

# Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church Iglesia Católica de San Alfonso

*A Redemptorist Community | Una Comunidad Redentorista*

**Father John Schmidt, CSsR, Pastor**

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

### TIEMPOS DE LA MISA

**Saturday | Sábado**

**5:00 pm** (English) *also livestreamed.*

**Sunday | Domingo**

**8:00 am** (English)

**10:00 am** (English)

**12:00 pm** (Español) *en vivo tambien.*

## WEEKDAY MASSES

### MISAS DE LUNES A VIERNES

**Monday:** 8:00 am (English)

**Tuesday:** 8:00 am (English)

**Martes:** 6:30 pm (Español)

**Thursday:** 8:00 am (English)

**Jueves:** 6:30 pm (Español)

**Friday:** 8:00 am (English)

## RECONCILIATION

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**Saturday | Sábado**

**8:30-9:30 am; 4:00-5:00 pm.**

**By appointment. | Con cita.**

## SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**MASS DURING THE NIGHT | December 24, 2020**

Welcome to St. Alphonsus, where all God's people grow as disciples in a diverse, compassionate community. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you have a place among us.

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*To reach a priest, deacon, or another staff member, visit [stalsmn.org/staff/list](https://stalsmn.org/staff/list) or call the parish office.*

## OFFICE HOURS | HORARIO DE OFICINA

**Monday—Thursday | Lunes — Jueves:** 9:00 am—4:00 pm

**Friday | Viernes:** 9:00 am—12:00 pm

*From starry skies descending,  
You come to us, Heavenly King,  
A manger low your bed,  
In winter's icy sting.  
O little one, O divine One!  
Shuddering, trembling in the cold!  
Great God, you love all!  
What suffering you did bear,  
That we might hear your call!*

St. Alphonsus Liguori, our parish patron, wrote this hymn around 1732. It speaks of the love of God for us and the gift of Jesus, descending from the stars to dwell among you and me. This is the love of Jesus who becomes human to redeem us. I love this hymn because the poetry of our saint helps to express the depth of God's love and our experience and response to it.

The Christmas gospel relates the anxiety of the holy night, a search for shelter and a place for a Child's birth. Mary and Joseph mirror the experience of many humans searching for shelter and security as they migrate from home to home. As they wonder about the welcome they may receive, imagine their joy when they hear welcoming words or receive a hot meal. Mary and Joseph depended on the goodness of strangers to help them: Welcome, to a place and food; Welcome, to companionship and help as your baby arrives; Welcome, to a world poor and hopeful; Welcome, to a people who have longed to see this night.

We, the Redemptorists and parish team of St. Alphonsus, pray for you and your families. We pray for our health and happiness, especially in this difficult time. We join you in celebrating the greatest mystery of God's love in Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

A Blessed Christmas,

Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR,  
Pastor, St. Alphonsus Catholic Church,  
The Redemptorists and Parish Team

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### CAROL

#### *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

1. It came up-on the mid - night clear, That  
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With  
 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife The  
 4. For, lo, the days are has - tening on, By

glor - ious song of old, From  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, And  
 world has suf - fered long; Be -  
 proph - ets seen of old, When

an - gels bend - ing near the earth To  
 still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er  
 neath the heav'n - ly hymn have rolled Two  
 with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall

touch their harps of gold: "Peace  
 all the wea - ry world: A -  
 thou - sand years of wrong; And  
 come the time fore - told, When

on the earth, good will to all From  
 bove its sad and low - ly plains They  
 war - ring hu - man - kind hears not The  
 peace shall o - ver all the earth Its

heaven's all gra - cious King"; The  
 bend on hov - 'ring wing, And  
 tid - ings which they bring; O  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, And

world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To  
 ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The  
 hush the noise and cease your strife And  
 all the world give back the song Which

hear the an - gels sing.  
 bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 hear the an - gels sing.  
 now the an - gels sing.

### CAROL

#### *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing; From  
 2. I - sai - ah 'twas for - told it, The  
 3. O Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With  
 4. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who

ten - der stem hath sprung! Of  
 Rose I have in mind, With  
 sweet-ness fills the air, Dis -  
 felt all hu - man woe; O

Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As seers of old have  
 Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er  
 pel in glo - rious splendor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -  
 Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, Who tri - umphed o'er our

sung. It came, a blos - som  
 kind. To show God's love a -  
 where; True man, yet ve - ry  
 foe: Bring us at length, we

bright, A - mid the cold of win - ter,  
 right, She bore to us a Sav - ior,  
 God, From sin and death he saves us,  
 pray, To the bright courts of hea - ven

When half spent was the night.  
 When half spent was the night.  
 and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 And in - to end - less day.

