



Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 14, 2021: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 8:30 AM
Wed 6:00 PM

*No online registration for Daily Mass

Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM, and 5 PM

*Please be sure to register online for Sunday Mass

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday 8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 6:30—7:30 PM

Confessions

Saturday 11:00—11:30 AM

*Or call one of the priests for an appointment

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

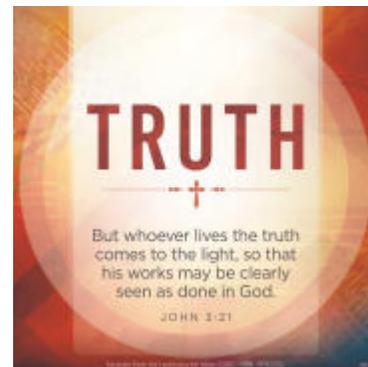
Tuesday after the 8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: 5:50 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Giving Update

Budget Update for 3/7/2021

WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT \$15,218

OFFERTORY COLLECTION \$16,320

Memorial Bequests

Memorial bequests can be made in honor of a loved one, friend or colleague through GiveCentral at the link here, www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/28307 Please [contact parish business manager Dorothy Spencer](#) for any inquiries.

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
 Joanna Ravelingeen
 Jamie Wallett
 Romie Richard
 Sandra Wilson
 Monica Alexis Rios
 Margaret Nichols
 Maria Eisler
 Rita Gerich

Fidel Mercado Chavez
 Leslie Putman
 Carolina Goldie
 Diane Mareci
 Joel Rivera
 Darlynn Albrecht-Velez
 William Ahearn
 Emilia Hurtado
 Bernard Zapp
 Jim Ashby

Rachel Schopp
 Rose Furlong
 Mike Madigan
 David Birks
 Celeste Soult
 Mary Binsfeld
 Carol Reckwerdt
 Doug Tally
 Jeff De La Cruz
 Tim Dooling
 Spencer Lyles

Welcome to the Parish!

Valeriya Owen
 Joe Bauters
 Mary Yerkes
 Craig Chval
 Sophie Petros
 Sinead O'Donovan

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Ruth A. Rohde

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 14

9:00 AM Jeff Dela Cruz
 11:00 AM Rick Strezo
 5:00 PM +Bennett Mitchell White

Monday, March 15

8:30 AM +John Knopic

Tuesday, March 16

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, March 17

6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, March 18

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, March 19

8:30 AM Families of Galdikas-Bliss and Svacik-Maitzen Families

Sunday, March 21

9:00 AM Betsey Peterson
 11:00 AM +Arcadia Meza
 5:00 PM +Josef and Senzi Mueller and Family

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

We invite you to join us as we pray and remember Jesus' saving action— his passion, death and resurrection.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 28—
regular Sunday schedule

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 1 at 7 PM.

Good Friday, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, April 2 at 7 PM;
Stations of the Cross at 3 PM w/ choral accompaniment

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 3 at 8 PM

Easter Sunday, April 4 at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 1 PM (bilingual)

St. Alphonsus will be opening up the registration for all Holy Week and Easter Sunday on Saturday, March 20. Please check our website and newsletter! Volunteers needed! Please sign-up to volunteer at an Easter Mass today!

Faith Formation

Honoring St. Joseph, the Universal Patron of the Church



Recognizing all the ways that we, in the 21st Century, need heavenly assistance, and also recognizing all the holy attributes of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis proclaimed 2021 to be "The Year of St. Joseph."



Our parish's Knights of Columbus council will be leading a parish-wide novena to St. Joseph. This series of daily prayers will continue to be live-streamed **on our YouTube channel**, and conclude on March 19th at the 8:30 AM. Mass with a special prayer of consecration on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, which will also be celebrated with our school community. We thank the Knights for leading our parish and school in these prayers. You can also visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/year-of-st-joseph> for reflections & more resources

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us!

As well as our parish's own prayers, each month Mundelein seminarians are commemorating the Year of Saint Joseph by gathering for vespers and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a spiritual reflection on Saint Joseph. A series of guest speakers are offering reflections on aspects of Saint Joseph's life and spiritual character, based on Pope Francis' *Patris Corde* and the Litany of St. Joseph. You can check out reflections and learn more at <https://usml.edu/year-of-saint-joseph/>

Celebrating the Gift of Life— March 25

Thursday, March 25th is the Feast of the Annunciation. While we are accustomed to hearing the story of Gabriel visiting Mary during Advent time, the Church celebrates Gabriel's visit to the Virgin Mary exactly nine months before Christmas. Mary's "yes" to the Archangel, commemorated on March 25th, is when she conceived in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. At the moment of conception, Jesus, the eternal and divine Son of God took on our human nature. Reflecting on the significance of this day calls us to recognize and honor the gifts of life that God gives to us all: that all human life is created by God with dignity and sanctity, and that our Lord wants to give to us all a share in his divine life. **Please join us on March 25th at 7 PM for a special pro-life Rosary, reflection, and Mass.** Please register online at our parish website.

