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PARISH SERVICES:

Holy Mass: *Please refer to Page 2 of the Bulletin for mass time details.*

Confessions: *Available 30 minutes prior to mass or after each mass.*

Sacraments: *Please contact the Office regarding First Communion, First Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Baptisms or Marriages*

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Sat. Nov 14th	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	Holy Mass † Debbie Hale by Sharon Smith Holy Mass †
Sun. Nov 15th	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BC FF	Holy Mass † For the Living & Deceased Members of the Callaghan Family Holy Mass † For the Deceased Members of the Bodkin & Tertone Family by Dan & Joann
Wed. Nov 18th	1:00 p.m.	BC	Holy Mass † For the Deceased Members of the Bodkin & Tertone by Dan & Joann
Thurs. Nov 19th	9:00 a.m.	FF	Holy Mass †
Fri. Nov 20th	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	FF BC	Holy Mass † Holy Mass †
Sat. Nov 21st	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	Holy Mass † Holy Mass †
Sun. Nov 22nd	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BC FF	Holy Mass † Holy Mass † Gerard Powers by Julia & Mary Clare

Let us remember in Our Prayers all who are Sick

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Summary of Funds Collected Nov. 2nd to 8th

	OLQP	St. Aloysius
Offertory	$ 1,034.35	$ 1,670.80
Mission Appeal	$ 378.00	$ 421.20
Canada Helps	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
E-transfer	$ 250.00	$ 0.00

From the Desk of the Pastor
KNOWING YOUR PRIEST: HOW MARY FOUND A PLACE IN MY HEART

Dear parish family,

Last week, I introduced myself to you. This week, I would like to take you a little further back—to my childhood, to our family evenings, and to a story that has stayed with me ever since.

My love for Mother Mary began at home. On Sunday evenings, Mum and Dad would gather us in the moonlight. Before telling us stories, they would ask what we had learned in church that day. You can imagine how carefully we had to listen at Mass. There was an examination waiting at home, and the examiners already knew us very well!

Among the many stories they told, one especially caught my attention: how Mary said "Yes" to God. I was fascinated that a young woman's willingness to trust God could mean so much for the whole world. Through her "Yes," she became the mother of Jesus, our Saviour.

I kept thinking about that story—her courage, her trust, and her readiness to accept what she could not fully understand. I later shared this fascination with Fr. Raymond Arazu, as we fondly called him, also played a significant role in inspiring my desire to enter the seminary. He would tell us about BBC World News, opening my young mind to a world much bigger than the one I knew.

Somewhere in that childhood curiosity, a desire began to grow: perhaps I, too, could tell the world a story that inspires hope.

At home, devotion to Mary was part of our daily life. Every night, Mum and Dad made sure we prayed the Rosary. As a child, I may not always have understood every mystery, but I certainly understood that bedtime would have to wait until the Rosary was finished!

MARIAN SHRINE - MOTHER MARY TAKE OVER



A Place of Prayer, Peace & Devotion



When I entered the seminary, we prayed the Rosary every day. What my parents had planted continued to grow.

Years later, as a priest serving at St. Mary's Parish, Amuzi, Obowo, I was able to express that love through the building of a beautiful Marian Shrine. Whenever I think of it, I remember those simple family evenings. Something planted quietly in a child's heart had found a home in parish life.

My pilgrimage to Medjugorje, and the testimonies I witnessed afterwards, deepened my commitment to Marian devotion. The Catholic Women Organization of Obowo West Deanery kindly gave me the title "Ambassador of Mary." Some friends, seeing my affection for her, call me "Jarbar Nwa Maria" - "Jarbar, son of Mary." Apparently, my friends decided that "Father Michael" was no longer enough!

After visiting Rome and hearing firsthand accounts about St. Rita, my journey of prayer and trust deepened further. In time, I coined a short prayer of entrustment: "Mother Mary, Take Over!" For me, these words mean: Mother, pray for me. Help me trust your Son, listen to him, and follow wherever he leads.

Before Canada, I served at St. Mary's. Here, I have been entrusted with St. Aloysius and Our Lady Queen of Peace. You see, even after crossing the Atlantic, I still found myself under a mother's care! I suspect Mother Mary arrived before me and thankfully, she did not need a work permit!

Dear friends, this is part of the story of your priest: a child who listened to stories, parents who taught him to pray, and a love for Mary that continues to lead him towards Jesus. When you hear me say "Mother Mary, Take Over," you now know something of the home, the memories and the faith behind those words. May she help all of us say our own "Yes" to God.

Mother Mary, Take Over! - Rev. Fr. Dr. Michael Obinna Okafor, JP

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living With Christ Sunday - Missals 2026-2027 Missals are now available at the back of the Church. The cost is $5.00 each, please leave payment in the designated area at the back of the Church.

Fenelon Falls Association of Churches Events

Neurogenerative Art – Come out and try something new! Enjoy a relaxing and creative afternoon exploring neurogenerative art. No previous experience is necessary, and all supplies will be provided. Monday, November 23rd, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Immanuel Community Church. Everyone is welcome!

Tinsel & Tears Service – On Sunday November 29th at 2:00 p.m. at Immanuel Community Church, everyone is warmly invited to attend this ecumenical service, followed by fellowship and light refreshments. This special service offers comfort, hope and companionship to anyone experiencing loneliness, health challenges, grief, devastation or financial hardship. All are welcome to come together in prayer, reflection and fellowship during the Christmas season.

Free Hot Meals – Meals are offered every Monday & Wednesday at the Salvation Army in Fenelon Falls from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you need support, please come enjoy a hot meal served by our amazing volunteers at 42 Bond St. W. in Fenelon Falls.

Friday Soup Lunch – Fenelon Immanuel Community Church offers free soup lunch every Friday 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A different soup is made each week. Please come out and join us at 20 Bond St. E., Fenelon Falls.

CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our Parishes face some important repairs and maintenance needs to preserve our church and ensure it remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone. Unfortunately, the cost of these necessary repairs will be high While we are committed to completing this work responsibly, the expenses will place an additional financial burden on our parishes.

St. Aloysius

- Repair/replace the enclosure of the statue of our Blessed Mother
- Extensive masonry repair to the Church including the chimney.
- Prep, paint and caulk the exterior of the Church windows.
- Purchase the "Listen" Technologies Assistive Hearing System for use by parishioners with hearing impairments.

Our Lady Queen Of Peace

- Purchase the "Listen" Technologies Assistive Hearing System for use by parishioners with hearing impairments.
- Masonry repairs to the Church and hall.

Our churches are more than just a building. They are places of worship, fellowship, comfort, and community. By coming together and contributing what we can, we can help protect and preserve these special places.

If you are able to make an additional donation, please consider doing so in the green envelopes. Every contribution, large or small, to the Cornerstone Campaign will make a difference.

Thank you for your continued generosity, faith, and commitment to our parish. May God bless you and your families for your kindness and support.

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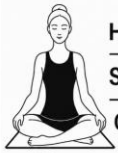
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