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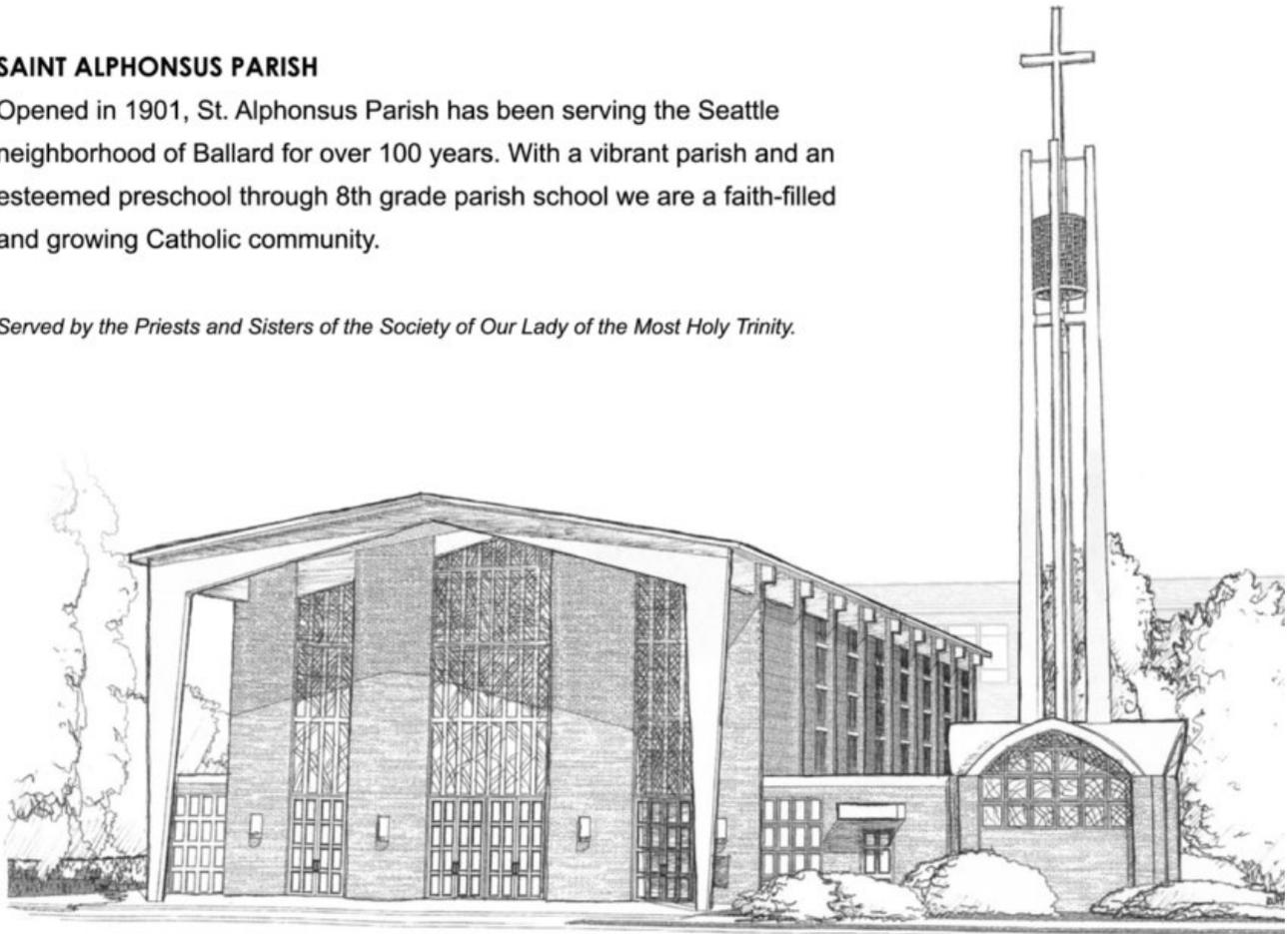
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.

Served by the Priests and Sisters of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.



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
206-784-6464
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SAINT ALPHONSUS
PARISH

REFLECTIONS



SUNDAY DECEMBER 19

4th Sunday of Advent

9am RIP Joan Fernandes & Family

MONDAY DECEMBER 20

TUESDAY DECEMBER 21

8am INT Mary Abraham

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22

8am RIP Lou Complita

THURSDAY DECEMBER 23

8am INT Louisa Bilger

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24

5pm Christmas Eve Mass

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25

Nativity of the Lord

9am Christmas Morning Mass

5pm INT Joanne Keller

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26

The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9am INT St. Alphonsus Parish



“2nd Joyful Mystery”

We are almost there. One more week! While we patiently wait, we encounter two women who are also waiting to give birth. Their encounter is filled with joy produced by the presence of the Christ child. In this mystery, we see God’s plan for Mary was to bring Jesus to others.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen gives the following meditation on this mystery.

