



# 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.

Fr. Gregory Deters, Associate Pastor

JANUARY 30, 2022



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

Paraphrase from the Lantianan, for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1976 CCD

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's

earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?



**Saturday, Jan 29**

**4:00 pm**

- +Andrew Fullerton (Bday) by Stawara Family
- +Hurley Fields by Stawara Family

**Sunday, Jan 30**

**9:00 am (Village Chapel)**

- +Frances Bell (ann) by Husband, Jim

**9:00 am**

- +Catherine Millon (ann) by Pat Durham
- +Casimir Pietron (Bday) by Family
- Health Madeline Keller by LIFT
- Health Bernadine Mistor by LIFT
- Spec. Int. Margot Millon by Pat Durham

**11:00 am**

- +Jeannine Hamilton by Pat Durham
- +Robert Cardoni by Denise Paniccia

**Monday, Jan 31**

**8:30 am**

- +Camille Newell by M. Filip

**Tuesday, Feb 1**

**8:30 am**

- +Vera Ciavaglia by Bonanno Family

**9:30 am (Village Chapel)**

Living & Deceased Parishioners of the Village

**Thursday, Feb 3**

**8:30 am**

- +Donato Mancini by Friend

**Friday, Feb 4**

**8:30 am**

- +Sylvia Kumor by Family

**Saturday, Feb 5**

**4:00 pm**

- Health of Sylvia Fregonara by LIFT

**Sunday, Feb 6**

**9:00 am (Village Chapel)**

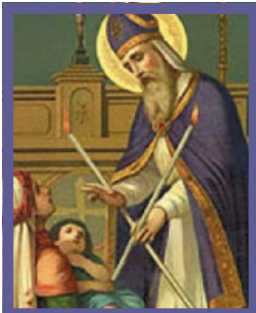
- +Henry Wenzel by Wife
- +Dorothy Gennaro by Tony Gennaro

**9:00 am**

- +Chester & Helen Pietraz by Family
- +James & Margaret Blair by Family
- +Decd. Members of Koda Family by Kumor Family

**11:00 am**

- +Louie Cascardo by Bonanno Family



**Feast of St. Blaise  
Blessing of Throats**

Blessing of throats will take place after the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 29 and after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses on January 30.

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness...

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**INFORMATION about Year End Statements**

**CSA donation statements** will be mailed from the Archdiocese of Detroit for donations totaling \$125 or more. If you need a statement and your donation was less than \$125, contact Donor Services at the Archdiocese by emailing [csa@aod](mailto:csa@aod) or calling 313-237-5768.

**2021 Parish Contribution Statements** will be mailed **upon request**. Please complete the form below, place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or call the Parish office 313-581-5218 or email your request to [info@sta-stc.comcastbiz.net](mailto:info@sta-stc.comcastbiz.net)  
Thank you and may God bless you for your support throughout 2021. Your continued support in 2022 is greatly appreciated.

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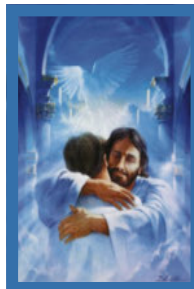
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Please remember in your prayers the soul of

**Kimberly Polo**

May she be wrapped in the loving arms of our heavenly Father and may God grant His peace and consolation to her family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.





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

Luigi Aronne, Eugene Bernard, Giorgina Cascardo, Maria Cercone, Catherine Cody, Barb Delgado, Evelyn Derengowski, Betty Fisher, Marco Frattarelli, Sylvia Fregonara, Betty Fucinari, Mary Furioso, Sulhi & Charlotte Gencyuz, Peggy Goodart, Geri Haddad, Thomas, Leonard, Susan, Cary 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, Theresa Mullen, Frank Palmeri, Henry Perle, Jennifer Przepiora, Diane Raymond, David Rentschler, Serafina Romano, Pearly Ruffin, Dana Slepsky, Rosario Aleta So, Judith Stafford, Martha Stott, Tina Threedy, Joshua Yeager, The Parishioners of the Village Assisted Living and Health Care.

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

### The Presentation of the Lord – Feb. 2



At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life

there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

#### Reflection

In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of Saint Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end.

### First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media



"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

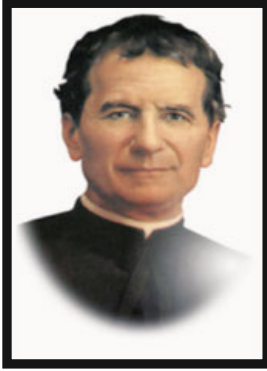
A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

## Saint John Bosco Jan. 31



John Bosco's theory of education could well be used in today's schools. It was a preventive system, rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He advocated frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with

one's work, study and play.

Encouraged during his youth in Turin to become a priest so he could work with young boys, John was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan in Turin, and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism.

After serving as chaplain in a hospice for working girls, Don Bosco opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys. Several wealthy and powerful patrons contributed money, enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys, shoemaking and tailoring. By 1856, the institution had grown to 150 boys and had added a printing press for publication of religious and catechetical pamphlets. John's interest in vocational education and publishing justify him as patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers.