### CAROL

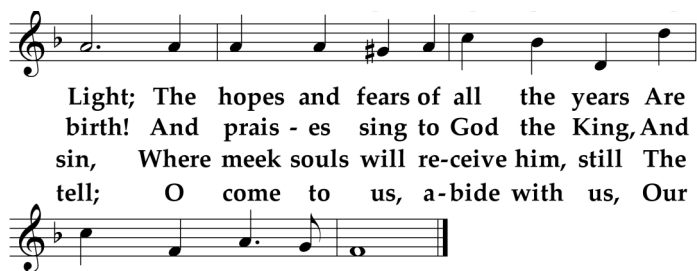
#### *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How  
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The  
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De -

still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and  
 gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the  
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to  
 scend to us we pray; Cast out our sin and

dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by; Yet  
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love. O  
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n. No  
 en - ter in, Be born in us to - day. We

in thy dark street shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing  
 morning stars to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly  
 ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of  
 hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings



Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are  
birth! And prais - es sing to God the King, And  
sin, Where meek souls will re-ceive him, still The  
tell; O come to us, a-bide with us, Our

met in thee to - night.  
peace to all on earth.  
dear Christ en - ters in.  
Lord Em - man - u - el!

# CAROL

## *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, —  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored,  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace!



"Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord:  
Hail the Sun of Right-eous - ness!



Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild —  
Late in time be - hold him come, —  
Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise, —  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see: —  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, —



Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty, —  
Born that we no more may die, —



With the an - gel - ic host pro-claim,  
Pleased as One with us to dwell,  
Born to raise us from the earth,



"Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el.  
Born to — give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,  
"Glo - ry — to the new - born King!"

# CAROL

## *Tu scendi dalle stelle*



1. From star - ry skies de - scen-ding, — You  
2. You are the world's Cre - a - tor, — God's



come to us, heav'n - ly King, — A  
own — and true — Word, — Yet



man-ger low your bed, In win-ter's ic-y sting. A  
here no robe, no fire For you, di - vine Lord. Yet



sting. O — lit - tle one, O — di -  
Lord. Dear - est, fair - est, sweet - est



vine One! Shudd' - ring, trem - bling in — the  
in - fant, How such ut - ter pov - er -



cold! — Great God, — you love — all! — What  
ty — Now makes us love you more, — For



suff' - ring you did bear, That  
through such Love di - vine, You



we — might hear your call! — What call!  
o - pen hea - ven's door. — For door.

# CAROL


## *Silent Night, Holy Night*




1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,




all is bright Round yon vir - gin  
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from  
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from




moth - er and child, Ho - ly In - fant so  
 heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing  
 thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re -



ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
 al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior is  
 deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.



é - mus Dó - mi - num!

## PENITENTIAL ACT

## GLORIA

Refrain



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## GATHERING SONG

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*



1. O come, all ye faith - ful,  
 2. God of God,  
 3. Child, for cre - a - tion  
 4. Sing, choirs of an - gels,  
 5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,



joy ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O  
 Light of Light, Lo! He ab -  
 poor and in the man - ger, fain we em -  
 sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye  
 born this hap - py morn - ing, Je - sus to



come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 brace thee, with awe and love;  
 ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;  
 thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



Come and be - hold him, born the King of  
 Ve - ry God, be - got - ten, not cre -  
 Who would not love thee, lov - ing us so  
 Glo - ry to God, all glo ry in the  
 Word of the Fath - er, now in flesh ap -



an - gels;  
 a - ted;  
 dear - ly? Ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus, ve -  
 high - est;  
 pear - ing;



ní - te a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te a - dor -

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 9:1-6*


### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 96*

Refrain



To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the



Lord. To - day is born our



Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

### SECOND READING

*Titus 2:11-14*

### GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

*Luke 2:1-14*

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH—*Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the Only Begotten Son of God,  
 born of the Father before all ages.  
 God from God, Light from Light,



true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, consubstantial  
 with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.  
 For us men and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,

(all kneel/bow as able)

and by the Holy Spirit  
 was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
 and became man.

(all stand upright as able)

For our sake he was crucified  
 under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death  
 and was buried, and rose again on the third day  
 in accordance with the Scriptures.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living  
 and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
 the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
 adored and glorified, who has spoken through  
 the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
 dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL


## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### PREPARATION SONG


*In the Bleak Midwinter*




1. In the bleak mid - win - ter  
 2. Our God, Heav'n can - not hold him  
 3. E - nough for him, whom che - ru - bim  
 4. An - gels and arch - an - gels  
 5. What can I give him,



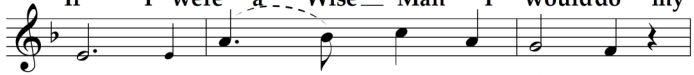
Fros - ty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as  
 Nor earth sus - tain; Heav'n and earth shall  
 Wor - ship night and day, A breast - ful of  
 May have ga - thered there, Che - ru - bim and  
 Poor as I am? If I were a