“The first miracle worked by our Lord on earth was performed while He was still in His Mother’s womb. He stirred the unborn John and brought consciousness of His presence to Elizabeth, the cousin, of His Mother. Thus, long before Cana, our Lord shows that it is through His Mother that He works His unseen wonders in the heart and through her that He is brought into the souls of men.

The joy of the second Joyful Mystery is that of the Old Testament meeting the New, and of the young maiden greeting the old woman, as Mary burst into the most revolutionary song that was ever sung, the Magnificat, foretelling the day when the mighty would be unseated from their thrones, and the poor would be exalted.

Yet at that moment, when Elizabeth is the first to call her the Mother of God, even before our Lord is born, Mary answers in her song that her greatness is due to Him, and that she was chosen because she was lowly. It may very well be that Mary was chosen to be the Mother of God after she had in her vow renounced the honor. Though greater than Elizabeth, she visits her in her hour of need. Only as we become little do we ever become great in the eyes of God.”

Let’s us spend these last days before Christmas in quiet meditation on one of the most profound moments in human history when God takes to himself our human nature.

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, Rosalia Dimaunahan, 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 Otteness, Bob Pohlman, Lucy Rogers, Nollette Serra, Jack Serwold, Todd Seland, Abby Simpson, Fred Stull, Cheryl Taylor, Fr. Bob Van Kempen, Jude Vidal, Christopher Walsh, Lillian Yamamoto, Kaitlin Yoder

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).

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed December 20 - 31 for the holidays. Voicemail and emails will be periodically checked during this time. Merry Christmas!

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS

Christmas

Friday, December 24 @ 5pm
No 6-8pm Friday Adoration

Saturday, December 25 @ 9am

Holy Family

Saturday, December 25 @ 5pm
No 4pm Confessions

Sunday, December 26 @ 9am

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saturday, January 1 @ 9am
Not a holy day of obligation, and this replaces normal 8am Saturday daily Mass.

COMMUNITY DINNER

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 will be "hosting" monthly. 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.

If this is something you would be interested in please email Lizzy (Ischolz@stalseattle.org) or contact the parish office. Please note, all volunteers must be up to date on Safe Environment (current background check and training). High school volunteers who are under the age of 18 are permitted to join if serving with a parent or guardian.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION LAST CALL

Classes begin in January for Youth Confirmation! This year confirmation is open to students in grade 7 and up and Confirmation will occur here at St. Alphonsus in May. If you have questions and/or want to register please contact Lizzy at Ischolz@stalseattle.org.

WE ARE HIRING

We are seeking an experienced, energetic person to serve as Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation. This person should be creative self-starter with a passion for evangelization, and a clear understanding of relational ministry in forming disciples through retreats, religious education, socials, service opportunities and more.

Responsibilities could include, but are not limited to, develop and implement a faith formation program (Sacramental preparation, RCIA, Bible studies, etc.); plan and coordinate large events and retreats; recruit, supervise and provide formation for volunteers. This is a 30-40 hour per week position plus benefits with a mix of hours during the day, evenings and weekends depending on programs offered with some flexibility. Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Lizzy Scholz (Ischolz@stalseattle.org). Salary in accord with Archdiocesan guidelines. Position open until filled.

SCHOOL NEWS



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.

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

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 and select St. Alphonsus Parish School! If you have any questions contact development@stalseattle.org.

CALENDAR

Christmas Break through January 2!

SCRIP NEWS

*The smell of Christmas trees floating in the air.
Christmas carols on the radio.
Chilly wind past your hair.*

It's beginning to feel like Christmas so get into the holiday spirit and decorate your home with lots of lights and sparkling decor. 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

US SERVICE ACADEMY & ROTC INFORMATIONAL FORUM

The Office of Catholic Schools is hosting a free virtual event for families interested in learning more about the five United States Service Academies and/or ROTC programming on Tuesday, December 21 at 7pm. Catholic school alumni from each of the Academies (West Point, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marine Academy) and ROTC programs will share experiences and wisdom they have learned along the way.

Fr. Justin Ryan, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Seattle, will start with a prayer and welcome, then participants are invited to join breakout rooms where they will interact with the young men and women who represent the different programs. They will introduce themselves, share their story, and then open the floor for questions.

Registration Required: <https://archseattle.org/event/u-s-service-academy-rotc-informational-forum/>



CHRISTMAS EVE CATHEDRAL MASS

Join Archbishop Etienne for Christmas Eve Mass, the Nativity of the Lord, at St. James Cathedral. <https://archseattle.org/event/27735/> or livestreamed on Facebook @ArchdioceseofSeattle.

Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord, is one of the most important solemnities of the Church year. This begins a 16-day celebration of joy and hope of the incarnation, from Christmas day to January 9, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Go to archseattle.org/Christmas to find inspirational ways to keep celebrating Christmas throughout the entire Christmas season.

SHAKESPEARE RETREAT

When January 28 - 30, 2022
Where Palisades Retreat Center
Led By Fr. Stephen Rowan

This retreat uses Shakespeare to challenge you to find sound reasons to take wise action and make positive change in your life.

Register at <https://archseattle.org/event/julius-caesar-shakespeare-retreat-2022/>

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