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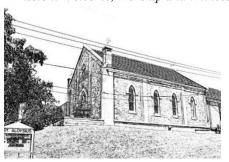


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PARISH SERVICES: Holy Mass: Please refer to Page 2 of the Bulletin for mass time details.

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



Father Fenelon Council 10878

Contact Nick Kapular 905-622-4969 or Dennis Callaghan 705-879-6684

Sat. Dec 13 th	4:00 p.m.	FF	Holy Mass †
	6:00 p.m.	BC	Holy Mass †
Sun. Dec 14 th	9:00 a.m.	BC	Holy Mass †
	11:00 a.m.	FF	Holy Mass †
	4:00 p.m.	FF	Holy Mass † Filipino Mass
Wed. Dec 17 th	1:00 p.m.	BC	Holy Mass †
Thurs. Dec 18 th	9:00 a.m.	FF	Holy Mass †
Fri. Dec 19 th	9:00 a.m.	FF	Holy Mass †
	1:00 p.m.	BC	Holy Mass †
Sat. Dec 20 th	4:00 p.m.	FF	Holy Mass †
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Sun. Dec 21st	9:00 a.m.	BC	Holy Mass †
	11:00 a.m.	FF	Holy Mass † For the Intentions of Karen Abbott by Michelle Krulicki

Let us remember in Our Prayers all who are Sick

Bobcaygeon – Paul Sirois, Lynn Lebel, Joseph Ehmann, Helen Vozza, Barbara Gartner, Joan Carnevale, Jeff Armstrong, Jose Foot, Judith & Bill Dann

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

Summary of Funds Collected Dec. 1st to 7th, 2025							
OLQP	Sunday Offertory Canada Helps E-transfer	\$1,477. ⁵⁵ \$ 334. ²⁵ \$ 0. ⁰⁰					
St. Aloysius	Sunday Offertory Canada Helps E-transfer	\$1,370. ⁰⁰ \$ 0. ⁰⁰ \$ 300. ⁰⁰					

From the Desk of the Pastor...

It's almost here. People's excitement level is very high. Some are running around, getting last-minute things prepared. Others just can't wait. The air is filled with anticipation. It's hard being patient when something so special is going to happen soon. Do you feel the anxiousness?

Today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for "Rejoice." We celebrate this Third Sunday of Advent with pink or rose colour instead of the bluish purple of the rest of Advent. We are told to rejoice because the Advent of our Lord is near. In fact, we are reassured it is here. It is already present, but it is not yet fully what it will be. We see signs of its presence. Jesus's presence is already seen in many ways, but the fullness of Jesus's presence has not yet become a reality. We are in a state of transition. We can already feel the excitement of God-with-us (Emmanuel), but we still are anxious for what is not yet fully accomplished. Just as some people are already beginning their celebration of Christmas with their decorating, gift giving and parties, they are not yet celebrating the fullness of Christmas. Just as we are already celebrating Jesus' coming in His birth in Bethlehem, we are not yet fully experiencing His coming again at the end of time.

Fr. Erwin

We have a reason to celebrate and rejoice. The Lord is already with us. Yet, our joy is not yet full, because Jesus has not yet finished establishing the completeness of His Kingdom. We have to be patient, as James reminds us today. And we need to realize, as James also says today, that we are called to share in the role of the prophets, or at least the prophetic role of Jesus. Through our baptism we indeed share in the prophetic role of Jesus, that we need to speak of the reality of God and God's Reign. We need to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God. And as St. Francis of Assisi reminded the people of his day, "Proclaim the Good News at all times. . .and, if necessary, use words." We are called to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom by the way we live our lives. We need to model our belief in the fact that we are already part of it, even if it is not yet fully here. Our lives should be models of God's restoration of the disabled. We can reach out to those who are lowly and treat them with respect and dignity. We can share with the less fortunate. In doing this we rejoicingly proclaim God-with-us already, but even better things are yet to come. We need to patiently treat those around us with the love God has for us, so they will begin to look forward to the fullness of God's love in His final Kingdom.

Rejoice for the Kingdom of God is near at hand!



From the Parish Office

Church Flowers: Fr. Erwin kindly invites parishioners to donate poinsettias and other Christmas flowers to each of the parishes for the Christmas Season Please contact Lucy in Bobcaygeon or Kerrin in Fenelon Falls to inform them of your donation. These offerings help reduce the need for purchased arrangements while bringing the beauty of God's creation into our churches.

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Food Bank: We are asking that those who are able, to support our Christmas Food Drive please consider donating the following item that are most in need at the Foodbank; canned gravy, cranberries, canned fruit, stove top stuffing, canned vegetables and juice. Donations can be dropped off at the Church and will be delivered weekly to the Bobcaygeon Food Bank. You can also drop off at the local grocery stores or at the Foodbank, 55 Main Street in Bobcaygeon, on weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. "Advent is not only a season of waiting, but of offering — our time, our kindness, and our love to those who need it most."

St. Aloysius

Ladies Group: There will not be a meeting on Thursday January 1st. The next meeting will be held on Thursday February 5th after the 9:00 a.m. mass. Thank you to everyone for a wonderful 2025! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 7th St. Aloysius Choir participated in the Fenelon Falls Association of Churches Christmas Carol

our church and helped to organize.

Concert at the United Church Thank you to everyone that represented As well thank you to those that supported and attended the event. https://youtu.be/lfomMSNXvO0?si=p4Cy93LH-NxPWkkD

Use this link to check out the Choir!

THANK YOU

TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS AT OLQP AND ST. ALOYSIUS

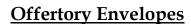
who were able to contribute to our Adopt a Family campaign this Christmas. It is through your Selfless Generosity we were able to adopt ten families from within our communities.

God Bless

FATHER ERWIN AND JOANN LAVIOLETTE

"For it is in giving we receive"





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@stalovsiusfenelonfalls.ca



Support Our Parishes' Monthly Collection



CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN.

The funds will be used to maintain and improve our church buildings. All funds raised will go directly toward essential improvements and repairs at both parishes.

To date we have collected the following amounts:

Our Lady Queen of Peace \$ 3,061.60

St. Aloysius \$ 5,779.88

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a monthly contribution to this important initiative. Your generosity will help ensure that our churches remain welcoming, safe and beautiful places of worship for years to come.

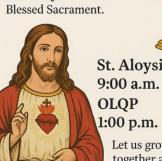
Next Collection Date: December 27th & 28th

Let us work together to preserve our faith communities — every gift makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the future of our parishes. Add your donation to the collection basket using the green envelopes provided at each parish. Include your personal information to receive a donation receipt.



Come celebrate Mass with Father on the First Friday of every month, followed by a Holy Hour of Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the



St. Aloysius

Let us grow in faith together as a parish family!

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