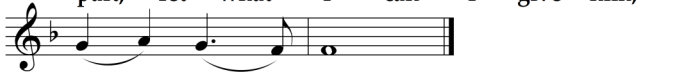
i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone;—  
 flee a - way— When he comes to reign:—  
 milk And a man - ger - ful of hay; E -  
 se - ra - phim Thronged the air; But  
 shep - herd I would bring a lamb,—



Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, Snow on  
 In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble - place suf -  
 fough for him, whom an - gels Fall down be -  
 on - ly his mo - ther— In her maid - en  
 If I were a Wise - Man I would do my



snow, In the bleak mid - win - ter  
 ficed The Lord God Al - might - y  
 fore, The ox and ass and ca - mel  
 bliss Wor - shiped the Be - lov - ed  
 part, Yet what I can I give him,



Long a - go.  
 Je - sus Christ.  
 Which a - dore.  
 With a kiss.  
 Give my heart.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, high -



est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the




Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, high -




est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We pro - claim your Death, O Lord,



we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -



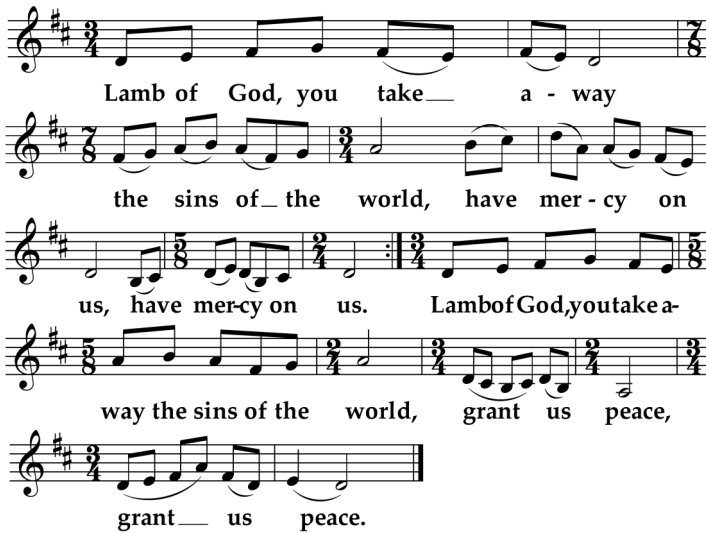
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## OUR FATHER

## SIGN OF PEACE

## LAMB OF GOD



## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

## SALVE REGINA

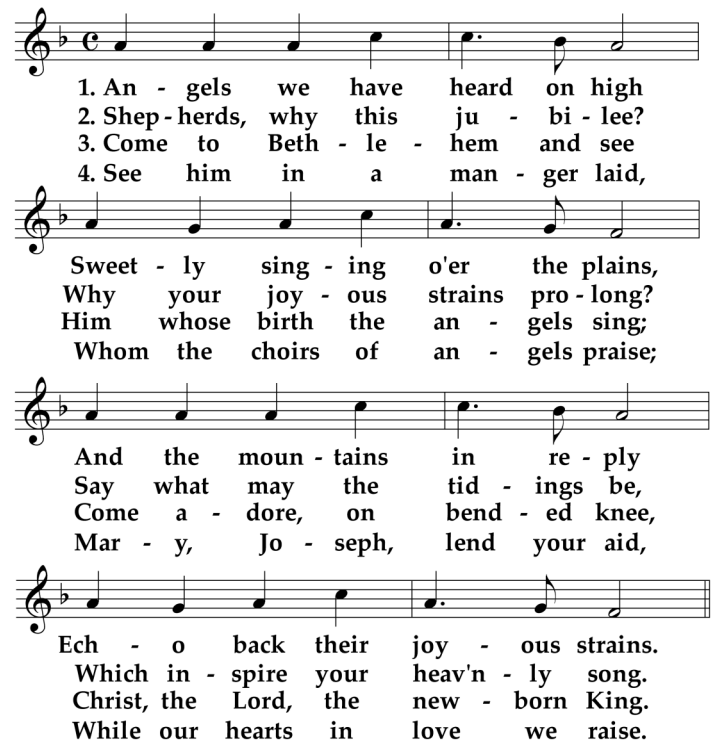
*Hail, Holy Queen*

*Salve, Regína, mater misericórdiae:  
Vita, dulcédo et spes nostra salve.  
Ad te clamámus, éxsules filii Hevae.  
Ad te suspirámus, geméntes et flentes  
in hac lacrimárum valle.  
Eia ergo, advocáta nostra,  
illos tuos misericórdes óculos  
ad nos convérte.  
Et Jesum, benedíctum fructum ventris tui,  
nobis post hoc exsílum osténde.  
O clemens, O pía, O dulcis  
Virgo María.*