John's preaching fame spread and by 1850 he had trained his own helpers because of difficulties in retaining young priests. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales.

With Pope Pius IX's encouragement, John gathered 17 men and founded the Salesians in 1859. Their activity concentrated on education and mission work. Later, he organized a group of Salesian Sisters to assist girls.

### Reflection

John Bosco educated the whole person—body and soul united. He believed that Christ's love and our faith in that love should pervade everything we do—work, study, play. For John Bosco, being a Christian was a full-time effort, not a once-a-week, Mass-on-Sunday experience. It is searching and finding God and Jesus in everything we do, letting their love lead us. Yet, because John realized the importance of job-training and the self-worth and pride that come with talent and ability, he trained his students in the trade crafts, too.

Saint John Bosco is a Patron Saint of:  
Boys, Editors, Educators/Teachers, Youth



St. Alphonsus-St. Clement parish has reached **100%** of our goal for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you to the **109 parishioners** who have made gifts and pledges totaling \$63,365.61. If you are still prayerfully considering your CSA pledge, please know that our parish will now receive 100% of the gifts we receive.

We will continue to accept CSA donations through April 2022. Any and all CSA donations will be returned tax free to the parish. You may mail your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelop that was provided you, which is:

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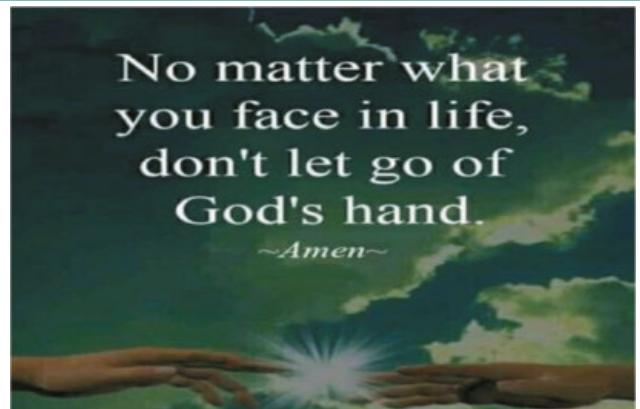
Or make your gift to our parish campaign online at [givecsa.org](http://givecsa.org).

**If you misplaced your pledge card, please contact the parish office.**

**Thank you again for helping to Fuel the Mission to witness Christ.**

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Prophets possess an intimate knowledge of God and act on their experience of God. Prophetic messages usually challenge the status quo and draw us up and out of ourselves, focusing us on the bigger picture. We often think of ourselves and our own needs first. When we listen to someone speak, we judge the merit of the message by its degree of usefulness. If the message or vision contains no personal benefit or profit but a call to stretch and grow, we can become indignant. Prophets are usually the ones whose message challenges us and calls us to see things differently and love more perfectly and deeply. God is love. When listening to St. Paul speak about love we witness the unfolding of this type of unconditional, other centered, self-sacrificial perfect God. It is an invitation to life, freedom, and happiness that can be offered to us only by God. Jesus, who is God and Love incarnate, calls us to this richer expression of love. Are we ready to listen and be challenged and stretched?



**Readings for the Week of Jan. 30**

**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/  
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30  
**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34  
**Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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 exits 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](http://www.stals-stclem.org)

**Stewardship Report**

	<u>w/e 1/16/2022</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$3,202	\$104,262
Village Chapel	\$367	\$17,358
On-Line Giving	\$235	\$15,066*
<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>\$3,804</b>	<b>\$136,686</b>
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$145,000</b>
<b>Variance</b>	<b>(\$1,196)</b>	<b>(\$8,314)</b>
Christmas Capital Improvements	\$1,355	Religious Ret. \$20

\* 21% of the Year-to-Date On-Line Giving was from the Village.

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

**St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Parish**

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**Village Chapel**

15101 Ford Rd., Dearborn, MI 48126  
Phone: (313) 846-7712 ext. 1121

**Devotions**

**PERPETUAL HELP:** Tuesday 9:00 am.  
**HOLY HOUR:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm (HFV Chapel)  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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. You must be a registered/active parishioner for at least 1 year.  
**WEDDINGS:** Fridays preferred; Saturday, prior to 1 pm.

**Parish Staff**

Pastor: Rev.  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Gregory Deters  
Pastoral Minister: Sr. Margaret Alandt, IHM  
Bookkeeper: Dawn Peters  
Housekeeper: Denise Paniccia  
Maintenance: Frank Bechard  
Organist: Lawrence Zelanka  
Secretary: Marilyn Filip

**Parish Council**

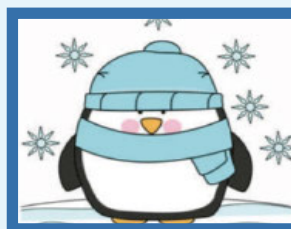
John Savage, Chairperson  
Annette Fiedor, Vice-Chairperson  
Jennie Sinatra, Secretary

**~ Parish Council Members ~**

Barbara Bechard, Colleen Charara,  
Matthew Keller, Karen Krepps  
Chester Lawrence,  
Debra Mrocza 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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