Walking With Purpose— A Modern Woman's Guide to the Bible



Join us at St. Alphonsus this spring as we help you enjoy a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions created just for women! Sessions are continuing virtually on Tuesday mornings and evenings at St. Alphonsus.

Contact [Jaclyn Ausborn](mailto:jaclyn.ausborn@gmail.com), jaclyn.ausborn@gmail.com or [Susan Combes](mailto:suecombes@hotmail.com), suecombes@hotmail.com for more information.

Volunteer at Mass!



Each service at St. Alphonsus requires volunteers to help with preparing the environment, guiding people in and out, and cleaning the areas after each use. Please prayerfully consider volunteering at an upcoming Mass! **To volunteer,**

please go to the proper link on the main page of our website, www.stalphonsuschicago.org. St. Alphonsus is committed to doing everything we can to ensure the health, safety and comfort of all who enter our beautiful church to encounter Jesus Christ in prayer and the Sacraments.

Celebrating Sacraments at St. Alphonsus



To schedule a baptism, please review our website, and scroll on the Sacraments tab at the top. You will be contacted upon completion of the form. Baptisms will mostly be on Sundays, however certain Saturday dates may be available.

For information on scheduling your upcoming wedding at St. Alphonsus, please visit **our website page!**

Stewardship—First Fruits



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FRUITS**
time talent treasure



We want to invite all parishioners who want to participate in online giving to do so by enrolling through GiveCentral and setting up your donation via the First Fruits campaign (weekly Mass offering).

A huge thank you to those that are already giving online. Please consider making St. Alphonsus an extension of your home and family when contributing.

Sign up at www.givecentral.org/location/39

Gospel Meditation

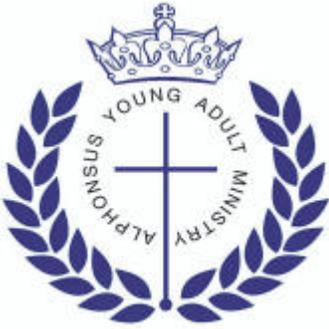
Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone

who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

Young Adult Ministry



BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is one of St. Alphonsus' most active parish groups! YAM is led by a volunteer board and is guided by Pastoral Associate,

Brooks Robinson. Stated simply, the ministry's mission is to help one another participate in Christ's mission, that we, as young adult Catholics, may be effective disciples, evangelists, and agents of charity in all that we do. YAM provides many social, intellectual, service, and spiritual opportunities for growth. Members range in age from 21-39 years old.

Our YAM group is made up of 4 main pillars, Spiritual, Intellectual, Service, and Social.

Visit the St. Alphonsus YAM Facebook page, www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult or contact the YAM board at stalphonsusyam@gmail.com

Lenten Small Group Bible Study Weekly on Wednesdays After Mass



The YAM Spiritual Team invites all to our Lenten Small Group Bible Study, continuing on Wednesdays at 7 PM! The goal is to provide enriching spiritual accompaniment and fellowship for parishioners on their Lenten journeys. Small co-ed groups will meet once a week on Wednesday evenings. Meetings will last one hour and will center around the next Sunday's Gospel reading; groups will be led by members of YAM's Spiritual Team. We hope small spiritual groups like these will encourage

us to deepen our understanding of the Scriptures in preparation for Easter, and to connect with other parishioners outside of our current social bubbles. Meetings will take place Wednesdays in Festival Hall at 7 PM, immediately after the 6 PM Mass. Come to Mass, adoration, and confession, and then stay after for the Lenten Bible Study! Meetings will be properly socially-distanced and in accordance with the parish's COVID-19 guidelines. Spots are limited, [sign up at the link now to reserve your seat today!](#) For more info, contact YAM Spiritual leader, Eric Nyberg at eric.nyberg1@gmail.com

Cocktails After Mass Sunday March 14 at 6 PM



Our YAM Social Team will be hosting a fun outdoor social. Join us this Sunday for drinks and fellowship after the 5 PM Mass! We will meet outside the back of the church in the back parking lot after Mass for some socially distanced socialization.

