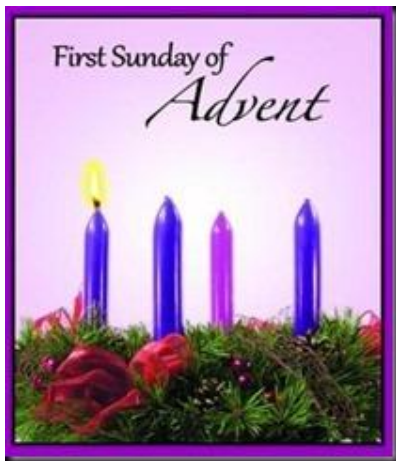
**Let us remember in our prayers all who are sick**

**Bobcaygeon** – Paul Sirois, Lynn Lebel, Joseph Ehmann, Judith Dann, Helen Vozza & Barbara Gartner.

**Fenelon Falls** – P. McKeaveney, Pat Howards, Patrick White, Alan Visneskie, Lorraine Smith, Bob Smith, Erica Dutrieue & Jim Saigeon.

**Funds Collected November 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

<b>OLQP</b>	Sunday Offertory	\$ 659. <sup>90</sup>
	Indigenous Rec Fund	\$ 675. <sup>25</sup>
	Canada Helps	\$ 96. <sup>50</sup>
	E-transfer	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>
<b>St. Aloysius</b>	Sunday Offertory	\$ 895. <sup>75</sup>
	Indigenous Rec Fund	\$ 328. <sup>45</sup>
	Canada Helps	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>
	E-transfer	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>



**From the desk of the pastor...**

When the ancient Roman city of Pompei was destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD, there were many people buried in the ruins who were afterwards found in various positions. Some were found in deep vaults, as if they had gone there for protection.

Others were found in lofty chambers. But they found the Roman sentinel standing at the city gate where he had been assigned by his captain, with his hand still grasping his spear.

Today is the first Sunday of ADVENT, the beginning of the church’s liturgical calendar. And the call is “be watchful;” “be alert.” You do not know when the Lord of the House will come. He may find you sleeping. (Mark 13:35)

The message does not mean that we are literally in state of dormition – although some people are perennially in that state! It means rather that we are awake and watchful for the coming of the Lord doing our duties and responsibilities faithfully, like that Roman sentinel did.

As we enter the church’s New Year, we would do well to pause and ponder where our life is heading to. Am I making any spiritual progress or am I retrogressing? Or making a change for the better or for the worse?

A story is told about an escaped convict from Devil’s Island, the penal colony off the French Guiana coast. The man was sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with a murder in Marseilles. While in prison, he suffered remorse of conscience for his crime and in reparation, since he was a doctor, he devoted the remaining years of his life to curing the sick on the island.

When he died at 72, several hundred people gathered to pay their last respects to the man who had done so much to heal their physical illnesses.

From a murderer, he became a healer and a hero. This true story illustrates how we, too, can rise from our sinful past and live a worthwhile life. And it happened because the man woke up to the call of renewal from within.

There is no real transformation in society unless there is an inner personal transformation. For whatever is wrong with society is the accumulated result of whatever is wrong with the people who compose it.

Who fight senseless wars, who kill and steal, who pollute our environment and denude our forests? Society doesn’t do it, people do. Hence, if more and more individuals change for the better, then society will likewise change for the better.

May Advent not only refers to the coming of Santa. Claus, Christmas bonuses, sumptuous parties, and gift-giving but more especially OUR coming to the Lord through moral transformation.

Fr. Luis

**From the Parish Office**

**Offertory Envelopes:** Are available at the back of the church. Please ensure your name is on the box before taking the box as your number may have changed if no donations were received in the past year. If you have a change of address or contact information, would like a box or no longer require your current number please contact the office.

**OLQP**

**Flower Collection:** The second collection this weekend will be used to purchase Christmas flowers for the altar. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity. The Liturgical Committee Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.

**Organo Coffee Program:** Thank you to those that purchased from the Organo Coffee & Tea program. If you would like to support the church you can pick up order forms at all weekend Masses at OLQP Church in Bobcaygeon. Orders are due the 3rd Sunday of each month. Healthy Gourmet Coffee and Church support in one delicious cup!

**Food Bank:** Once again sincere thanks from the Food Bank for the generous support over our Thanksgiving month. Most appreciated. However, that support continues to be really needed as the client base expands, and those needing support are helped. Our donation boxes in both grocery stores are collected regularly, so please give what you can. Cash donations can be made to Bobcaygeon Helps, 55 Main St ( Lions Hall) Bobcaygeon K0M 1A0.



## **Exploring Advent: First Week of Advent**

**Advent begins this year on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Most of us have an intuitive understanding of Advent, based on experience, but what do the Church's official documents actually say about Advent? Here are some of the basic questions and (official!) answers about Advent. Some of the answers are surprising! Here we go . . .

### **1. What Is the Purpose of Advent?**

Advent is a season on the Church's liturgical calendar--specifically, it is a season on the calendar of the Latin Church, which is the largest Church in communion with the Pope.

Other Catholic Churches--as well as many non-Catholic churches--have their own celebration of Advent.

According to the [General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar](#), Advent has a twofold character:

- as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered.
- as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation [Norms 39].

We tend to think of Advent only as the season in which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, but as the General Norms point out, it is important that we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. Properly speaking, Advent is a season that brings to mind the Two Comings of Christ.

### **2. What Liturgical Colors Are Used in Advent?**

Particular days and certain types of celebrations can have their own colors (e.g., red for martyrs, black or white at funerals), but the normal color for Advent is violet. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal provides:

**The color violet or purple is used in Advent** and Lent. It may also be worn in Offices and Masses for the Dead [346d].

In many places, there is a notable exception for the Third Sunday of Advent, known as *Gaudete* Sunday:

**The color rose may be used, where it is the practice, on *Gaudete* Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)** and on *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent) [GIRM 346f].

### **3. Is Advent a Penitential Season?**

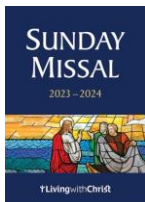
We often think of Advent as a penitential season because the liturgical color for Advent is violet, like the color of Lent, which is a penitential season.

However, in reality, Advent is *not* a penitential season. Surprise!

According to the Code of Canon Law:

Can. 1250 The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent. Although local authorities can establish additional penitential days, this is a complete listing of the penitential days and times of the Latin Church as a whole, and Advent is not one of them.

## Living With Christ Sunday Missals



The 2023-2024 Living With Christ Sunday Missals are now on sale at the back

of the Church and at the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 each.

## 2024 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

The 2024 Teldon Religious Calendars are available to purchase at the back of the church.

Each calendar costs \$5

Please leave the funds at the back of the church.

If you would like information on advertising in the bulletin in 2024 please contact the office at 705-887-6953 or via email [office@staloyusfenelonfalls.ca](mailto:office@staloyusfenelonfalls.ca) [office@ladyqueenofpeacebobcaygeon.ca](mailto:office@ladyqueenofpeacebobcaygeon.ca)

### LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MASS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Mass for the First Sunday of Advent will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2023. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough.

Please join in prayer through the weblink found below:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fv4qa0cJxU>

## Online Donations

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You can now send etransfers to our parish office emails and the amounts will be deposited directly to the parish bank account and added to your annual charitable donation receipts. No security questions required.

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### CANADA HELPS

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