



Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 21, 2021: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit. (Jn 20:24)

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

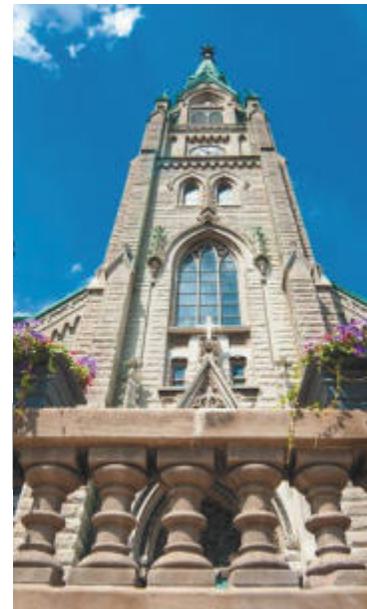
Tuesday after the 8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: 5:50 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: 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
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/
 Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/



Giving Update

Budget Update for 3/14/2021

WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT \$15,218
 OFFERTORY COLLECTION \$11,731

Welcome to the Parish!

Hannah Blackwell
 Kevin and Stephanie McGee
 Alexandra Skital

Meghan Adams
 Vanessa Garcia
 Sylvia and Joseph Staron

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds	Fidel Mercado Chavez	Rachel Schopp
Joanna Ravelingeen	Leslie Putman	Rose Furlong
Jamie Wallett	Carolina Goldie	Mike Madigan
Romie Richard	Diane Mareci	David Birks
Sandra Wilson	Joel Rivera	Celeste Soult
Monica Alexis Rios	Darlynn Albrecht-Velez	Mary Binsfeld
Margaret Nichols	William Ahearn	Carol Reckwerdt
Maria Eisler	Emilia Hurtado	Doug Tally
Rita Gerich	Bernard Zapp	Jeff De La Cruz
	Jim Ashby	Tim Dooling
		Spencer Lyles



WEDDING BANNS

Andrea Ricciardi
 and
 Scott Kruse

Stephanie Meram
 and
 Patrick Carata



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 21

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

Monday, March 22

8:30 AM +Edmund G. Gobat

Tuesday, March 23

8:30 AM +William J. Fox

Wednesday, March 24

6:00 PM +William Shaw

Thursday, March 25

8:30 AM +Winston Martinelli

Friday, March 26

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, March 28

9:00 AM Timothy Dooling
 11:00 AM +John P. Huffman
 5:00 PM +Felix Espinosa Jr.

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)

Registration for all Holy Week and Easter Sunday is required.

Please sign up at our website: www.stalphonsuschicago.org

Volunteers needed! Please sign-up to volunteer at an Easter Mass today!

An Important Message From Our Pastor

Veiling Statues To Make Heaven More Visible

First time visitors to St. Alphonsus Church are easy to spot: their eyes pop and jaws drop. The church, sanctuary, windows and architecture are indeed beautiful, but even long-time parishioners may be taken aback by something they see this week.

Following an ancient custom, the statues in the church have been veiled in purple or covered with cloth from the 5th Sunday of Lent until the end of the Good Friday liturgy. The intent is that already deep into our journey through Lent, our hearts and minds now focus more proximately on the Paschal Mystery for which our Lenten observances prepare us, especially during the Passion narratives which are read on Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

While the veils may seem a little jarring, their removal for our celebration of Easter becomes a visible reminder that in Christ's Resurrection, the gates of Heaven are thrown open to the faithful. Also, seeing the statues unveiled again on Easter can make Heaven and the saints feel closer. This also recalls for us the Scripture passage *"behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised."* (Mt 27:51-52).

Snow Inside The Church

In the wintertime, a fresh blanket of snow can give trees and other things a heavenly, ethereal look (we're talking about two inches, not two feet). The month of February gave us significant snowfalls which got plowed into piles that lasted for weeks. While the

weather outside was frightful, inside the church it was also frightful.

On the south side of the church, massive icicles grew and glistened when the bright sun shone on rooftops. But the weight of 30-foot long icicles bent the gutter, pulling it away from the rooftop edge just enough for water to leak inside the wall and the attic windows. It also appears to have happened in previous winters, but this winter is still fresh in our minds.

