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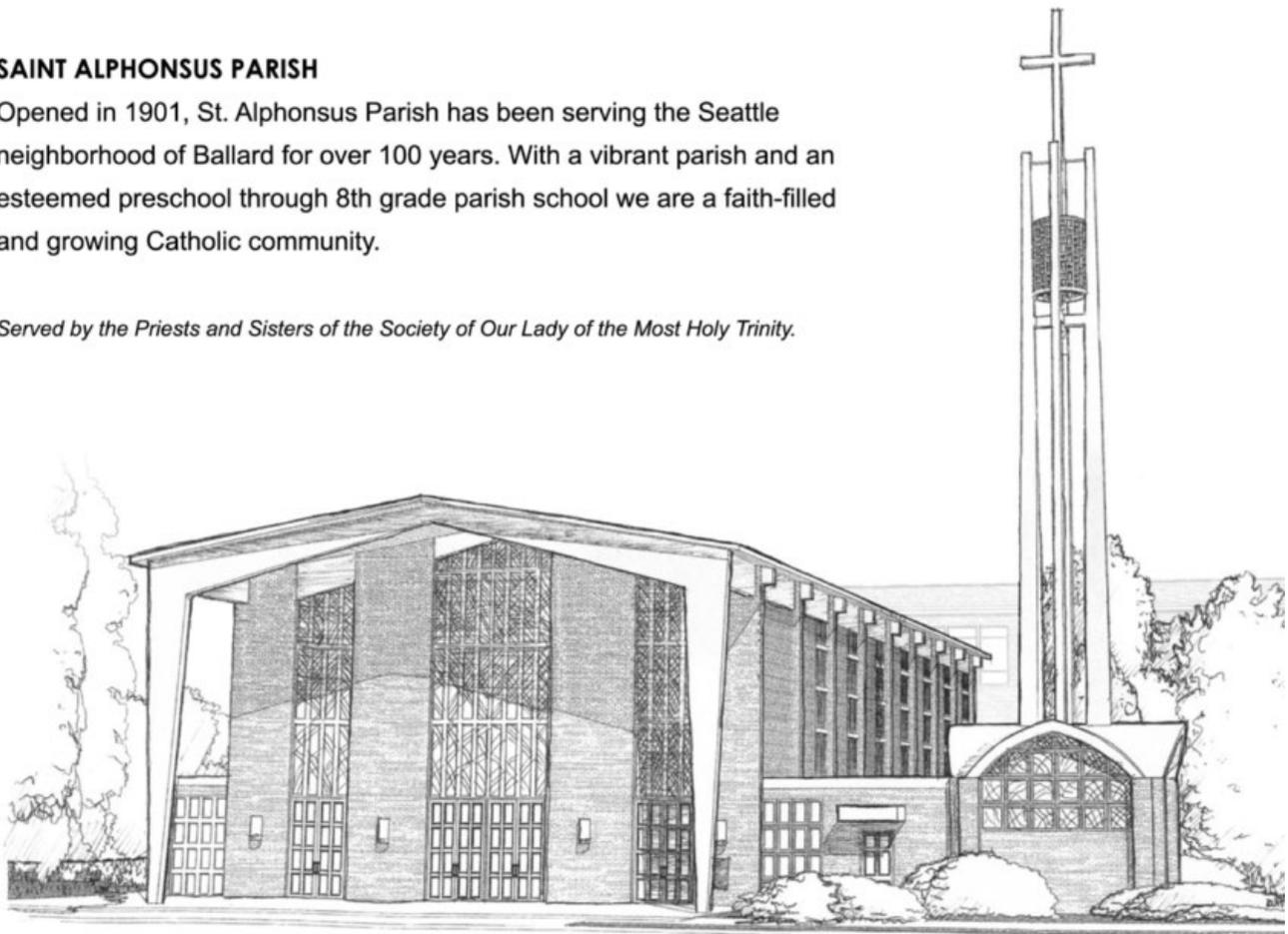
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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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SAINT ALPHONSUS
PARISH

REFLECTIONS



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am RIP Joan Fernandes & Family

MONDAY NOVEMBER 15

St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16

St. Margaret of Scotland

St. Gertrude, Virgin

8am RIP Fr. Stanislaus D'Souza

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:45am RIP Oscar Fernandes &
INT Living Family Members

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18

Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

8am INT Doug & Judy Martin & Family

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19

8am INT Bishops & Priests

6pm Church Open for Adoration and
Private Prayer

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20

8am INT Marnie Ahern

4pm Confessions

5pm INT St. Alphonsus Parish

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9am RIP Joan Fernandes & Family



Letter from your Pastor:

“Listening”

"Synodality," which literally means "walking together," has become a key topic of Pope Francis' pontificate. The basic idea in the pope's teaching is that the grace of baptism makes one part of the body of the Church and, therefore, responsible for its life and mission.