*The singing of the Marian Antiphon Salve, Regina (Hail, Holy Queen) following communion is a long-standing Redemptorist tradition. We return to this practice to implore the intercession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help during this time of pandemic and civil unrest.*

## CONCLUDING RITES

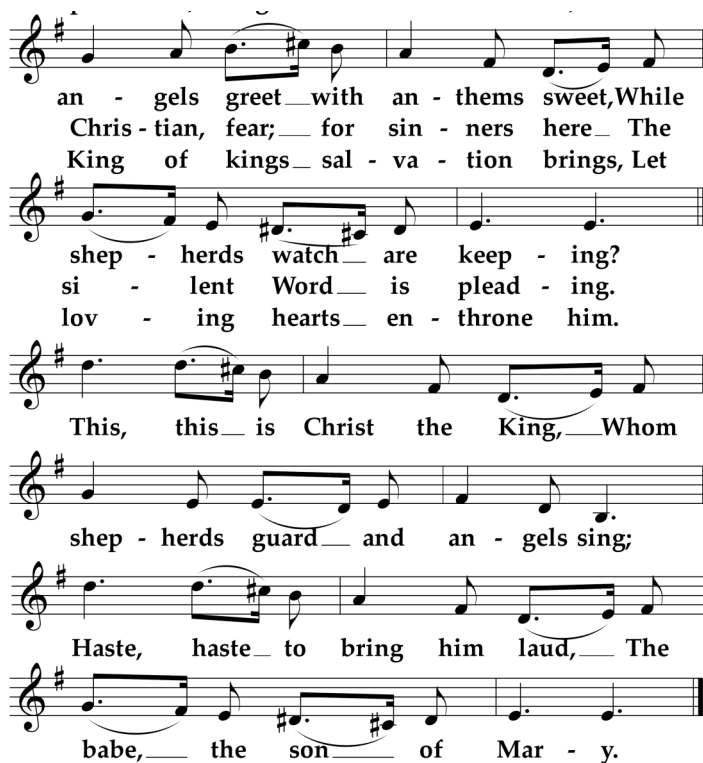
## COMMUNION SONG *Angels We Have Heard on High*



## COMMUNION SONG

*What Child Is This?*





*Merry Christmas to all!*

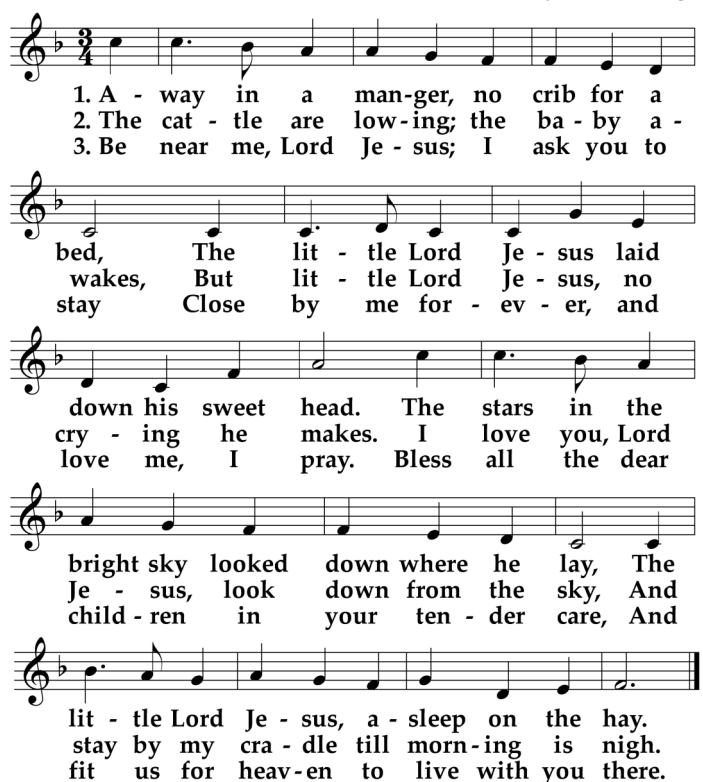
*¡Feliz Navidad a todos!*

*Ekeresimesi Oma!*

*Joyeux Noël à tous!*

#### COMMUNION SONG

*Away in a Manger*



*Krismasi Njema kwa wote!*

*Feliz Natal a todos!*

*Chúc Mừng Giáng Sinh đến tất cả quý ông bà và anh chị em!*

*Maligayang Pasko sa lahat!*

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