When melting snow and freezing water leak into brick walls, the mortar gradually disintegrates into dust. This dust, called efflorescence, has been falling – like snow – into the attic of the church. Large piles of it have been accumulating in the base of the arches where it is happening the most. Only you can't send a junior high kid to shovel this kind of "snow." Where the mortar has eroded, water also leaks in. This damage is now visible *inside* the church in the south aisle, above the shrine of St. Gerard, where plaster dust sometimes is visible. I would joke that the statue covering is to protect him from the dust, but if you've read this far, you know the true reasons for veiling the statues.

We hope to repair the church's exterior masonry and window later this spring or summer. Unfortunately, this work is estimated at \$20,000-25,000. This time of year we are beginning to create the parish budget for the next fiscal year, expenses like this necessitate allocating more money to maintenance and repair issues. By sharing this information with you, we are asking parishioners to increase your weekly offertory, because our collective stewardship and shared responsibility for keeping things functional and beautiful is how we, as a family of faith, can maintain a campus and a beautiful church for generations to come.

Stewardship—First Fruits



**FIRST
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

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

On-Line Donations

I want you to have more money. You are all thinking: “Where is he going with this?”

Well, actually it is true. I have a way for you to have more money. Each week you come to mass and put some money in the baskets. Right? Now how would you like to have some of that money given back to you?

Now I have to say a very ugly word – TAXES. Yes, you can get some of that money back when you do your income tax return. No, the IRS does not take your word that you gave every week; you need a receipt for any cash donation.

Here is a great and easy way for you to do this. If you do an on-line payment, the money goes directly into the St. Alphonsus account and you do not need to bother to make sure that you have the correct denomination of currency in your pocket to put into the basket. It also helps the church because we do not have to have our team of loyal volunteers take the bills out of the basket, iron all the folded and scrunched bills and count all the money. Just kidding, we do not iron the bills.

Here is how to do it. Go to the St. Alphonsus site (www.stalphonsuschicago.org) and then click on the first box on the right at the top of the page which says: “DONATE”

Then fill in your desires and your information.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? It is. Then at the end of the year, we will send you a letter stating the total amount of your donations so you can take the deduction on your income taxes.

In that way you will have more money.

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 Paul Gillespie at pgillespie15158@gmail.com

Faith Formation

Celebrating the Gift of Life— This Thursday March 25 at 7 PM!



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](#), jaclyn.ausborn@gmail.com or [Susan Combes](#), suecombes@hotmail.com for more information.

Young Adult Ministry

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

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>

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.

The Six Effects of Confession

During Lent, many Catholics return to the sacrament of Penance, some after a few weeks, others after many years. Most of us approach Confession seeking forgiveness of sin and the alleviation of a guilty conscience. Perhaps to our surprise, the sacrament has even more to offer.

The Catechism list six spiritual effects of the sacrament of penance. For a more fruitful reception of this sacrament, let’s briefly examine each one.

- * Effect #1: Reconciliation with God by which the penitent recovers grace

This first effect reveals the real horror of sin. By mortal sin, we separate ourselves from God and refuse His grace. By Confession, we are reunited with God. God dwells in us through grace, and by that grace, our souls magnify the Lord. And should we have sinned only in small, venial ways, the sacrament of Penance wipes those away too.

- * Effect #2: Reconciliation with the Church

Sin also separates us from the Church. This separation is often experienced on a very basic level. Sin pulls us away from our families. It isolates us from our friends. It sours relationships at work. By Confession, God restores us to the Church. We return to our families and friends with more love to give.

- * Effect #3: Remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins

By mortal sin, we condemn ourselves to hell. Thankfully, through Confession, God freely pardons this punishment. It would be wrong to imagine that God is stingy with such a pardon. As our loving, merciful Father, He delights in pardoning us. He even gives us the very grace to draw us to Confession. At the words of absolution (“I absolve you...”) all the angels and saints rejoice at this remission. They await our entrance to the heavenly banquet.

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Most people cringe at “small talk”. We think of unimportant, awkward conversations we’re forced to have with people we don’t really know. But small talk is our “in” with people who are different than us; it is a way for someone to feel more comfortable talking to us before we dive into tougher topics. It helps us find common ground.

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

Lent 2021 cont...

- * Effect #4: Remission, at least in part, of temporal punishments resulting from sin.

