

ST. ALPHONSUS - ST. CLEMENT PARISH

Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Alphonsus - St. Clement, are called by Jesus Christ to know Him and celebrate His Word. Sustained by the sacramental life rooted in the Eucharist, we reach out in service to all through faith, love, and fellowship.

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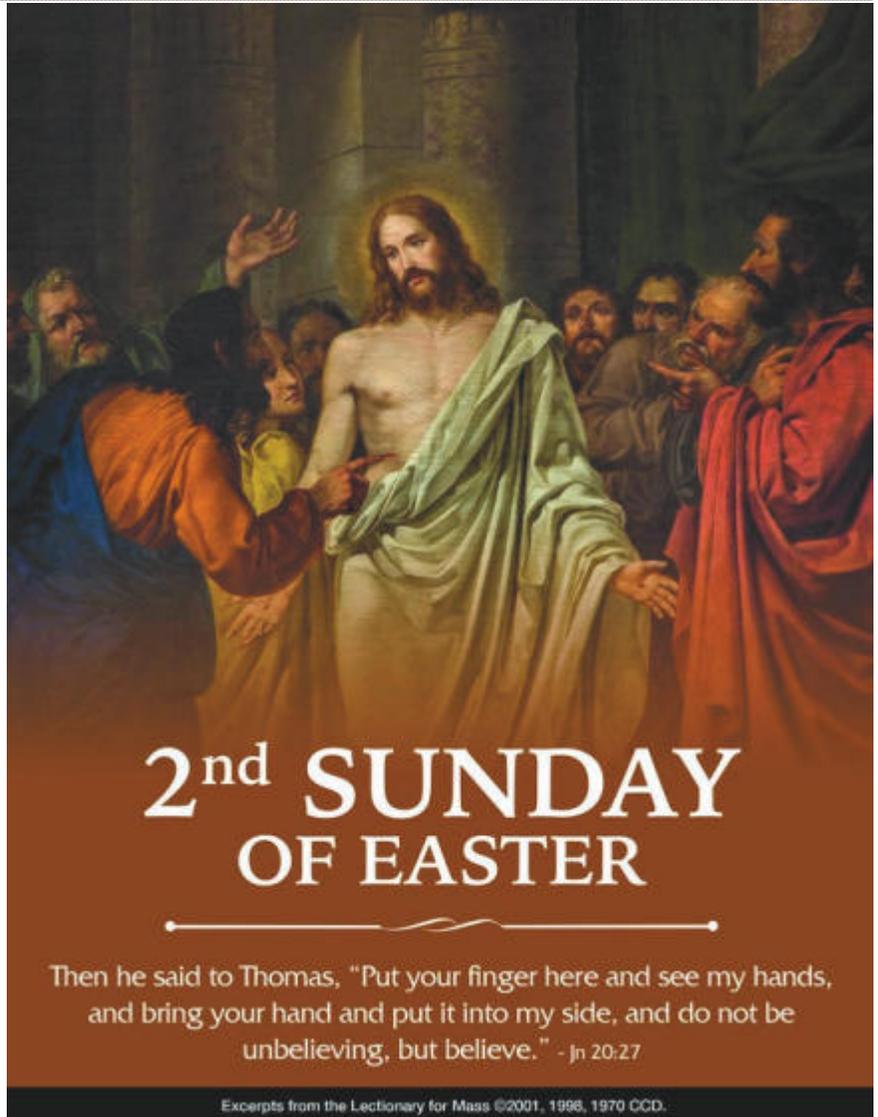
APRIL 11, 2021

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all-forgiving, compassionate love is with us.

When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 10 4:00 pm Fr. Greg

+Philip Romeo (ann) by Family
 +Edward Mitchell by Family
 +Santina Bonanno (ann) by Family
 +Jerry Stawara by Marilyn Filip
 +Al Addison by Marilyn Filip
 +Tom Santocke by Wife
 +Bernard & Leo Ruddy by Family
 +Serafino & Iolanda Giovnone by Madeline Prokop
 +Pat Salagan (ann) by Daughter, Laura
 Spec. Int Those Named On Easter Flower Donation

Sunday, April 11 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Greg

+Alice Paputa by Penny Nash
 +Beverly Gies by Mary Eileen Hogan
 +Frank Mancina (Bday) by Wife
 Spec. Int Those Named On Easter Flower Donation

9:00 am Fr. Linus

+James & Margaret Blair by Family
 +Chester & Helen Pietraz by Family
 Spec. Int Those Named On Easter Flower Donation

11:00 am Fr. Linus

+Norman & Shirley Burger by Family
 +Janice Shura by Carl & Elain Moryc
 + Deceased Members of Michaluk Family by Kucel Family
 Spec. Int Those Named On Easter Flower Donation

Monday, April 12 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Tony Kumor (ann) by Family