Listening, the Holy Father said, is a key step after encountering Jesus. In the story of the rich young man we see Jesus listening. He listened to the man's question, and he did so in an attentive way not trying to give a simple solution or waiting to dismiss him politely away. As the Pope stated in his opening remarks for the synodal journey "Jesus simply listens, for whatever amount of time it takes; he is not rushed. Most importantly, he is not afraid to listen to him with his heart and not just with his ears. Indeed, he does more than simply answer the rich man's question; he lets him tell his story, to speak freely about himself." The manner in which Jesus responds truly respects the dignity of the person over anything else. This is one of the many gifts for which Saint Pope John Paul II was known. This gift put into practice brought about many conversions.

What might be a cause to not want to listen. Maybe I just don't like that person. The Pope on a different occasion stated, "Often it is better to simply slow down and put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way." This type of mentality no matter how difficult it might be to listen to someone with differing viewpoints, is at the heart of "Synodality."

I don't know about you, but I find listening to be difficult for many reasons. However, listening and being truly concerned with what the other person is saying even when I don't agree is a very powerful tool in carrying out the mission of Jesus. A famous apologist stated once "I don't look at people who've left the Catholic Church or who aren't Catholic as potential "customers." They're just people. They have things they love and things they hate. They may differ from me in lots of ways, but they almost certainly have one thing in common with me: they don't want to be ignorant, and they do want to be happy." Let us pray for the grace to be good listeners.

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, 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, Lucy Rogers, Nolette Serra, Jack Serwold, Todd Selland, Fred Stull, Cheryl Taylor, Fr. Bob Van Kempen, Jude Vidal, Christopher Walsh, Lillian Yamamoto, Kaitlin Yoder

Ministry Opportunity

We will be joining other parishes in our area in supporting a new ministry called "[Community Dinner](#)."

Every Wednesday evening from 4:30 - 6:30pm a group offers a meal at the Bitter Lake Community Center for the homeless, exploited and lonely in North Seattle.

As a parish, we would like to "host" the dinner every 1-2 months. Hosting requires 4 volunteers to go to the Bitter Lake Community Center to help set up and serve the meals. No cooking and cleaning is required. We'd like to have a pool of volunteers, so you would volunteer every 2-3 months.

All volunteers will need to complete the Safe Environment Program.

If this is something you would be interested in please email [Lizzy](#) or contact the parish office.

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.

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



Parent Faith Formation Series

Have you ever wanted to celebrate the Church's many seasons and feast days in a special way but didn't know where to start? Do you desire to create a habit of prayer and rich traditions in your family that go beyond the typical secular celebrations?

In effort to build and grow community, Principal Padrnos is excited to introduce a parent faith formation series on "**Living the Liturgical Year in the Home.**" Over the course of 7 lessons, we'll discuss how to celebrate the unique traditions and rhythm of our liturgical calendar, including the saints, Advent, Christmas, feasting, Mardi Gras, sacraments, Lent, Easter, and more.

This is an excellent opportunity to create a bridge between the life of the school and the life of faith. If interested, please email: npadrnos@stalseattle.org. All are welcome! Need not be a school family to attend.

Nick Padrnos

Principal
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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.

AMAZON SMILE

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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 seattlearchdiocese.careasy.org/HOME.html or call 844-407-GIVE.

CALENDAR.

Wednesday, November 24

Noon Dismissal, end of trimester

Thursday, November 25

& Friday, November 26

No School, Thanksgiving Break

Saturday, December 4

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 33RD ANNUAL AUCTION!

SCRIP NEWS

Longer nights, shorter days.
Where did the warm sun go?
There it is, peeking out
with a nice orange glow.

Gray days got you down? Perk up with a nice mug of coffee, tea, or hot cocoa. Whether it's made for you or you prefer to make your own at home, make sure to use Scrip and support the school with every cup you drink. 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 scripstals@gmail.com for more info about Scrip, or to get the school code to sign up online.

THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"Repentant tears wash out the stain of guilt." - St Augustine

Have your tears of regret been flowing in your heart since the day of your abortion? God sees those tears, and He knows your heart and how much you regret that abortion decision. Allow God to embrace your aching heart and offer you His abundant mercy.

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Sunday Dispensation

The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will be lifted on December 8, 2021 for the Archdiocese of Seattle. Please see the excerpt below from Archbishop Etienne.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have celebrated tens of thousands of Masses with only a handful of cases of coronavirus spread, which have been traced to people not following our safety guidance. In general, this indicates that our protocols are effectively protecting our people and providing a safe environment for worship. This is something for which we can be very grateful!

As such, the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated during Advent on December 8th – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181). This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons.

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