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**ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH**

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Sat. Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	Holy Mass † <b>NO MASS ***Moved to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>***</b>
Sun Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. <b>3:00 p.m.</b>	BC FF <b>BC</b>	Holy Mass with Fr. John † Holy Mass † Holy Mass †
Wed. Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	BC	Holy Mass †
Thurs. Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	FF	Holy Mass †
Fri. Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	FF BC	Holy Mass † Holy Mass †
Sat. Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	Holy Mass † <b>NO MASS ***Moved to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>***</b>
Sun. Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. <b>3:00 p.m.</b>	BC FF <b>BC</b>	Holy Mass with Fr. John † Ormond & Timothy Kemp by Patricia Kemp Holy Mass † Holy Mass †

**Let us remember in Our Prayers all who are Sick**

**Bobcaygeon** – Paul Sirois, Lynn Lebel, Joseph Ehmann, Judith Dann, Helen Voza, Barbara Gartner, Joan Carnevale & Jeff Armstrong

**Fenelon Falls** – P. McKeaveney, Pat Howards, Patrick White, Bob Smith, Erica Dutrieue, Jim Saigeon & Deacon Bill Steenburgh

**Summary of Funds Collected Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

<b>OLQP</b>	Sunday Offertory	\$ 120. <sup>00</sup>
	Canada Helps	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>
	E-transfer	\$ 250. <sup>00</sup>
	PAP	\$ 225. <sup>00</sup>
<b>St. Aloysius</b>	Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,337. <sup>00</sup>
	Canada Helps	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>
	E-transfer	\$ 35. <sup>00</sup>
	PAP	\$ 355. <sup>00</sup>

**From the Desk of the Pastor...**

Forgiveness is like salt, which is a preservative, and keeps food from going rotten. When a couple get married, it is no exaggeration to say that, if they have enough forgiveness within their hearts, their love will continue and will grow. Forgiveness is an on-going journey towards total acceptance. Quite a great deal of the violence and turmoil in parts of the world are the results of past injustices, where forgiveness hasn't been given a chance to heal the wounds. There would never be a war if someone, somewhere, was prepared to say, "I'm sorry, I was wrong; please forgive me".

There is great power in forgiveness. The one who forgives is the one who has the greatest strength. Not to forgive is to harbour resentments, and resentments are always harmful to the one who carries them. Not to forgive is to allow someone else have power over me. They are in my thoughts, and my thoughts about them disturb and disquiet me, and I am in a state of disease, and I cannot possibly be at peace.

The whole story of salvation and redemption is one of loving forgiveness. God is love, and, therefore, God is a forgiving God. Jesus asks us to love one another as he loves us. The only condition laid down about forgiveness is that I be willing to forgive others.

If I am to live a Christian life, then I must place forgiveness of others fairly and squarely in the middle of the package.

Being deeply conscious of my own sinfulness is a necessary condition for holiness, and for the capacity to have a forgiving heart. There are two conditions for getting to heaven. One is to be a sinner, and the other is to know it. At Mass, we stand together and confess to God and to each other that we are sinners. Have you noticed that the first-person singular is used only three times in the whole Mass? I confess..... I have sinned.... Lord, I am not worthy..... All the rest of the Mass is in the plural form. When it comes to sin, however, each one of us must speak for ourselves.

**From the Parish Office:** The 2024 Donation Tax Receipts have been mailed to each donor. Please allow a couple of weeks for delivery.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday 2025 begins the Lenten season. Lent is the time before Easter when Catholics prepare to commemorate Jesus’s Resurrection through prayer, penance, and fasting.

Ash Wednesday falls on March 5, 2025, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is approximately forty days long. If you count the days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday’s Mass of the Lord’s Supper, you’ll find more than forty days. Sundays are a part of this period. Some people don’t give up things on Sundays during Lent, and that’s okay because our sacrifices are voluntary. But fasting on Ash Wednesday and not eating meat on Fridays during Lent are mandatory, unless you’re too young or old.

### Significance of Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday service is not mandatory in the Catholic Church, so going to Mass is a personal choice. However, many Catholics observe this day by attending Mass and receiving ashes on their forehead. The priest may say the words, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,” emphasizing the virtues of penance and humility.

### What’s the Deal with Ashes on Ash Wednesday?

On Ash Wednesday, wearing ashes on your forehead can feel like a bold proclamation of Faith, drawing curious or puzzled glances from others. Remember, this visible sign of repentance and humility is an opportunity to witness to Christ with quiet confidence and a joyful heart. Watch this short video to learn ways to respond.

### Purpose of Lenten Season

Lent is a time of spiritual preparation, self-examination, and penance leading up to the celebration of Easter. This the time to imitate Jesus’ forty days of fasting in the desert. It is an opportunity for us to deepen our relationship with God, seek forgiveness for sins, and grow in spiritual discipline. Catholics focus on self-denial, prayerful reflection, and charitable acts as a means of drawing closer to God.



**Wednesday March 5th, 2025, Mass Times:**

<b>OLQP</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>St. Aloysius</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>



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**Please join us for a luncheon at  
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish on  
Sunday February 23, 2025,  
After Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

**Mass for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of  
Peace, put on by the Knights of Columbus, in  
appreciation for all their efforts**



**February 2025 Prayer Intentions:  
For vocations to the priesthood and religious life**

*The Pope entrusts his Worldwide Prayer Network each month with prayer intentions that express his deep concerns for humanity and the mission of the Church. His monthly prayer intention is a global call to transform our prayers into "concrete actions," serving as a compass for a mission of compassion for the world. In this way, he proposes a path to mobilize us each month, through prayer and action, for a more humane, fraternal, and solidary world.*

**Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life**

*Prayer for Vocations*

Bountiful Father, / your Son Jesus, urged us to pray for laborers for your harvest. / Grant, we pray, / an abundance of priests and consecrated men and women / to care for the needs of your Church / in the Diocese of Palm Beach.

Through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, / pour out your Holy Spirit upon our families. May we encourage each person / to discern and follow the vocation to which you have called them.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

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