Tuesday, April 13 8:30 am Fr. Greg

Health of Greg Schimizzi by Bonanno Family

Thursday, April 15 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Francesco & Teresina Seminara by Family

Friday, April, 16 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Walter Michaluk (ann) by Family

Saturday, April 17 4:00 pm Fr. Linus

+Sr. Carol Ann Votruba by Laura Salagan
 +Rick Anthony Ventura (16th ann) by Mom
 +Al & Joan Addison (Wed Ann) by Daughter & Family
 +Joseph Romeo (ann) by Family
 +Tom Santocke by Wife
 +Bernard & Leo Ruddy by Family
 +Michael V. Fregonara (ann) by Vince & Silvia

Sunday, April 18 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Linus

+Mary McNeely-Taylor by Family
 +Frank & Mary Francavilla by Angie Korejwo

9:00 am Fr. Greg

Spec. Int Mikayla Bobowski
 Spec. Int Larry Bobowski

11:00 am Fr. Greg

+James Vassallo by Joanne Marcantonio
 +Edna Booth by LIFT
 Living & Deceased Members of Frank & Anne Ferris



**Online Mass from
 St. Alphonsus – St. Clement**

Every weekend mass is now available online from St. Alphonsus -St. Clement. In this way those who are unable to attend mass in person during the pandemic can remain connected with our parish family by participating in the mass online.

The 4:00 PM Saturday masses are being streamed live and are available for viewing on our YouTube channel. The mass is also being recorded and can be viewed anytime afterwards. Click on the link for the mass on the homepage of the parish website www.stals-stclem.org.



We are in need of lectors. This is one of the most visible roles of service at the liturgy and you are helping our parish community's scripture reading, become the living Word of God. Please contact John Lodwig at 313-632-9393. You will not regret this faith enhancing experience!



We ask that you remember in your prayers the souls of **Edna Booth, Tony Polo, William Arella** and **Casimer Draus** who were buried from our parish. May they share in the glory of the risen Lord, with Mary and all the saints. May their families find comfort in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!"
As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

Priestly Vocations: Discernment Group

Office of Priestly Vocations' discernment group for men (18-55) considering the priesthood is having its next meeting on Thursday, April 22, 7:00-8:30 pm. You can join at any time. Meetings are led by Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations and will include prayer, group discussion on discernment, light refreshments and fellowship with like minded men. Please contact the vocation office for more info: <https://detroitpriestlyvocation.com/discernment-groups/>



Acts of Spiritual Communion



It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving

Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sin that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

May God grant you peace and health during this time of great and unprecedented need. I pray you find comfort in knowing that God will never leave nor forsake you.



Pray for the Sick of the Parish. St. Joseph, help of the sick, pray for them

Luigi Aronne, Eugene Bernard, Kathleen Bitonti, Louis & Giorgina Cascardo, Maria Cercone, Catherine Cody, Jerry Coogan, Theresa Dean, Barb Delgado, Evelyn Derengowski, Betty Fisher, Marco Frattarelli, Betty Fucinari, Mary Furioso, Peggy Goodart, Tom Graf, Geri Haddad, Thomas Horvath, Jeranne Jackson, Margaret Javor, Virginia Karvelis, Madeline Keller, Marie Kobane, Becky, Kohaen, Kimberly Kucel, Walter Kucel, Jan Lawrence, Robert Lijaj, Jan Majewski, Phyllis Marek, Bernadine Mistor, Mary Mitchell, Lois Mueller Kavanaugh, Theresa Mullen, Frank Palmieri, Maria Nino, Henry Perle, Jennifer Przepiora, Diane Raymond, Serafina Romano, Pearly Ruffin, Dana Slepisky, Margaret Smith, Rosario Aleta So, Judith Stafford, Greg Stawara, Martha Stott, Marcy Tarlow, Tina Threedy, Albert Toccaceli, Joshua Yeager, The Parishioners of HFV Assisted Living and Health Care.

Please notify the Parish office for changes to our prayer list.

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments— Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes? That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves? Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

