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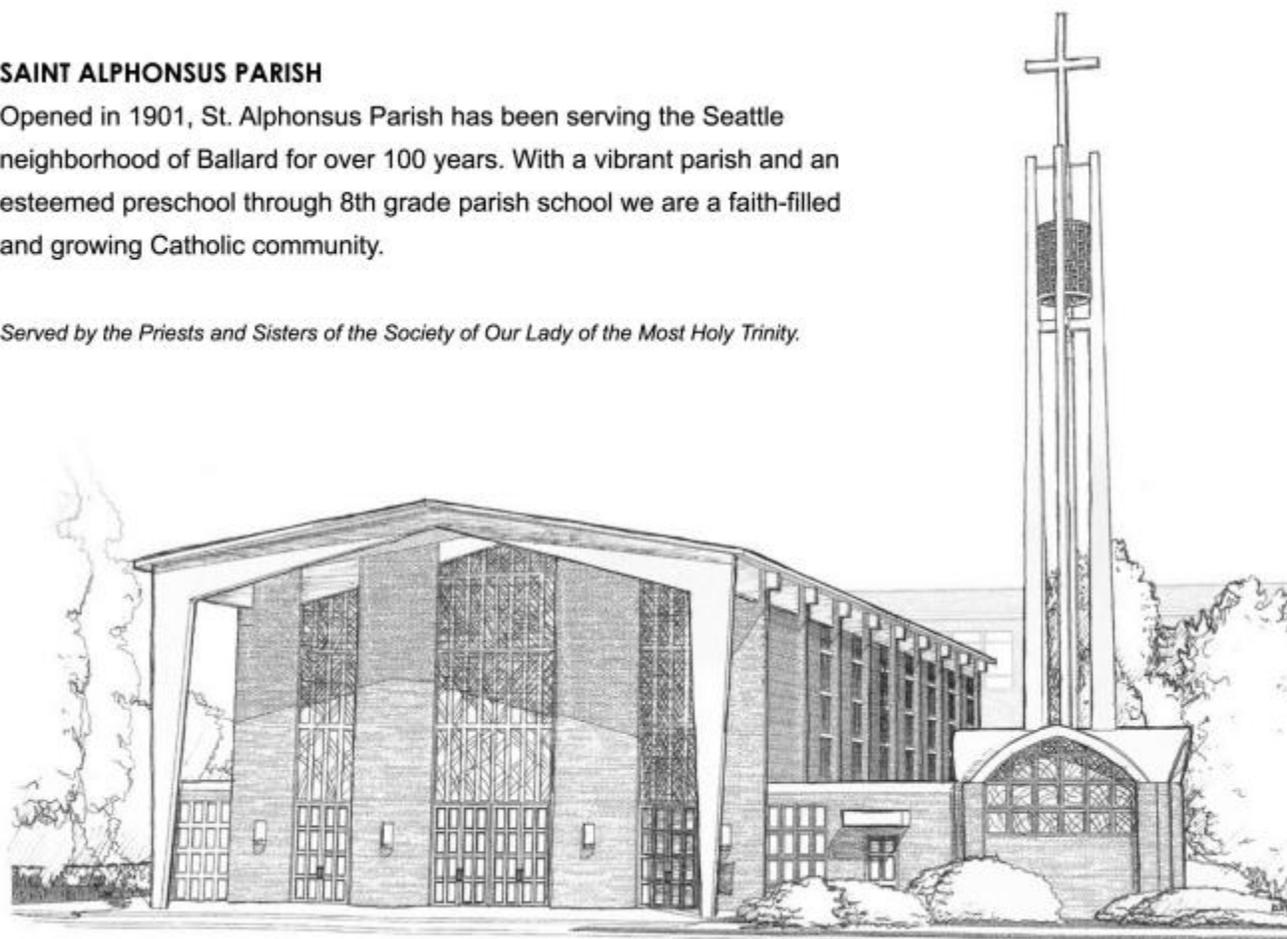
Divine Mercy Sunday

WELCOME

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Opened in 1901, St. Alphonsus Parish has been serving the Seattle neighborhood of Ballard for over 100 years. With a vibrant parish and an esteemed preschool through 8th grade parish school we are a faith-filled and growing Catholic community.

