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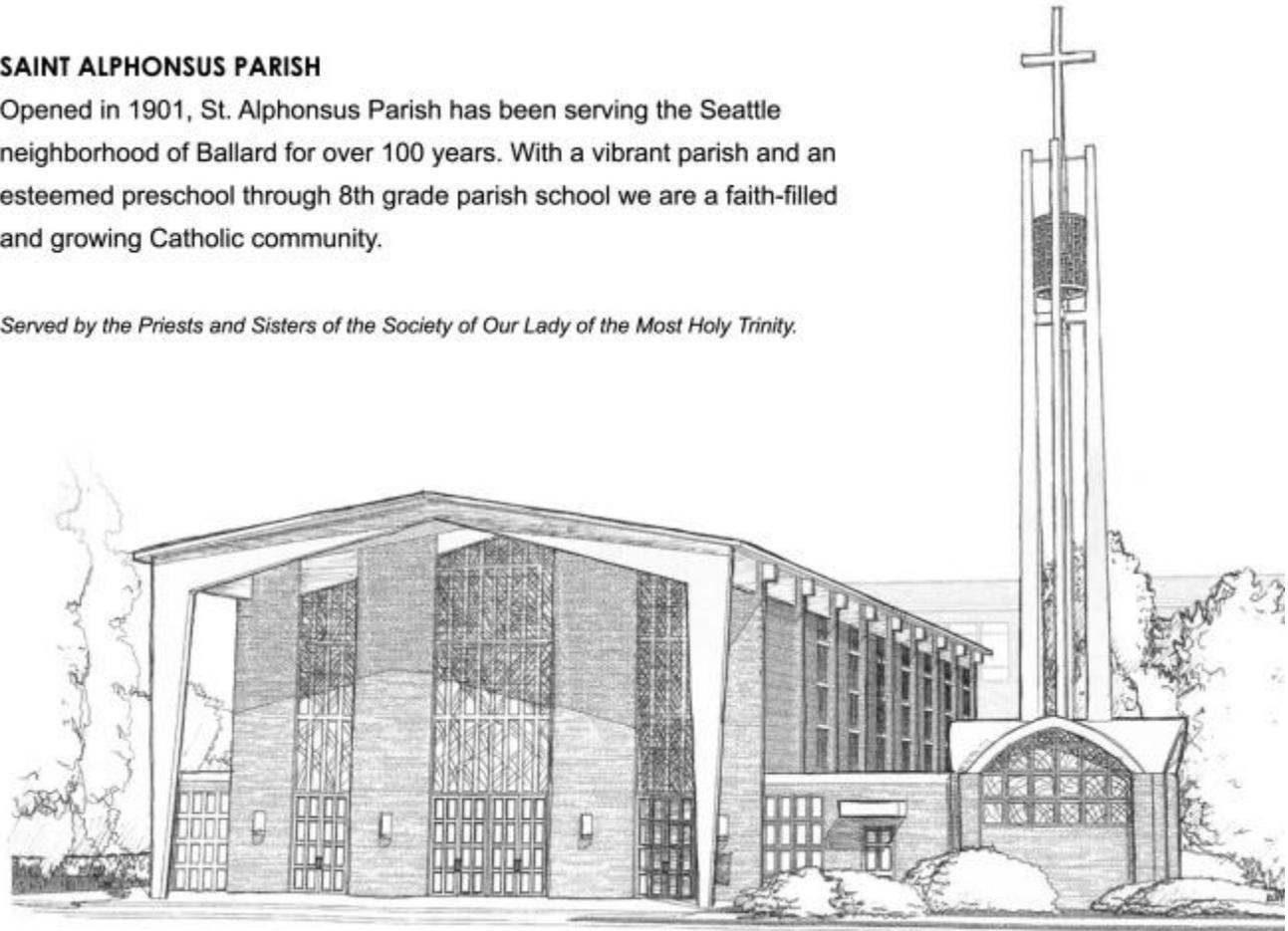
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

# WELCOME

## SAINT ALPHONSUS PARISH

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 9am

### DAILY MASS

Tuesday - Saturday: 8am

### SCHOOL MASS

Wednesday 8:45am

### CONFESSION

Saturday: 4-4:45pm

### ADORATION

Friday Evenings in Church,  
6-8pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday: 9am - 11am,  
Noon - 2pm  
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PARISH

# REFLECTIONS



## SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9am INT St. Alphonsus Parish

## MONDAY NOVEMBER 1

*All Saints Day*

8:45am

## TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2

*All Souls Day*

8am RIP Eileen McMyler

3pm Divine Mercy Live Stream

## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3

*St. Martin de Porres, Religious*

8am RIP Mike Rudzis

3pm Divine Mercy Live Stream

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4

*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

8am INT Bjolstad Family

3pm Divine Mercy Live Stream

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5

8am INT Brianna Bjolstad

6pm Church Open for Adoration and Private Prayer

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6

8am INT Lillian Desai

4pm Confessions

5pm INT St. Alphonsus Parish

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

*32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9am INT Sr. Giovanni Paolo Orsini



