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Cemetery	Mike Byrne	705-887-6376

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Sat. Dec 9 th	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	
Sun. Dec 10 th	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BC FF	
Wed. Dec 13 th	1:00 p.m.	BC	Advent Mass † Season of Peace
Thurs. Dec 14 th	9:00 a.m.	FF	Advent Mass † Season of Peace
Fri. Dec 15 th	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	FF BC	Advent Mass † Season of Peace Advent Mass † Season of Peace
Sat. Dec 16 th	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	Holy Mass † James Hogan & Nicholas Flanagan by Maureen Levacie
Sun. Dec 17 th	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BC FF	

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, Alan Visneskie, Lorraine Smith, Bob Smith, Erica Dutrieue, Jim Saigeon & Deacon Bill Steenburgh

Funds Collected November 27th to December 3rd, 2023

OLQP	Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,131. ⁰⁰
	PAP	\$ 310. ⁰⁰
	Canada Helps	\$ 0. ⁰⁰
	E-transfer	\$ 275. ⁰⁰
St. Aloysius	Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,177. ⁰⁰
	PAP	\$ 285. ⁰⁰
	Canada Helps	\$ 0. ⁰⁰
	E-transfer	\$ 100. ⁰⁰

From the desk of the pastor...

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. We relight the candle of hope and light the candle of peace. Let us not lose our hope that peace is not an impossible dream. Let's give peace a chance. And it all starts with ourselves. Let us resolve to become instruments of peace always and in all ways.

In today's Gospel (Mk. 1, 1-8), John the Baptist started preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. A humble and a contrite heart is a peaceful heart. Yes, peace in our hearts happens when we humble ourselves to someone greater than ourselves, and when we humble ourselves to others greater or smaller than us.

"One mightier than I is coming after me." Bull's-eye! This is the secret of true wisdom and peace. There are people who think that they are the greatest or are better than the rest. Maybe they are (according to their own mind), but the sooner they snap out of this illusion, the better for them and also for the people around them. Humility, humility, humility is the key to a peaceful and meaningful life.

To prepare the way of the Lord means to level our mountains of pride and to fill up our valleys of darkness and sin. Lord, help us to lower our pride and to fill the darkness within with the light of your loving presence. Amen.

The first Christmas was poor, simple, quiet and austere, but it was full of love, joy, hope and peace. Wishing us all these and wishing us all to spread these. Beyond the cozy Christmas feelings, may we reach out to people out there who are in real pain and suffering, especially this Christmas.

Blessings to all this Christmas!

- Fr. Luis

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

*The 4th Sunday of Advent and the Eve of Christmas are back-to-back celebrations this year. So are the Feast of the Holy Family and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Our mass schedules remain the same:
Saturday at 4 pm in Fenelon Falls and 6 pm in Bobcaygeon,
Sunday 9 am in Bobcaygeon and 11 am in Fenelon Falls.*

December 23, 2023 - 4th Sunday of Advent (Saturday):

4:00 pm – Fenelon 6:00 pm - Bobcaygeon

December 24, 2023 - 4th Sunday of Advent (Sunday):

9:00 am – Bobcaygeon 11:00 am - Fenelon

December 24, 2023 - Eve of Christmas (Sunday):

4:00 pm – Fenelon 6:00 pm - Bobcaygeon

December 25, 2023 - Christmas Day (Monday):

9:00 am - Bobcaygeon 11:00 am - Fenelon

December 30, 2023 - Eve of the Feast of the Holy Family (Saturday)

4:00 pm – Fenelon 6:00 pm - Bobcaygeon

Dec. 31, 2023 - Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday)

9:00 am – Bobcaygeon 6:00 pm - Fenelon

December 31, 2023 - Eve of New Year's (Sunday)

4:00 pm – Fenelon 6:00 am - Bobcaygeon

January 1, 2024 - New Year's Day (Monday)

9:00 am – Bobcaygeon 1:00 am - Fenelon



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

Organo Coffee Program: Thank you to those that purchased from the Organo Coffee & Tea program. If you would like to support the church you can pick up order forms at all weekend Masses at OLQP Church in Bobcaygeon. Orders are due the 3rd Sunday of each month. Healthy Gourmet Coffee and Church support in one delicious cup!

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.



The Salvation Army would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Aloysius, and their various associated groups who provided assistance in order to fill the Christmas hampers. **The program was a huge success.** Please know your contributions go a long way in providing a full Christmas dinner to many of the less fortunate within our catchment area. Merry Christmas and God Bless!



Exploring Advent: Second Week of Advent

When Does Advent Begin and End?

According to the General Norms:

Advent begins with 'Evening Prayer I' of the Sunday falling on or closest to the 30th of November and ends before 'Evening Prayer I' of Christmas [Norms 40].

The Sunday on or closest to November 30 can range between November 27 and December 3, depending on the year.

In the case of a Sunday, Evening Prayer I is said on the evening of the preceding day (Saturday). According to the [General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours](#):

96. Evening Prayer, celebrated immediately before Mass, is joined to it in the same way as morning prayer. **Evening Prayer I of solemnities, Sundays, or feasts of the Lord falling on Sundays may not be celebrated until after Mass of the preceding day or Saturday.**

This means that Advent begins on the evening of a Saturday falling between November 26 and December 2 (inclusive), and it ends on the evening of December 24th, which holds Evening Prayer I of Christmas (December 25th).

What Is the Role of Sundays in Advent?

There are four Sundays of Advent. The General Norms state:

The Sundays of this season are named the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays of Advent [Norms 41].

We have already mentioned that the Third Sunday of Advent has a special name--*Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for "Rejoice," which is the first word of the Introit of the Mass for this day.

The Church ascribes particular importance to these Sundays, and they take precedence over other liturgical celebrations. Thus, the General Norms state:

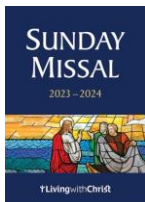
Because of its special importance, the Sunday celebration gives way only to solemnities or feasts of the Lord. **The Sundays of the Seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter, however, take precedence over all solemnities and feasts of the Lord.**

Solemnities occurring on these Sundays are observed on the Saturdays preceding [Norms 5].

You also cannot celebrate Funeral Masses on the Sundays of Advent:

Among the Masses for the Dead, the Funeral Mass holds first place. **It may be celebrated on any day except** for Solemnities that are Holydays of Obligation, Thursday of Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, and **the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter**, with due regard also for all the other requirements of the norm of the law [GIRM 380].

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

Please leave the funds at the back of the church.

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LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MASS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9, 2023. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough.

Please join in prayer through the weblink found below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOWCznsTvQY>

Online Donations

Please consider donating to St. Aloysius and Our Lady Queen of Peace through our online donation options.

ETRA NSFERS

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

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