Due to the pandemic health situation, attendees are asked to please RSVP online. You can find the link on the YAM Facebook page.

This is a great opportunity for new young adults to meet others in the young adult community in a laid back atmosphere. Hope to see you there!

Looking to Volunteer? Big Shoulders Service on March 27



Young adults in the parish are encouraged to help those in need and volunteer on Saturday, March 27

from 9 AM to Noon. Big Shoulders is a non-profit organization that provides support to Catholic schools in the neediest areas of inner-city Chicago.

They are in need of volunteers to help at a service day at St. Pius V elementary school, 1919 S. Ashland.

Meet at St. Alphonsus at 8:30 AM if you would like to carpool. For more information, please contact YAM Service Coordinator Lauren Geddings at geddingslauren@gmail.com

The Traditions of Lent

In the first centuries of the church, Lent was the time of final preparation for those to be baptized. The rest of the Christian community kept the season with them, joining them in greater prayer, fasting and charity. Each year, we still wait with those to be baptized and received into the church. We also wait for peace to come to our broken world. The traditional disciplines of Lent help to renew us spiritually and draw us closer to the Lord.

You can find many resources online at <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/lenten-resources>



Lenten Recipes

Each Friday of Lent, we abstain from eating meat which allows us to experience a little of the hunger that many experience daily. This week, try "Cheese Pupusas with Curtido and Salsa," a dish from El Salvador <https://www.crsricebowl.org/recipe/pupusas-de-queso-con-curtido-y-salsa-roja-el-salvador>



Coming to Confession During Lent



Lent is a traditional time to 'take stock' and discover the ways in which we can turn more fully toward the Lord and away from the sin that weighs us down. It is a great season in which to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 11 AM and Wednesday evenings during Adoration. You can also make an appointment.

Stations of the Cross



Each Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 7:00 PM.

This prayer allows us to meditate on Christ's Passion and death while walking the "Way of the Cross."

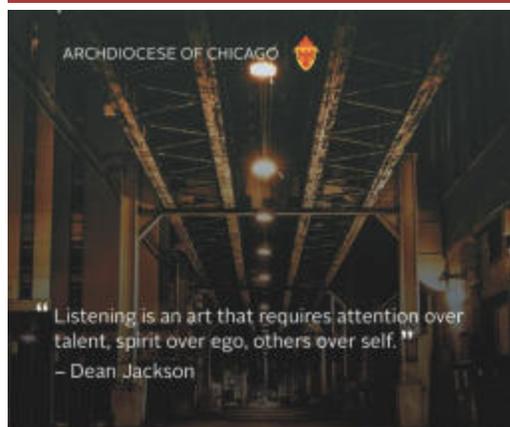
It is a wonderful way to grow in one's knowledge of being a disciple of the Lord.

Lenten Activities for Busy Catholic Families

Family Lenten Crafts: Make a decorative family "works of mercy" tree. Work as a family to follow through on your promises.

Lenten Family Mealtime: Designate one evening a week to prepare a meal together. Assign a different dish or task to each family member. Before starting, discuss how each family member is giving to others—giving time, effort, and care to nourish the entire family.

Giving to Charities: Ask each family member to find 3 to 5 high quality useful items that would be appreciated by those who are less fortunate. Donate them to a favorite charity. Pray together for those who will receive them.



Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)



As we journey through the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, you may notice something different with our 11 AM Mass. The readings are not the readings in this year's *Missal* or *Lectionary* but are from Year -A (we are in Year-B). You may have also noticed that after the homily, the celebrant invites the elect from the year's current

RCIA cohort up to the front with their sponsors for *the scrutinies*.

The scrutinies are a period of enlightenment and purification the elect go through as they prepare for their Easter sacraments. These naturally correspond with the Lenten season, as we are all called to engage in a period of intense reflection, spiritual preparation, and purification. However, in the case of the scrutinies, we do so publicly as the Body of Christ with the elect, to accompany our elect in their final leg of the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA), which culminates with the Easter sacraments.

The rites consist of a period of silent prayer and audible intercession, where we, as the Body of Christ, pray for

the elect we have been chosen to tenderly care for this year. Next, the celebrant prays over the elect with a prayer of exorcism. This powerful prayer asks for God's protection over the elect, that they may be freed from the power of evil, and that they may continue to resist the Evil One. Then there is a laying of hands on the heads of the elect (not this year due to COVID-19 restrictions), in this act, the priest calls down the Spirit of Jesus to protect the elect. Last, they are dismissed to go and reflect on the Word of God, an act of love on the part of the worshipping community that so eagerly awaits their full and active participation in the Body of Christ.

