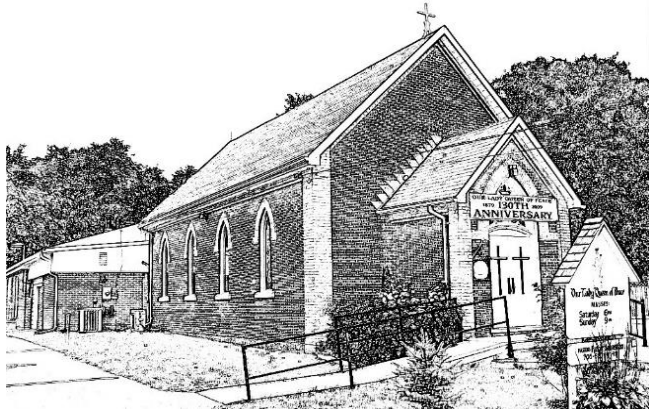


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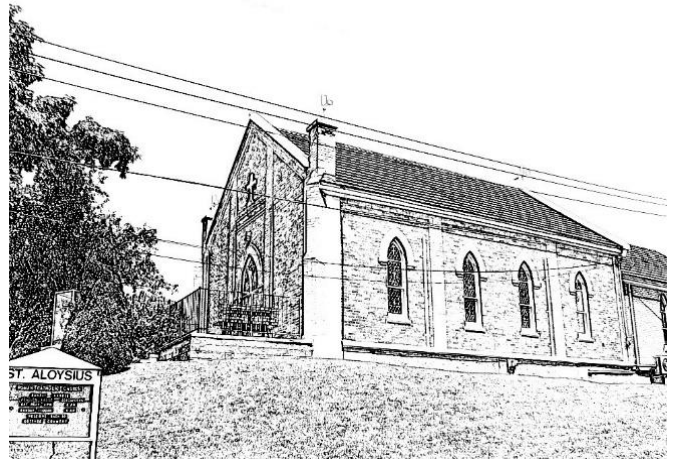


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Sat. Dec 16 th	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	Holy Mass † James Hogan & Nicholas Flanagan by Maureen Levacie
Sun. Dec 17 th	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BC FF	Holy Mass † For the Children Who Lost Their Lives to Abortion in 2023
Wed. Dec 20 th			NO MASS
Thurs. Dec 21 st	9:00 a.m.	FF	Advent Mass † Season of Joy
Fri. Dec 22 nd	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	FF BC	Advent Mass † Season of Joy Advent Mass † Season of Joy
Sat. Dec 23 rd	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	
Sun. Dec 24 th	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BC FF	Holy Mass † For the Children Who Lost Their Lives to Abortion in 2023

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

Funds Collected December 4th to 10th, 2023

OLQP	Sunday Offertory	\$ 944. ⁰⁰
	Canada Helps	\$ 120.63
	E-transfer	\$ 40. ⁰⁰
St. Aloysius	Sunday Offertory	\$ 921. ⁰⁰
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	E-transfer	\$ 0. ⁰⁰

From the desk of the pastor...

The world of social media is now full of self-promoters and self-entitled, spoiled brats.

Men (and women) whose “beauty in mould or in mind” catches the world’s attention. John the Baptist was one such “rare bird”. He definitely deserved the description of one “sent from God.”

John the Baptist was no self-promoter. He came “for testimony . . . to give testimony to the light.” He laid no claim to anything else but that. He had no ulterior motives. He did not dole out his “truth” to gain anything for himself. A good name? He was quick to state, “I am not the Christ.” “I am not Elijah.” “I am not the prophet.” How’s that, for a starter? The plain truth . . . no frills . . . no claims to fame and glory . . . no false narratives, fake diplomas and made up academic and professional credentials.

“I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.”

The reality of the desert is by no means gone in our lives. We still grovel in the desert-like world of sin, selfishness, greed and an aggressive claim to self-entitlement. Today, though, we get a refreshing reminder that not all is lost. We do have reason to rejoice, for a variety of reasons.

John the Baptist’s examples convict us. His words criticize us. His same words energize us to faith, that in turn, rouses us to prayer and action. He was, after all, a man sent from God.

It’s still Advent. Focus on Jesus. Stay awake. Be alert. Be watchful. The last thing we would want to do is miss this greatest moment of encounter!

Blessed Advent to all!

- 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 11:00 am - 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 11:00 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.



Exploring Advent: Third Week of Advent

What Happens on Weekdays in Advent?

It is especially recommended that homilies be given on the weekdays of Advent. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states:

On Sundays and Holydays of Obligation there is to be a Homily at every Mass that is celebrated with the people attending, and it may not be omitted without a grave reason. **On other days it is recommended, especially on the weekdays of Advent, Lent and Easter Time, as well as on other festive days and occasions when the people come to church in greater numbers [GIRM 66].**

The General Norms also point out a special role for the weekdays of the week preceding Christmas:

The weekdays from 17 December to 24 December inclusive serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth [Norms 41].

This special role is illustrated, for example, by the Scripture readings used in the liturgy on these days.

How Are Churches Decorated During Advent?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes:

During Advent the floral decoration of the altar should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this time of year, without expressing in anticipation the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Exceptions, however, are *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts [GIRM 305].

How Is Music Performed During Advent?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes:

In Advent the use of the organ and other musical instruments should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this time of year, without expressing in anticipation the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. In Lent the playing of the organ and musical instruments is allowed only in order to support the singing. Exceptions, however, are *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts [GIRM 313].

Is the Gloria Said or Sung During Advent? Neither.

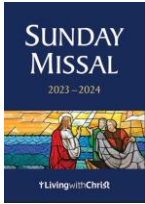
The General Instruction of the Roman Missal provides:

[The *Gloria* or "Glory to God in the highest" is sung or said on Sundays **outside Advent** and Lent, and also on Solemnities and Feasts, and at particular celebrations of a more solemn character [GIRM 53].

What Private Devotions Can We Use to Grow Closer to God During Advent?

There are a variety of private devotions that the Church has recognized for use during Advent. The most famous is the Advent Wreath.

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.

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

The Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16, 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=E9V707pbuak>

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