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Fenelon Falls

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Sat. Dec 23 rd	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	For the People of the Parish For the People of the Parish
Sun. Dec 24 th	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	BC FF FF BC	Holy Mass † For the Children Who Lost Their Lives to Abortion in 2023 Holy Mass † Daniel Gould by Eric & Pauline O'Brien <i>Christmas Eve Mass</i> <i>Christmas Eve Mass</i>
Mon. Dec 25 th	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BC FF	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i> <i>Christmas Day Mass</i>
Tues. Dec 26 th			<i>NO MASS</i>
Wed. Dec 27 th	1:00 p.m.	BC	Holy Mass † St. John, Apostle
Thurs. Dec 28 th	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	FF BC	Holy Mass † The Holy Innocents Holy Mass † The Holy Innocents
Fri. Dec 29 th			<i>NO MASS</i>
Sat. Dec 30 th	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	Holy Mass † The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Holy Mass † The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sun. Dec 31 st	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	BC FF FF BC	Holy Mass † The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Holy Mass † The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph New Year's Eve Mass † Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Eve Mass † Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
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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, Lorraine Smith, Bob Smith, Erica Dutrieue, Jim Saigeon & Deacon Bill Steenburgh

Funds Collected December 11th to 17th, 2023

OLQP	Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,235.00
	Canada Helps	\$ 38.60
	E-transfer	\$ 0.00
	PAP	\$ 200.00
St. Aloysius	Sunday Offertory	\$ 879.15
	Canada Helps	\$ 0.00
	E-transfer	\$ 0.00
	PAP	\$ 355.00



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

This is the day we have longed for and for which we have been preparing during these past four weeks – the commemoration of the earthly birth of God's eternal Son. No words can express the importance of that event in the history of humankind as well as our personal lives. In all truth we can say that after the birth of Jesus Christ, nothing and nobody has been the same as before, for in him God has become a brother to every human being in the fullest sense. God's incarnate Son has come to share our problems, worries and aspirations that we might share God's peace and God's very life.

Blessed Christmas to all!

Fr. Luis & Staff

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

Food Bank: With the arrival of Advent leading to the Birth of Our Saviour and the joy that brings, please remember the Food Bank, and that there is much need in our community. The donation boxes in both our food stores welcome any donations you can give. Without the Food Bank some of our neighbours might face a bleak Christmas so please share what you can. Thank you.

**Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Baskets**

Peter at St. Aloysius & Cyril Dwyer at OLQP

Thank you for supporting the parish and the Knights of Columbus, Merry Christmas!

From the Desk of the Pastor...**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

David thought he knew better. He was planning to give a present for the Lord. He thought of building Him a house and of moving the Ark of the Covenant from a mere humble tent. But God had other plans. It was not for David to build God a house, but it was God's prerogative to make use of David's very own plans to build His own house.

God wanted to be present to His own people, house or no house, temple or no temple.

This is the story of a God who wills to be present to His people – on His own terms, not ours. This is the saga of a God who loves and lives in the midst of those whom He loves – a God who is relationally present, a God who values presence more than mere presents. And what He gives is the most precious gift of intimacy with His people: “I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me. Your throne shall stand firm forever.”

We live now in a transactional, not relational, world. We are wired, connected 24/7 but seldom meaningfully related. We trade bytes – sound and image bytes – why, even bits of cryptocurrency, but we all hide behind avatars, cartoon images and emoticons, if not, fake images made to perfection via techniques associated with impression management.

But accepting and opening oneself to God's presence means accepting God for who He is, and coming into the Lord's presence as we are, warts and all! And, yes . . . the key word is presence, not presents.

Christmas

Christmas is about the mystery of the divine found within the human ~ GOD entering our everyday life! Because Jesus Christ was born into our world in a normal human way, all our ordinary human activities are made holy. Jesus Christ has entered our story and saved us from the darkness! Imagine if we were to live always as if walking in the light!

The word Christmas grew from the Old English Christes messe meaning the Mass of Christ. Sometimes we see the abbreviation Xmas. The X comes from the Greek letter Ch (the first letter of Christ's name) which has the form of a cross. Early Christians saw it as a symbol of the sufferings and death of Christ. So Xmas is not really just a secular term for Christmas.

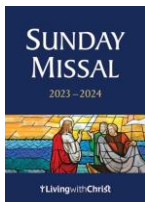
There is no historical evidence to confirm that Jesus was in fact born on Dec 25. People began celebrating his birth at the time of the Northern hemisphere Winter Solstice. The symbol of Christ as the light for the world is quite literally experienced in the North. After the Winter Solstice (the shortest day of the year) the light of each day grows brighter and stays longer. The darkness recedes. Warmth and colour return to the earth. How can we adapt this strong symbol of light to our Southern hemisphere?

In all truth we can say that, after the birth of Jesus Christ, nothing and nobody has been the same as before, for in him God has become a brother to every human being in the fullest sense. God's incarnate Son has come to share our problems, worries and aspirations that we might share God's peace and God's very life.

Blessed Christmas to all!

- Fr. Luis

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

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LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MASS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Starting on Saturday, December 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CO3YnI4DqEo>

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Starting on Sunday, December 24, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuOeg-ge8EY>

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Starting on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_hl64aoCzIU

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (WORLD DAY OF PEACE)

Starting on Sunday, December 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

<https://youtube.com/live/0fe70jBHnLY>

Online Donations

ETRAANSFERS

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.

To send an etransfer to Our Lady Queen of Peace

office@ladyqueenofpeacebobcaygeon.ca

To send an etransfer to St. Aloysius

office@staloyusiusfenelonfalls.ca

CANADA HELPS

Canada Helps allows you to make a donation by clicking the appropriate link below. You can set up weekly, monthly or one-time donations in a secure manner.

Click the link below to donate to Our Lady Queen of Peace:

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