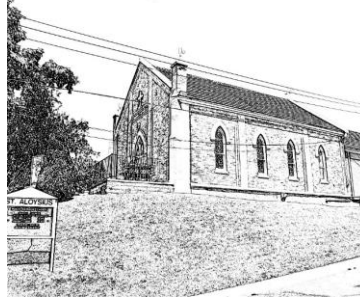


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November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

From the desk of the pastor...

Here is an anecdote I bumped into that would usher the Season of Advent.

The title is "Ready or not, here I come."

When you were a child, did you play the game, Hide and Seek? If you did, you will remember that the person who was "it" closed his eyes while the rest went to hide. To give them time to hide, the child started counting: 5, 10, 15, 20 and up to 100. Then he would say, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of the game was to hide oneself so well that the leader could not find you, for if he found you, and beat you back to the goal, you had to be "it" the next go-around. The secret of the game was preparing oneself against being found and caught. With excitement we heard the words, "Ready or not -- here I come!" In today's Gospel lesson Jesus is saying to the world, "Ready or not -- here I come." In chapter 13 of Mark, Jesus tells us that he will be returning to the earth "with great power and glory." As in the game, only this is not a game, there is a counting and an accounting going on right now. It is a countdown before the blast of his appearance on earth a second time to judge the world and to gather his faithful to himself.

Advent blessings to all!

Fr. Luis



Unfortunately, our current secretary and bookkeeper, Suzanne McCarthy has had to resign due to pregnancy-related health issues. We are grateful to be welcoming back our former secretary and bookkeeper, Valerie Flynn and are also welcoming Pam Guzzi as our new receptionist. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition time.

Let us all pray for Susan and her family, that they enjoy a safe pregnancy, and they receive the support and grace to welcome the new baby to their family. We pray, God blesses them with a healthy child, rich in spirit and joy.

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. Nov 28 th	4:00 p.m. (FF) 6:00 p.m. (BC)	Zoom Mass No Intention
Sun. Nov 29 th	9:00 a.m. (BC) 11:00 a.m. (FF)	Holy Mass † For the Deceased & Living Members of the McPherson & Beaudette Families by Lucy & Mike McPherson Holy Mass † Tim Jenkinson by Grattan & Joanne Young
Wed. Dec 2 nd	1:00 p.m. (BC)	No Intention
Thurs. Dec 3 rd	9:00 a.m. (FF)	For the Intentions of the St. Aloysius Ladies Group
Fri. Dec 4 th	9:00 a.m. (FF) 1:00 p.m. (BC)	No Intention No Intention
Sat. Dec 5 th	4:00 p.m. (FF) 6:00 p.m. (BC)	No Intention No Intention
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 Grattan & 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 14th & 15th, 2020

Our Lady Queen of Peace \$ 940.⁰⁰

St. Aloysius Offertory

\$ 1,580.⁰⁰

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.

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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.**



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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.

Thank you most sincerely for all donations to our Toy Gift Card Drive. This means we can distribute gift cards to our families for their children. In these unique times our clients rely, as usual, on the FoodBank for toys under the tree for their children and keeping all safe dictates gift cards for parents to choose toys themselves.

The last final collection will be this Sunday when the basket for final donations will be at the back of the hall. Please remember names and addresses on envelopes for tax receipts!

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 First Sunday in Advent

+His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Miehm celebrates Mass for the First Sunday of Advent at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. (November 29, 2020).

Please join in prayer!

Celebrant: + His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Miehm

Lector: Rosalie Verkin

Cantor: Fr. Paul Massel

Cantor and pianist: Kelly Robertson

This YouTube link will be live as of 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 28, 2020.

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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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