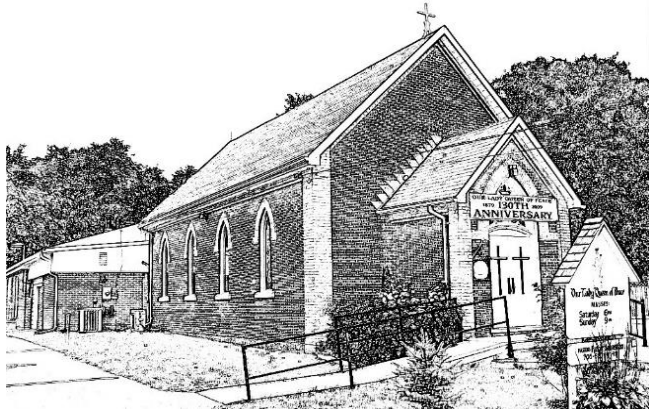


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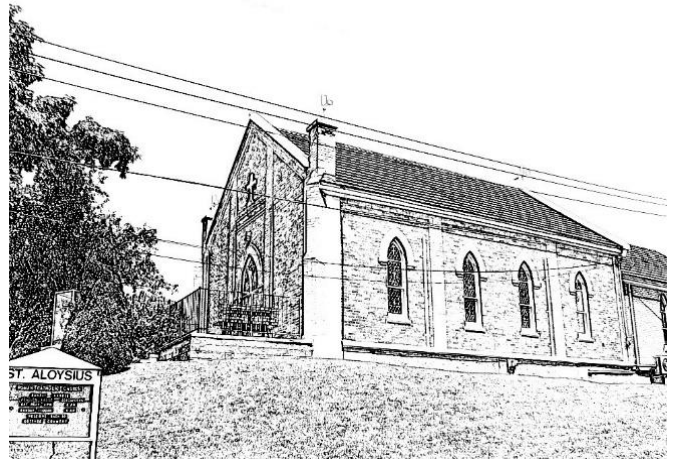


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Sat. Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 p.m.	FF	Holy Mass † Maria Fuhrmann & for the Intentions of the Hargreaves Family by Pam Guzzi
	6:00 p.m.	BC	Holy Mass with Fr. John † For the People of the Parish
Sun. Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	BC	Holy Mass † Peter Joseph Gallagher by the Fenelon Falls Knights of Columbus
	11:00 a.m.	FF	
Wed. Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	BC	Advent Mass † Season of Joy
Thurs. Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	FF	Advent Mass † Season of Joy
Fri. Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	FF	Advent Mass † Season of Joy
	1:00 p.m.	BC	Advent Mass † Season of Joy
Sat. Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 p.m.	FF	Holy Mass † Glenda Lorraine Pillo by the Pillo Family
	6:00 p.m.	BC	
Sun. Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	BC	
	11:00 a.m.	FF	

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

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

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**Summary of Funds Collected Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<b>OLQP</b>	Sunday Offertory	\$ .00
	Canada Helps	\$ 96. <sup>25</sup>
	E-transfer	\$ 50. <sup>00</sup>
<b>St. Aloysius</b>	Sunday Offertory	\$ .00
	Canada Helps	\$ 0. <sup>00</sup>
	E-transfer	\$ 100. <sup>00</sup>

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

Today's Gospel is unique to Luke's Gospel: a summary of the themes of John's preaching.

The Baptizer is approached by two groups whose professions were scorned by the Pharisees: tax collectors, who usually made handsome profits by gouging their fellow Jews, and Jewish soldiers who belonged to the Roman peacekeeping force. John requires of them not a change of professions but a change of heart and attitude, that they perform their duties with honesty and integrity. John calls for selfless concern for one's disadvantaged brothers and sisters.

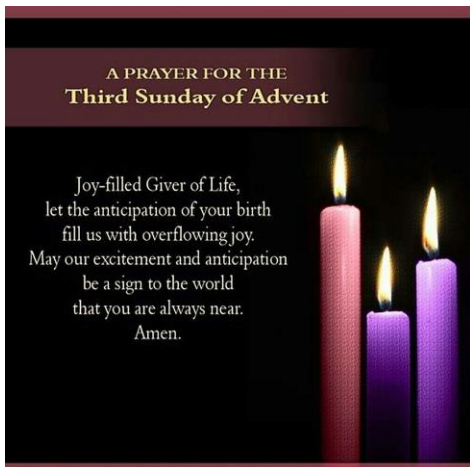
John assures his Jewish listeners that he is not the Messiah, in fact, John considers himself lower than the lowest slaves (only a non-Jewish slave could be required to loosen his master's sandal strap and John does not presume to do even that). In proclaiming the Messiah's "baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire," John employs the image of a "winnowing-fan." A winnowing-fan was a flat, wooden, shovel-like tool, used to toss grain into the air. The heavier grain fell to the ground and the chaff blew away. In the same way, John says, the Messiah will come to gather the "remnant" of Israel and destroy the Godless.

**Third Sunday of Advent: Joy**

The third Sunday of Advent in 2024 will be on Sunday, December 15th. The [third Sunday](#) of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for **rejoice**, and this Sunday is the time for us to rejoice because Jesus came and died so that we may live forever with him!

The third Sunday of Advent we are invited to reflect on the **joy** we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their *joyful demeanor*. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from the **great joy** we have because of Jesus.

The tradition for the [third Sunday of Advent](#) includes lighting a third sometimes pink candle that is a symbol of **joy**. This third Sunday of Advent we read, pray and reflect on the joy that God's plan gives us (foretold by the prophets and fulfilled by the life and death of Christ), and we meditate on the promise of Christ's coming glory-filled return.



**OLQP:**

**Fr. John** – In the month of December, the 6:00 p.m. masses on Saturdays at OLQP, will be celebrated by Fr. John. Fr. Luis would like to thank him for his help during a busy month.

**Santa Claus Parade** – A reminder that the parade in Bobcaygeon is at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>. The main street will be closed.

**Food Bank:** With the arrival of Advent leading to the joyful celebration of Our Saviour’s Birth, many seasonal preparations are normally made. We know that one most pleasing to our Blessed Lord is sharing what we have with others, especially those who really need our help. The local Food Bank is stretched to the limits, along with the others in Canada, so donations made are especially welcome at this time. We are trying to make sure there is Christmas Dinner and a toy for the children for all coming to us in need. Please help as part of Advent giving!

**Offertory Envelopes**

Are now 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 (including your email, phone number, address etc.), please contact the office.

If you would like a box or no longer require your current number, please contact the office. Parish Office 705-887-4149 or office@staloyusiusfenelonfalls.ca



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who organized, participated and supported the members of the St. Aloysius Christmas Choir at the Association of Churches Christmas Choir Sing on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

It was a lovely afternoon of sharing Christmas spirit!



**Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule**



**December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

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

**December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

OLQP	9:00 a.m.
St. Aloysius	11:00 a.m.

**December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Years Eve**

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

**January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Years Day**

OLQP	9:00 a.m.
St. Aloysius	11:00 a.m.



**December 2024 Prayer Intentions:**  
**FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

*The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network has released the list of prayer intentions set by Pope Francis for the year 2024. Each month, Pope Francis asks Catholics around the world to pray for a specific intention.*

*Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.*


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**PRAYER FOR MERCY**  
**"STRENGTHEN MY FAITH"**

God,

I have known you all my life, and I have never lacked a thing. I have not seen those who trust in you be ashamed. You have shown your power and defeated evil.

I am asking for your favor so that I may keep strengthening my faith in you, Lord. May I never be ashamed because your mercies are forever with me. Amen.


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