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5pm Vigil
Sunday 8am, 10am

DAILY MASS

Tuesday - Saturday: 8am

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4-4:45pm

ADORATION

Friday Evenings in Church,
6-8pm

OFFICE HOURS

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PARISH

REFLECTIONS



SUNDAY APRIL 11

Divine Mercy Sunday

8am INT Marilyn Young
10am INT St. Alphonsus Parish

MONDAY APRIL 12

TUESDAY APRIL 13

8am RIP Santi Phanitchob
3pm Divine Mercy Live Stream

WEDNESDAY APRIL 14

8am RIP John Sheehy
3pm Divine Mercy Live Stream

THURSDAY APRIL 15

8am RIP Bob Rutledge
3pm Divine Mercy Live Stream

FRIDAY APRIL 16

8am RIP Fr. Stanislaus D'Souza
6pm Church Open for Adoration & Private Prayer

SATURDAY APRIL 17

8am RIP Jay Mako
4pm Confessions
5pm RIP Adelina Domingo

SUNDAY APRIL 18

3rd Sunday of Easter

8am INT St. Alphonsus Parish
10am RIP Anna Werschnak



“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.” PS 128

Today we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy! There should be no greater reason to give thanks to the Lord.

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This day we celebrate the richness, meaning, participation in and application of God's mercy for us.

To Saint Faustina Our Lord said: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain **complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.**" (Diary, 699).

Pope John Paul II would say the following about mercy. *“What is mercy if not the boundless love of God, who confronted with human sin, restrains the sentiment of severe justice and, allowing Himself to be moved by the wretchedness of His creatures, spurs Himself to the total gift of self, in the Son's cross”*

Our Lord said to St. Faustina. “Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you...Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but a Merciful Savior.”

“Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to your holy will, which is love and mercy itself. Amen”

Happy Easter everyone and God's blessings to you and all your loved ones.

To Jesus through Mary
Fr. Richard Klepac, SOLT

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marnie Ahern, Lillian Anderson, Tricia Anderson, Buck Bradfield, Marty Bradfield, Linda Buchman, Susan Cifu, Emma Claire, Norma Curulla, Donna Day, Bertha Eriksson, James Flynn, Espedito P. Galvão, Ann Hahn, Shirley Hegge, Anna Herdlein, Joshua Hillery, Dave Jebousek, Emily Jones, Joan Knebel, Stephanie Kunkler, Josephine Lynch, Norma Macke, Anne Manfredi, Barbara Day Miller, Patricia Mulka, Jennifer Nagel, Ray Naidu, Alice Nitteberg, Grace Norman, Roy Otness, Bob Pohlman, Stacey Riordan, Lucy Rogers, Darlene Selland, Nolette Serra, Jack Serwold, Fred Stull, Cheryl Taylor, Jude Vidal, Lillian Yamamoto

Serving in Iraq & Afghanistan

Christopher Dowling

EASTER COMMUNION

While the dispensation from the Sunday obligation is still in effect, receiving Holy Communion at Easter is a privilege and obligation treasured by Catholics. The Archbishop strongly encourages all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Seattle to make an "Easter Communion" at any Mass, whether weekday or Sunday, during Easter Time, which continues through Pentecost, May 23, 2021.

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know you can contribute to St. Alphonsus online? Just click on the giving tab on our website (www.stalseattle.org). You can set up payments to occur weekly, monthly, whenever is convenient for you. Contact Lizzy at 206-784-6464 or lscholz@stalseattle.org if you have questions or would like to discontinue your envelopes.

ALWAYS

Be sure to stay up to date on everything occurring with the restarting of Mass by making sure you are on our email list. You can sign up via our website (www.stalseattle.org) at the bottom of the home page, or by emailing Lizzy at lscholz@stalseattle.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our SVDP chapter is available and ready to help with rent, utilities and food vouchers. Those seeking help should call the St Vincent de Paul intake line at 206-767-6449. All assistance is confidential. If you'd like to make a donation to our SVDP chapter, you can give online on our website (www.stalseattle.org) or mail your contribution to the parish envelope (either in one of the envelopes included in your monthly bundle or include a note that it is for SVDP).

MASS REGISTRATION

We no longer require registrations for daily and Sunday Masses.

For our Sunday liturgies, a volunteer will tally the number of households attending as you enter (entrance will still be restricted to the north side entrance), and if we are nearing capacity, they may ask you to pause so they can verify adequate space is available. We do ask that you follow their instructions on where to sit, as that will maximize the number of people that can safely attend. Single-person households should sit 3 to a pew (one on each end, one in the middle), 2-5 person households will sit on each end of the pew and 6+ person households will have their own pew.

LIVE STREAMS

Mass is live streamed at 8am on Tuesday - Sunday with the rosary following Tuesday - Saturday. It is recorded for those who would like to watch later. <https://www.facebook.com/St-Alphonsus-105432431086043/>

FORMED

Now is a great time to access FORMED if you haven't already! As a parishioner of St. Alphonsus you can sign up for a free account at stalseattle.formed.org! FORMED has inspiring movies and video-based studies, audio talks and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors! So register now to access great Catholic content including works from The Pope Emeritus, Pope Francis & Mother Teresa, movies about the saints, talks by people like Sister Miriam James, Scott Hahn & Bishop Robert Barron and videos that walk you through bible studies, retreats, and much more.