## Letter from your Pastor:

### “Synodality”

You may or may not have heard that Pope Francis has called for listening sessions involving all the baptized to occur at every parish throughout the world. This is in preparation for the Synod on a Synodal Church which will occur in 2023. It may sound confusing, so I hope to be able to flush out parts of what is going to happen. The term comes from the Greek syn-odos, “walking together,” and this is its goal: not so much to forge agreement as to recognize, honor, and reconcile differences on a higher plane, where the best of each can be retained” says Pope Francis in a book called “Let Us Dream.” He will, as an example, refer to the first council of Jerusalem which was convened to wrestle with the question of non-Jewish converts and whether they should be bound to follow Jewish laws and customs. When reading the Acts of the Apostles we see a large gathering of people with various opinions about the topic and the Church coming to a resolution with the aid of the Holy Spirit. In the same book, Pope Francis clarifies what is at the heart of this process as he states, “In speaking of synodality, it’s important not to confuse Catholic doctrine and tradition with the Church’s norms and practices. What is under discussion at synodal gatherings are not traditional truths of Christian doctrine. The Synod is concerned mainly with how teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time.”

So, what is the process to doing this. The pope outlined the steps in a homily recently. He said that it is three-fold, involving encounter, listening and discernment. This is very closely connected to the new archdiocesan pastoral plan. It states concerning encounter that “At the heart of our mission is a relationship with Jesus Christ. The pastoral planning focus areas are intended to help all Catholics re-examine and renew their relationship with Jesus.” When we look closely at the Gospels, encounter is at the heart of each. We hear almost every week of these encounters between Jesus and someone else. Each of them are life changing. Just think of Bartimaeus from last weekend’s Gospel. He was free to go wherever he wanted to, but he chose to follow Jesus.

Let’s take time this week to honestly reflect on our own relationship with Jesus.

To Jesus through Mary

Fr. Richard Klepac, SOLT

# PARISH NEWS



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marnie Ahern, Gail Altenhofen, Lillian Anderson, Linda Buchman, Fania Bryan, Susan Cifu, Emma Claire, Lou Complita, Norma Curulla, Donna Day, Bertha Eriksson, James Flynn, Espedito P. Galvão, Ann Hahn, Michael Hansen, Shirley Hegge, Anna Herdlein, Myrna Israkul, Dave Jebousek, Emily Jones, Joan Knebel, Josephine Lynch, Norma Macke, Anne Manfredi, Ginny Massett, Maureen McMyler, Barbara Day Miller, Annie Morrone, Patricia Mulka, Jennifer Nagel, Ray Naidu, Alice Nitteberg, Grace Norman, Gary Olsen, Roy Otness, Bob Pohlman, Dianne Riordan, Lucy Rogers, Nolette Serra, Jack Serwold, Todd Selland, Fred Stull, Cheryl Taylor, Fr. Bob Van Kempen, Jude Vidal, Christopher Walsh, Lillian Yamamoto, Kaitlin Yoder

## ADORATION CHAPEL

We have opened the Adoration Chapel on Fridays, however due to space limitations, it is only open to those who have signed up. There are still a few slots available if you are interested. The church remains open for drop-in adoration on Friday evenings 6-8pm.

We had hoped to open the Adoration Chapel on Tuesdays as well beginning in October, however have not received enough sign ups. If you are interested please let [Lizzy](#) know, and we will open on Tuesdays as soon as we have enough committed volunteers!

### 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](#) 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 INFORMATION

Please see this update from the Archdiocese of Seattle.

The COVID case count in Washington is extremely high and exploding across the state. Due to this exponential growth and the desire to keep people safe and open schools this fall, Governor Inslee announced two new mandates last week.

- Indoor Mask Mandate: This universal indoor mask mandate took effect Monday, August 23.
- Vaccination Mandate for Schools: K-12 educators, staff, coaches, bus drivers and school volunteers will have until October 18 to be fully vaccinated.

Here at St. Alphonsus, note the following additional guidelines and policies that remain in place at Mass.

- Everyone must screen themselves for symptoms. Do not come to Mass if you are feeling ill and/or have a temperature.
- We encourage everyone to continue practicing safety basics, like washing and/or sanitizing hands frequently and avoiding "close contact" with people outside your family (15 minutes of face-to-face contact within 6 feet).
- We will not be checking people's vaccination status at Mass.
- Half of the church will be for those who would like to continue social distancing.
- Communion may be received on the hand or on the tongue.
- The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains.
- The Precious Blood continues to not be distributed to the faithful.