Saint Joseph— Man of the Year
Dec. 8, 20-Dec. 8, 21

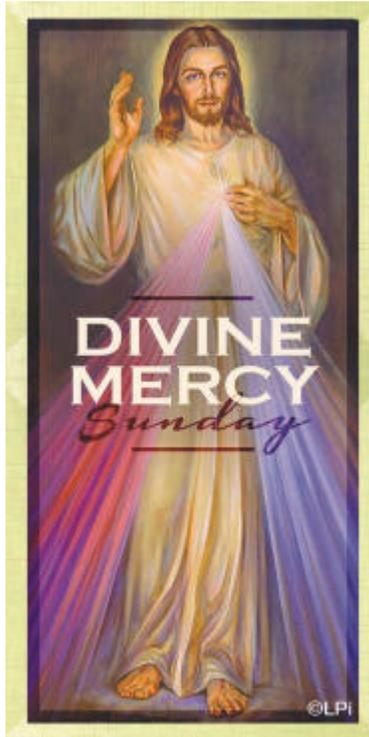
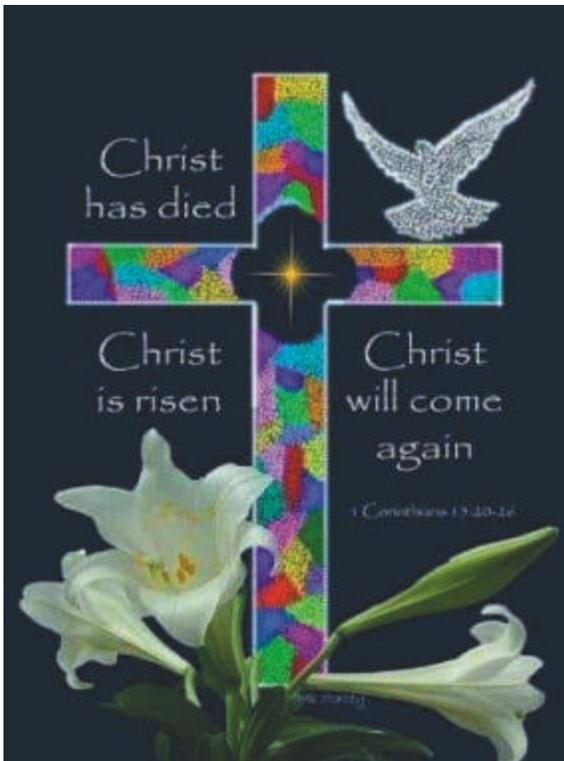


Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is

in you.

Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen.



Saint Maria Faustina
Kowalska's Story
April 11

Saint Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3 p.m. by many people.

Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of 10 children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses.

In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, Sister Faustina also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors. At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. "I do not want to punish aching mankind," he once told Saint Faustina, "but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart." The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death. Because Sister Maria Faustina knew that the revelations she had already received did not constitute holiness itself, she wrote in her diary: "Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God." Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993, and canonized her seven years later.

Reflection—Devotion to God's Divine Mercy bears some resemblance to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In both cases, sinners are encouraged not to despair, not to doubt God's willingness to forgive them if they repent. As Psalm 136 says in each of its 26 verses, "God's love [mercy] endures forever."

Readings for the Week of April 11

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



If you have not done so, we invite you to register in the Parish. Being a member of St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Parish gives you a home.

Please complete a registration form located at the exists of the church and drop in the collection basket or call the office 313-581-5218.

Thank you.

Check out our parish website for current information at www.stals-stclem.org

Stewardship Report

	<u>w/e 3/28/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$4,316*	\$161,706*
HFV Chapel	\$1,126	\$23,091
ACTUAL*	\$5,442	\$184,797
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$195,000
Bank Adjustment		
VARIANCE	\$442	(\$10,203)
Capital Improvements		\$10
Catholic Relief Services		\$38
Easter Flowers		124

*Includes On-Line Giving \$715

To give on-line, please register on the Parish Website.

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Devotions

ROSARY: Monday 6:30 pm (Father Yagley Hall).
PERPETUAL HELP: Tuesday 9:00 am.
HOLY HOUR: 2nd Wednesday 7:00 pm (HFV Chapel)
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 1st Friday 9:00 am.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm, or by appointment.
BAPTISM: Registered Parishioners should call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.
MARRIAGE: The couple must make arrangements at least 6 months prior to date of marriage.
WEDDINGS: Fridays preferred; Saturday, prior to 1 pm.

Parish Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Linus Kinyua**
 Associate Pastor: **Rev. Gregory Deters**
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 Organist: **Lawrence Zelanka & Adam Morency**
 Secretary: **Marilyn Filip**

Parish Council

John Savage, Chairperson
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 Jennie Sinatra, Secretary

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 Matthew Keller, Karen Krepps
 Chester Lawrence,
 Debra Mroccka and Joseph Sullivan

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9 am until 3 pm;
 Friday: 9 am until Noon.



Whenever your address, phone number or family status changes, please be sure to contact the parish office and update your information with us. It is important that we keep our parish records up to date. Phone 313-581-5218.

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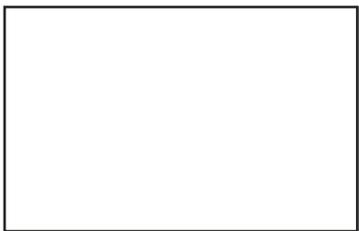
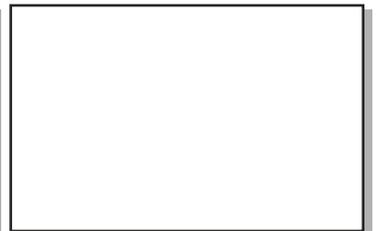

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