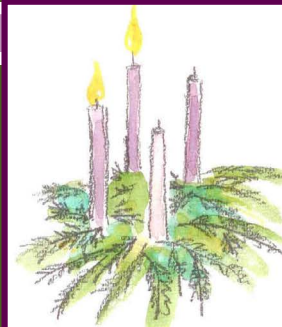


St. Alphonsus Parish Update

December 7, 2025



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*This major solemnity of the Church takes place at **St. Boniface Cathedral December 8**, Monday evening, beginning at 7:30 pm. Archbishop Albert will preside together with many of the priests of this Archdiocese. This will be a very joyful celebration! Everyone from St. Alphonsus is invited. Since this Solemnity is celebrated at the Cathedral there will not be a Mass at St. Alphonsus. Bishop Albert wants to see you there... and so do I! Come and see... and celebrate! Fr. Greg*

Catechism Families: Potluck Lunch December 13

Class: 10 a.m. Potluck Lunch: 11:15 a.m.

The last Saturday morning class will be December 13. Following this class at 11:15 the teachers and children will go to the hall for a potluck lunch. Therefore, I ask you to provide some good home cooked food! Thank you, Fr. Greg

December 12, 2025 is the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

This day is an opportunity to reflect on Reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada.

As Catholics, we continue to reflect on the life and legacy of Pope Francis, remembering his call to be “pilgrims of hope” in this year of Jubilee. It has been a time for reconciliation, pilgrimage and “coming home”. For Christians, this “Reconciliation” is the accomplishment of Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection reconciles humanity to God. Responding to the Lord’s call to be reconciled to one another in love, Catholic Canadians have set on a journey towards reconciliation with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples, one born out of a painful and difficult history. That history included the Indian residential schools, administered by Catholic and Christian churches alike. Accounts of prejudice, discrimination, and abuse came out of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which concluded ten years ago. For many people impacted by this history, healing may well require generations to realize.

We have started this journey in several ways, including the Pope’s apology and penitential pilgrimage to Canada in 2022, and a financial commitment of \$30 million that promotes healing, cultural and language revitalization, and other Indigenous-led projects. These efforts complement work happening at diocesan and parish levels, as well. But much remains to be done, and there might be setbacks and disappointments as we continue the journey together with the First Peoples of this land. As Catholics, we need to share Pope Francis’ vision of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people walking together in prayerful and respectful ways towards a stronger, shared future.

As pilgrims – and communities - of hope, each of us has an important role to play in Reconciliation. This is both a Church endeavour and a personal one. We need to learn about our shared history, define lessons learned, and take steps to promote equity, opportunity, and fairness, regardless of one’s background. St. Peter, in his first letter, reminds us that, as Christians, we are called upon to give the reason for our hope. Our commitment to Reconciliation – backed by action – is what will build and sustain both real hope and good will among all peoples on Turtle Island. (continued on page 2)

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“Today we pray with our ancestors who brought us where we are today. They took care of our lives and embraced Christian faith in our camps and communities. We pray that our families will continue to be strong in their faith and that the elders and the young will work closely together to create a better future.”

Knights of Columbus Counsel 4107 invites all children to participate in the Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest. Prizes are offered in 5 age categories from pre-school to grade 8. Rules and regulations have been provided to St. Alphonsus School and Saturday catechism classes and can also be found at the K of C bulletin board in the church. The deadline for entries is December 12 with prizes to be distributed before December 19th. We look forward to seeing many beautiful and meaningful submissions.

Christmas Hamper (Gift Card) Collection

will begin the weekend of November 22/23 and end the weekend of December 6/7. If you know of a person or family in need of a hamper, please call the parish office at 204-667-9580 with the names of all family members, gender and ages of children, address and phone number.

CWL News -

A reminder that it is time to renew our CWL membership. Due are \$45 .

2026 Donation Envelopes

The 2026 donation envelopes are now available at the church. All the boxes which are at the church **have already been assigned**. If you would like a box of envelopes and haven't had one in the past, please contact Maria at the parish office contactstals@gmail.com

Confession Opportunities this Advent

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| • Tuesday | December 9 at St Gerard | 7.30 pm |
| • Wednesday | December 10 at Holy Redeemer | 7.30 pm |
| • Thursday | December 11 at St Joseph the Worker | 7.30 pm |
| • Friday | December 12 at St Alphonsus | 7.30 pm |

Christmas Masses 2025 at St Alphonsus

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| • December 24 | Mass at 7 pm and 9 pm | (Wednesday) |
| • December 25 | Mass at 9 am and 11 am | (Thursday) |
| • December 31 | Mass at 5 pm | (Wednesday) |
| • January 1 | Mass at 11 am | (Thursday) |

Mass Intentions

December 6 at 9 am	Tanya Stegne+
December 6 at 5 pm	Cindy Farrer+
December 7 at 9 am	Anna Cuc Vo+ Anna Van Pham+
December 7 at 11 am	Parishioners of St Alphonsus
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 9 at 8 am	Olga Kowalska+
December 10 at 8 am	Monica Brechka
December 11 at 8 am	Adam & Mary Keryluk+
December 12 at 8 am	Deceased Members of the CWL
December 13 at 9 am	Rene Cyr
December 13 at 5pm	Dinh & Pham Families
December 14 at 9 am	Juliana Mendes+
December 14 at 11 am	Jan Majersky +

Thank You for Your Contributions

November 29 & 30

Regular donations	\$ 5657.95
Online donations	\$ 930.00
Building fund donations	\$ 5900.60
Online building fund donations	\$ 215.00

Total to the Parish **\$12,703.55**