Please keep the elect and candidates in your prayers during this final leg of their initiation.

Adonai Barrera
Dominic Cuevas
Renee Dayton
Robert Schweikher
Alexander Woods

If you would like to be received into the Catholic Church or are in need of your initial sacraments (First Communion/Confirmation), please contact our Pastoral Associate, Brooks Robinson
brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.com

Live the Liturgy— Inspiration

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.

Seeing is much more than just a function of our eyes. We can look at something with clear vision but not really see it. Often what we think we see is colored by our presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and needs. We judge things by appearance, but God looks into the heart. God's sight has a much wider range and far greater depth. Receiving things or people just based on appearance can lead us to erroneous and hurtful judgments. We think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. Allowing God to restore our sight so that we can truly see is a worthy goal for our Lenten journey. Look within and look without. What do you see? Allow God to complete the picture for you. Ask Him to give you the insight to look into someone's heart. Don't draw hasty conclusions or presume you know the truth. Be open and humble enough so that you can receive the sight that only God can give.

Living Peace and Justice

Conversations That Matter: The Intersection of Racial Justice and Life Issues

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Office of Life and Human Dignity, there will be a free discussion on **Saturday, March 23 at 12:00 PM**. Professor Sam Rocha will speak on the topic of “*Strange Fruit of Immigration*”. This webinar series explores the integral relationship between racial justice and the culture of

life, from conception to natural death and is intended for a general audience and designed to assist anyone in more effectively advocating for a just society which supports human flourishing for every man, woman, and child. The session will begin with a 45 minute talk, followed by time for Q&A. You can register and check out last month’s discussion at <https://mcgrath.nd.edu/conferences/academic-pastoral/conversations-that-matter-the-intersection-of-racial-justice-and-life-issues/>

Knights of Columbus



NEXT PARISH FOOD DRIVE is on March 27th, 10 AM— NOON in the parking lot behind the Athenaeum.

There are preliminary plans for a potential outdoors Fish Fry (since current health mandates from the Archdiocese unfortunately do not allow

for indoors Fish Fry events) More info coming soon!

I can row a boat. Canoe? Do you row?

Are you interested in participating in a parish fundraiser row-ergathon in the Spring? If so, please email knightsofcolumbus.15158@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus? We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much work

to be done in this world. Good work. Necessary work. And that's what the Knights do. Every day. Assisting the sick & disabled. Protecting those who can't protect themselves. Whether they are next door or halfway around the world. We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors & Catholics. We invest our time, our effort and our resources into our values: Charity. Unity. Fraternity. Patriotism. We're here to support our priests, Fr. Bauer & Fr. Gorman, and all of St. Alphonsus Parish & world beyond. We come from many places & backgrounds. And stages in our lives. But we are all of one faith. A fraternity of men striving to better ourselves & our world. To learn more, contact parishioner & Grand Knight Paul Gillespie at pgillespie15158@gmail.com

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Another great Lenten recipe.

Buckwheat Hamburgers

1 c. Buckwheat

1/3 t. salt

1 1/2 c water

1/2 diced onion

2 cloves garlic minced

1 lb. fresh chopped shitake mushrooms

1/2 t smoked paprika

1 t mirin

1 t tamari

2 eggs

1/3 c flour

Cook buckwheat and salt in water for 15 minutes, cool and mash. Sauté onion, garlic and mushrooms for 10 minutes. Add paprika, mirin and tamari and let it cool. Then combine all ingredients and mix well. Form eight hamburger patties and bake on a parchment lined baking sheet in a 400° oven for 15 minutes.

Ways To Honor the Saints of March In Your Life and Home

Our Catholic calendar is vibrant with feast days. Some of these days have famous traditions; others are not as well-known. Each month of our calendar provides ideal opportunities to honor the saints, and March is no exception.

In this month that ushers in Spring in many parts of the world, let's resolve to grow in our love for the saints in unique and beautiful ways. The celebration of these saints will enhance our Lent and keep us focused on heavenly things right up to Holy Week, which begins in the last week of March this year.

