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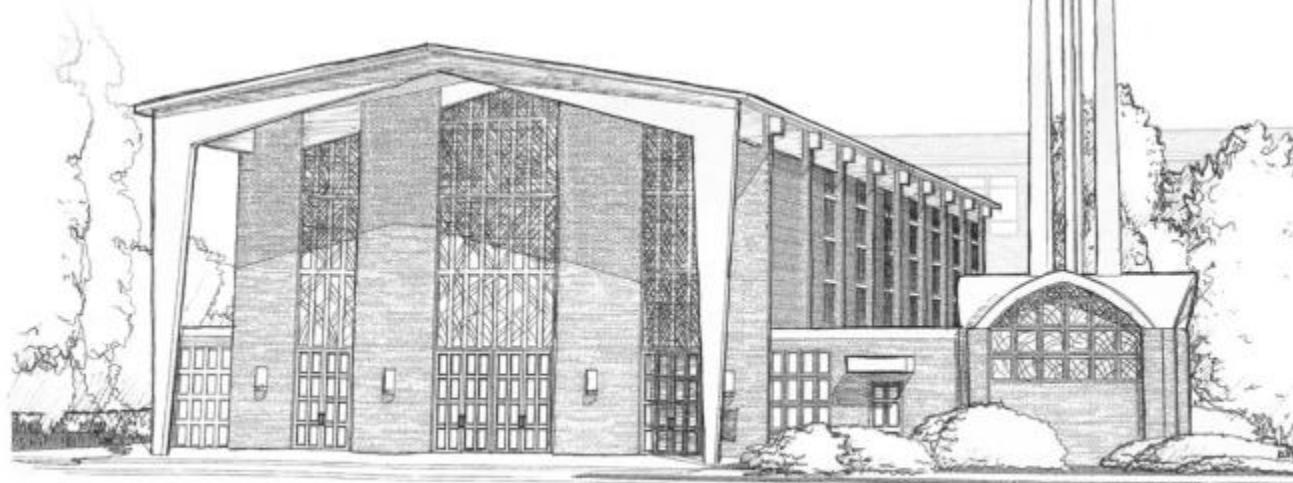
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5pm Vigil
Sunday 8am, 10am

DAILY MASS

Tuesday - Saturday: 8am

CONFESION

Saturday: 4-4:45pm

ADORATION

Friday Evenings in Church,
6-8pm

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REFLECTIONS



SUNDAY JUNE 27

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8am RIP Karen Lasko
10am INT St. Alphonsus Parishioners

MONDAY JUNE 28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

TUESDAY JUNE 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

- 8am RIP Rudy Marks
3pm Divine Mercy Live Stream



Letter from your Pastor: "Daughter, your faith has saved you."

Jesus says in the gospel today that it was the woman's faith that saved her from her affliction. As the Church teaches us faith is a personal ascent to the God who reveals himself. I think many will be challenged in their faith over the next couple of months. Why? We all have developed new habits over the last year in part to protect one another from the Covid virus, but now the numbers are almost at the lowest levels since the beginning of the pandemic and because of these changes, policies and procedures will be changing. For example, mask mandates which I hope will not only be applicable outside but also in Churches. We will have to wait and see on the last one.

The Church will be changing policies quickly over the next couple of months as the governor opens up the state. One of the biggest changes that will cause people to be a bit nervous will be in the reduction of areas marked off for social distancing. You may not even see the labels on the carpet soon. All signs of a return to how we worshiped together before Covid. The recent survey showed that 61% of respondents were okay with that but that will still leave the other 28%. We will maintain some areas at least throughout the summer, but that will eventually change because there will be no need. It will require an act of faith to feel comfortable again without all these requirements. I personally think one of the safest places to be is in the Church. Throughout this entire time there have been no spreader events caused by people attending Mass throughout the entire Archdiocese. I think that is incredible. Yes, this was due in part because of the policies, but with so many people being vaccinated there is far little chance of something happening as we change the requirements.

Another test of faith will occur later in the year as we change Mass schedules by making a 9am by combining the 8am with the 10am. The survey showed that 68% of respondents were either in favor or did not care either way. This is not a definite, but changes will come in September. What could you do to stem the tide? Invite people to start coming back to Church. We are currently at half the number of participants when making comparisons with pre-Covid numbers. The dispensation is still in effect, but it is time for everyone to return.

I leave for your reflection the words of St. James "Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

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, 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, Myrna Israkul, Fr. Bob Van Kempen, Dave Jebousek, Emily Jones, Joan Knebel, Stephanie Kunkler, Josephine Lynch, Norma Macke, Anne Manfredi, Maureen McMyler, Barbara Day Miller, Patricia Mulka, Jennifer Nagel, Ray Naidu, Alice Nitteberg, Grace Norman, Gary Olsen, Roy Otness, Bob Pohlman, Stacey Riordan, Lucy Rogers, Darlene Selland, Nolette Serra, Jack Serwold, Fred Stull, Cheryl Taylor, Jude Vidal, Lillian Yamamoto, Kaitlin Yoder

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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



Hello everyone,

This was quite a school year. The day-to-day may have looked different from what we were used to but the same faith, hope, and love were present in each class and activity.

Thank you for your support during this trying year. Thank you for staying strong for your students, for our teachers, and for our staff.

As this will be my last year at St. Alphonsus, I wanted to wish each of you a restful summer and a truly joy filled first day in the fall. I will never forget my time at St. Al's and will always keep you in my prayers.

Blessings,
Kathleen Daspit
Principal

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SCRIP NEWS

Another year wiser.
Another school year complete.
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CAR DONATIONS

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 seattlearchdio-cease.careeasy.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

BE A SIGN OF MERCY Peter's Pence Collection

A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (1 Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (Mark 6:30-44). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

(Pope Francis' message for Lent 2021)

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today.

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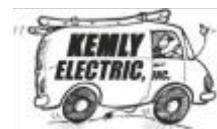
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