## SACRAMENTAL PREP

To register for any of these programs, or if you have questions about these, or other sacraments (such as infant baptism or marriage), contact Lizzy at [lscholz@stalseattle.org](mailto:lscholz@stalseattle.org).

### 1st Reconciliation & Communion

If your child attends our parish school, you should will receive paperwork through your teacher in September.

If your child does not attend our parish school and would like to begin preparation for receiving the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion they need to enroll in our CCD program. Children need 2 years of preparation to receive these sacraments, typically in the 1st and 2nd grade, although older grades are welcome. Classes will begin in October.

### Teen Confirmation

This year confirmation is open to students in grade 7 and up. Classes will begin in January, with confirmation occurring in the spring.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is for adults (unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination) who would like to enter the Catholic Church. Sacraments will be received in April or May depending on baptism status. Baptized Catholics who missed Confirmation as a teen will take the same class series as those in RCIA and receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring.

# SCHOOL NEWS



ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH SCHOOL  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
SATURDAY, NOV. 6, 2-3:30PM



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

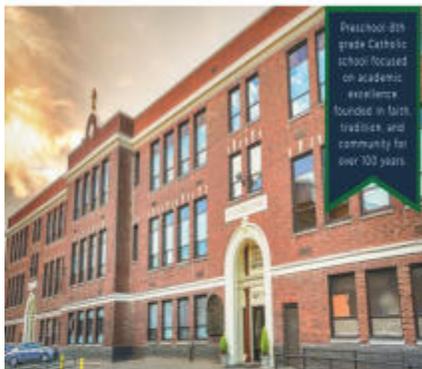
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Don't forget that when you buy from Amazon you can use Amazon Smile to help give back to St. Alphonsus. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select St. Alphonsus Parish School! If you have any questions contact [development@stalseattle.org](mailto:development@stalseattle.org).

## 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 [seattlearchdiocese.careasy.org/HOME.html](http://seattlearchdiocese.careasy.org/HOME.html) or call 844-407-GIVE.



<b>ON-CAMPUS TOURS</b> Walk our halls, meet teachers and principal, learn about programs and offerings, get questions answered.	<b>ST. ALPHONSUS ADVANTAGE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Founded 1857</li><li>• Weekly school Mass</li><li>• Masterclass Pre-K</li><li>• Co-ed elementary</li><li>• Single gender middle school</li><li>• 170 students</li><li>• 12.1 students/teacher ratio</li><li>• Tight knit community</li><li>• Drama, STEM, Art, Music, Spanish, and more</li></ul>
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<b>SOAR WITH ANGELS!</b> 5816 15th Ave NW Seattle, WA 98107 <a href="http://www.stalseattle.org/school">www.stalseattle.org/school</a>	
<b>QUESTIONS?</b> Carin Brown, Admissions 206-782-4363 <a href="mailto:admissions@stalseattle.org">admissions@stalseattle.org</a>	

## CALENDAR

### Saturday, November 6

2 - 3:30pm - Fall Open House, on campus event

*For prospective families or current families wanting to know about other grade levels or programs.*

### Saturday, December 4

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 33RD ANNUAL AUCTION!

## SCRIP NEWS

Trick-or-Treat!  
We like to eat lots of goodies and tons of sweets!

Need goodies for Halloween weekend? Scrip has you covered. Check out [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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 [scripstals@gmail.com](mailto:scripstals@gmail.com) for more info about Scrip, or to get the school code to sign up online.

# THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

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### 40 days for Life

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

### The North Seattle Campaign is Sept 22-Oct 31.

Participation is welcomed.

For a daily prayers or to get more information :

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/northSeattle>

### Rachel's Corner Hope and Healing After Abortion

*"Hope in Me, and you will be protected from depression and self-pity. Hope is like a golden cord connecting you to heaven. The more you cling to this cord, the more I bear the weight of your burdens; thus, you are lightened. Heaviness is not of My kingdom. Cling to hope, and My rays of light will reach you through the darkness."*  
**Jesus Calling** by Sarah Young

Come and re-discover what it feels like to have hope in your life again as you encounter His mercy.

**Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation.**

**English: (206) 920-6413**

**Español: (206)-450-7814**

Email [projectrachel@ccsww.org](mailto:projectrachel@ccsww.org). Visit us at [www.ccsww.org/projectrachel](http://www.ccsww.org/projectrachel) or [www.facebook.com/projectrachelww](https://www.facebook.com/projectrachelww).

*Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.*

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### Pro-Life Rosary

Please join us in praying a Pro-life Rosary after daily Mass on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

We will also be praying the Pro-life Rosary after the 9am Mass on Sunday through the rest of October.

### A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home.

As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

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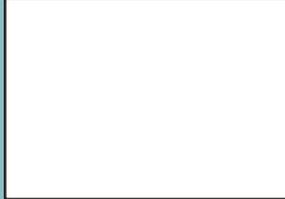
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