March 17 — St. Patrick patron saint of Ireland



Just thinking of St. Patrick's Day can bring a smile to our faces and a warm flood of memories to our thoughts. He is the perfect saint for us to turn to when we want to evangelize creatively and joyfully. During his ministry in Ireland, this former captive-turned-bishop famously taught the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity by using a shamrock to illustrate how the Trinity is Three Persons in One

God. It is said St. Patrick developed the Celtic cross by placing the shape of a sun behind a cross (also resembling a Host) to make Christianity more relatable to Irish tribes who had placed strong emphasis on the sun's importance.

How can we creatively evangelize after St. Patrick's example?

Since his feast day brings the potential for so much fun, we can use it as a means of bringing family members, friends, and children to a vibrant appreciation of the treasures and traditions of Catholicism. Cupcakes with green frosting; shamrock decorations; and playing traditional Irish music, if joined to reciting the [Breastplate of St. Patrick \(Lorica\) Prayer](#) for example, become a powerful way to evangelize. These celebratory traditions ensure that those with whom we celebrate see how much joy comes from living our saints' feast days to the fullest.

St. Patrick's Day is a gold standard for how we can celebrate our saints: parades, cuisine, clothing, music. But we can apply this same verve to even the most obscure saint if we do a bit of research, and discover the saints' traditions and patronages.

March 19 — St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary patron saint of the Universal Church, fathers, carpenters



2021 is the Year of St. Joseph. He is the Pillar of Families and the Terror of Demons. He can help protect us and our families from evil. He can understand our worries and intercede for us with the same combination of strength and gentleness that guided the Holy Family. It's amazing to think

that good St. Joseph raised Jesus! **God trusted him to raise His only Begotten Son; why shouldn't we trust him with our problems?** Like the Old Testament Joseph who foreshadowed St. Joseph, helping to rule Egypt and through his dreams, saving many during a time of famine, St. Joseph, who led his family to safety in Egypt, is also a powerful and holy dreamer. When you are worried before sleep, pray to St. Joseph with [a beautiful prayer such as this](#), and ask him to work out your problems while you sleep,

While we're honoring St. Joseph this month, why not dream up a way to celebrate him in your home? Prepare a St. Joseph-themed meal for his feast day, such as: [St. Joseph's pasta with a "workshop sawdust" topping of sauteed breadcrumbs](#). There are many variants of the pasta recipe; [here's a great one](#).

You could also try your hand at making your very own "[St. Joseph's table](#)" of [treats and goodies](#) as the Sicilians do, and also drop off a bag of canned goods at your parish or local food pantry to give to the poor in St. Joseph's honor. Place a painting, holy card, or statue of St. Joseph in a prominent place, such as the center of your dining table, and pray a daily act of consecration to him with a prayer such as this one.

O dearest Saint Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation.

Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life.

After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

O Blessed Saint Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

Contact

Sacramental Information

Contact our parish office 773-525-0709 for information regarding celebrating sacraments including Baptisms (infant and adult), Reconciliation (confession), Eucharist (Communion), Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. For information regarding Funerals, please first contact the funeral director of your choice to begin making arrangements.

How to Offer a Mass Intention

Did you ever notice that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say,

"For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

[You can make a Mass Intention request here.](#) Masses are often offered for family, friends and relatives that have died. Praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. Offering a Mass for someone that has died is an especially comforting gesture to the family. Mass can also be offered to commemorate joyful occasions and to give thanks to God for blessings received.

The customary offering for a Mass here is \$15. However, any amount that you would like to offer is completely acceptable. You can request Masses by visiting the Parish Office during office hours or calling the Parish Office at 773-525-0709.

You can **register in the parish** by coming to the rectory office or going online at www.stalphonsuschicago.org. The advantage to registering is that we know who you are and can better plan our programs by knowing whom we serve.

Want to find out what is happening in the young adult community? Join the St. Al's Young Adult Listserv. We send out monthly emails to let people know about our upcoming events. To register for the listserv, contact stalphonsusyam@gmail.com

The **Knights of Columbus** are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. For more information, visit www.stalphonsusknights.com

Our parish has received permission to once again host important sacraments. Please be patient as the pandemic created a scheduling backlog regarding Baptisms and Weddings. You can find more info at:

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage



St. Alphonsus Social Media

Choose to participate in meaningful engagement! Having an attitude of engagement challenges us to love our digital neighbor as ourselves. You can find St. Alphonsus' [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.



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10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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www.alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

STAFF

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Rev. Patrick Gorman, Associate Pastor
Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education
Dorothy Spencer, Business Manager
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager

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