ADORATION & CONFESSION

The church is open for adoration and private prayer on Friday evenings from 6-8pm. Father will be in the church and available for confession (just ask him if he can hear your confession).

We have also resumed Saturday afternoon confessions from 4-4:45pm. We have set up the south side entrance as a confessional space to abide by COVID-19 safety protocols. The queue will be marked in the church along the south wall. Face coverings are required (except for very young children) and social distancing must be maintained.

SCHOOL NEWS



SPRING ART WALK

Silent Auction: Friday, April 16, 8am through Saturday, April 17, 8pm.

Live Auction: Saturday, April 17, 6pm.

St. Al's Spring Art Walk Auction

Preview: Friday, April 16, 4-7pm and Saturday, April 17, 10am-2pm.

Registration:

It is easy to register for the St. Al's 2021 Spring Art Walk Auction! Register at <https://stalseattle.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/StAlphonsusSpringArtWalkAuction/tabid/1220379/Default.aspx>

Remember, for you to gain access to our virtual event, you must register and purchase admission. One admission ticket is good for one household. You will receive the link to our digital auction catalog prior to the event date. Registering is the only way you will be able to participate in our online silent auction and live event.

Reach out to us with any questions: auction@stalseattle.org.

PRINCIPAL SEARCH UPDATE

The Search Committee has begun interviewing candidates and checking references.

The committee will continue to collect and review applications, interview candidates and discuss results over the coming weeks as we work towards a recommendation.

Through the intercession of St. Catherine of Siena, please continue to pray for this process and for our community.

O God, You caused St. Catherine to shine with divine love in the contemplation of the Lord's Passion and in the service of Your Church. By her help, grant that Christ the model of all teachers may bless and guide St. Alphonsus School as we search for a new principal.

SCRIP NEWS

Spring break has arrived.
What are the kids to do?
Week-long hang outs
at the park or maybe the zoo?

Give your children some spring break activity options with Scrip. Check out www.shopwithscrip.com for a full list of participating retailers and to purchase Scrip today. Sign up to order online and get your e-cards instantly. Please note that we are no longer placing orders for plastic cards so be sure to select e-cards when making a purchase. These can be used online or can be printed out at home and taken to the store just like a plastic card. You can also send gifts of e-cards by checking the gift box when ordering and entering the recipient's email address. Contact Terra Hakam at terrapurpura.hakam@gmail.com for more info about Scrip, or to get the school code to sign up online.

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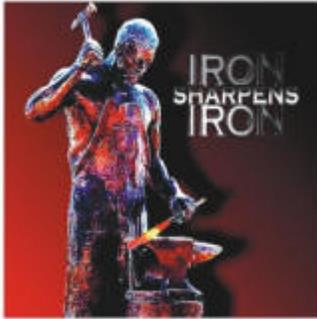
Thank you to those who have donated a vehicle to St. Alphonsus; your gift is very appreciated!

If you have a vehicle you would like to donate for the benefit of our parish, parish school or an Archdiocesan campaign visit seattlearchdiocese.careasy.org/HOME.html or call 844-407-GIVE.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Submit them to the Rosary Group that meets via zoom on Friday mornings. Contact christine.cavanaugh@outlook.com to join or to ask us to pray for you or someone else.

THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE



SEATTLE MENS CONFERENCE

During this special Year of St. Joseph, this conference provides an opportunity for men to gather together to encounter Christ and follow his call in their lives. Join us on Friday, April 23 at 7pm and all day on Saturday, April 24 at St. Brendan Parish in Bothell (in-person and online options). Speakers include Fr. Robert Spitzer, Fr. Ed White & Fr. Nicholas Wichert. For more info or to register visit www.seattlemensconference.org/



CYO SUMMER DAY CAMPS

CYO Summer Day Camp registration is now open! Campers spend their days enjoying the outdoors and finding God there. Plus, swimming in the pool, making crafts, and much more before going home in the evening to rest up for the next day of fun! Register at <https://cyo.camp/>.



Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan on the Eucharist

When I was arrested, I had to leave immediately, with empty hands. The next day I was allowed to request in writing the things I needed most: clothes, toothpaste.... I wrote, "Please, could you send me a bit of medicine for my bad stomach?" The faithful understand what I meant and they sent a little bottle of wine for Mass, which they labeled "stomach medicine," as well as some hosts sealed in a flashlight to protect them from humidity. The police asked me: "Do you have a bad stomach?" "Yes," I answered. "Here's some medicine for you." I will never be able to express my immense joy: every day, with three drops of wine and one drop of water in the palm of my hand, I celebrated my Mass.

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