By our sins, whether venial or mortal, we suffer in this present life. Every sin contains some disorder, and this disorder is the sin's own punishment. If I overindulge my desire for cheese, I'll soon feel quite uncomfortable. God usually allows us to drink these dregs of our own folly, especially when we are unrepentant. When we humble ourselves and confess, God remits this punishment, at least in part. Whether we choose the easy way or the hard way, God wants to teach us how to love.

- * Effect #5: Peace and serenity of conscience and spiritual consolation.

Many think of devout Catholics as harboring guilt complexes. Such a caricature ignores the power of

Confession. This sacrament truly brings peace, even if unfelt in the moment. Anecdotally, it is the repeated experience of the faithful that we leave Confession light-hearted, joyful, and renewed in God's love.

- * Effect #6: An increase of spiritual strength for the Christian battle

Whether we recognize it or not, the Christian life is a battle. We all fight our inner old man, certain of whose tendencies linger after our baptism. Everyday, we are tempted to forget the true God, to use our neighbors, and to seek our selfish pleasure. In this daily battle, even the saints stumble and fail, even if only in small ways. Confession forgives these failures, and it also strengthens us to overcome vices with virtue. Ultimately, Christ is the true victor. He is our strength. He is our salvation.

Please Silence Your Cell Phones Upon Entering St. Alphonsus Church



While we love that you choose to worship with us at St. Alphonsus, please don't be THAT person and have your phone go off during the liturgy. It is distracting and disrespectful to our fellow faithful.

News and Events

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!**

A Message From Cardinal Cupich

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



To our brothers and sisters in the Asian-American community, please know the Archdiocese of Chicago and the whole church stand with you in this moment of grief and horror. We pray for the victims of the Atlanta shootings and their loved ones.

A recent study found that from 2019 to 2020 anti-Asian hate crimes increased 150% — even while hate crimes in general dropped 7% over the same period. This is intolerable. We pray for all who suffer racist violence and hate speech. There can be no place

for either in our society, and it is incumbent on all of us to resist language, culture and acts that denigrate Asian Americans and all people of color — because they have deadly consequences. We must be ever vigilant against words that inspire acts of hate — this responsibility is even greater for elected officials.

When people make racist comments or jokes, it normalizes bigotry, reinforces racism and risks encouraging those who would commit hate crimes. It is incumbent on all Christians, all Americans, to resist subtle and overt acts of bigotry, to build up the common good through acts of love for all our neighbors, near and far.



AACA

ALPHONSUS ACADEMY
& Center for the Arts



Preschool thru 8th Grade Arts Integration Social-Emotional Learning Extended Care TOTS Program (2 year olds) Blue Ribbon School

Now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year.
New applications are accepted online only at www.alphonsusacademy.org
(under Admissions on blue bar).

**We inspire and develop the whole child in an enriching environment
combining academic excellence, an arts-integrated curriculum,
and a supportive Catholic family.**

This year we are offering three virtual options to get to know our school. Go on a Virtual Tour, join an Open House, or have "Coffee" with some AACA parents by scheduling on our website at www.alphonsusacademy.org/page/202. Contact Mary Bodlak, Director of Admissions & Marketing at 773-819-7655 or mbodlak@aacaschool.org with any questions.



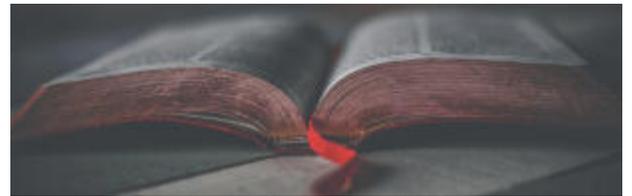
Gospel Meditation

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully

human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.



Live the Liturgy— Inspiration

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name," By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.

We face death every day. Whether it comes with the actual death of someone we love (or someone we don't even know), a failed relationship, the loss of a job, a broken dream, or pondering our own mortality, death is always around us. What does death say to us? What we believe about our death experiences is going to say volumes about how we live our lives. Jesus comes to us today just as he did many years ago to people who were struggling with loss and death and wondering what to do. He calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" Jesus leads us out of death and gives us hope. There is always hope. There is always transformation. Although we may not always see where the road of life is taking us or see God's presence with us on our journey, we will be brought to a new place and be given new life. Walk with God and listen to Him call you. Tomorrow, there awaits another surprise.

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.



DIRECTORY

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10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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(P): 773-892-1397 | (F): 773-348-4829
www.alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

STAFF

Parish Staff

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