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# 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.*

## 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 AT DAWN | December 25, 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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## OFFICE HOURS | HORARIO DE OFICINA

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

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

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*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

#### *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.

### CAROL

#### *What Child Is This?*



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come



Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? Whom  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good  
peas - ant, king to own him; The



an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While  
Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The



babe, the son of Mar - y.

### CAROL

#### *Joy to the World*



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let  
2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns: Let  
3. No more let sin and sor - row grow, Nor  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And



earth re - ceive her king; Let ev - 'ry  
us our songs em - ploy; While fields and  
thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to  
makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room And heav'n and na - ture  
floods, rocks, hills, and plains Re - peat the sounding  
make his bless - ings flow Far as the curse is  
of his right - eous - ness, And won - ders of his



sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n, and  
joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat, re -  
found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far  
love, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders,



heav'n and na - ture sing.  
peat the sound - ing joy.  
as the curse is found.  
won - ders of his love.

## 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.

## GATHERING SONG (8:00)

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

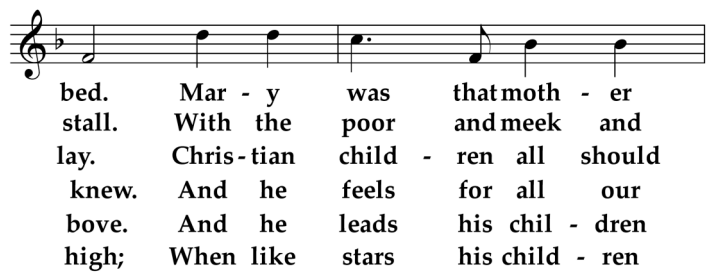
1. O come, all — ye faith - ful,  
 2. God of — God,  
 3. Child, for cre - a - tion  
 4. Sing, choirs of an - gels,  
 5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O  
 Light — of — Light, — Lo! He ab -  
 poor and in the man - ger, — fain we em -  
 sing in ex - ul - 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 -  
 é - mus — Dó - mi - num!

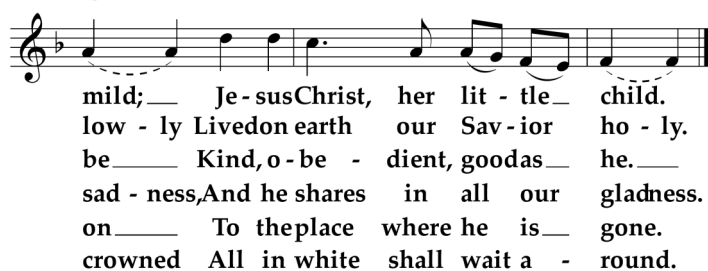
## GATHERING SONG (10:00)

*Once in Royal David's City*

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's —  
 2. He came down to earth from —  
 3. And, through all his won - drous  
 4. For he is our child - hood's  
 5. And our eyes at last shall —  
 6. Not in that poor, low - ly —  
 cit - y Stood a low - ly cat - tle  
 heav - en Who is God and Lord of —  
 child - hood, He would hon - or and o -  
 pat - tern, Day by day like us — he  
 see him, Through his own re - deem - ing  
 sta - ble With the ox - en standing  
 shed, Where a moth - er laid her —  
 all, And his shel - ter was a —  
 bey, Love and watch the low - ly —  
 grew; He was lit - tle, weak and  
 love; For that child so dear and  
 by, We shall see him; but in —  
 ba - by In a man - ger for his  
 sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a —  
 maid - en In his gen - tle arms he —  
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us — he —  
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a -  
 hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on —



bed. Mar - y was that moth - er  
 stall. With the poor and meek and  
 lay. Chris - tian child - ren all should  
 knew. And he feels for all our  
 bove. And he leads his chil - dren  
 high; When like stars his child - ren



mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
 low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 be Kind, o - be - dient, good as he.  
 sad - ness, And he shares in all our gladness.  
 on To the place where he is gone.  
 crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

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

## PENITENTIAL ACT

### GLORIA

Refrain



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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:11-12

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97

Refrain



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

### SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7

### GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Luke 2:15-20

Refrain



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

### HOMILY | HOMILÍA

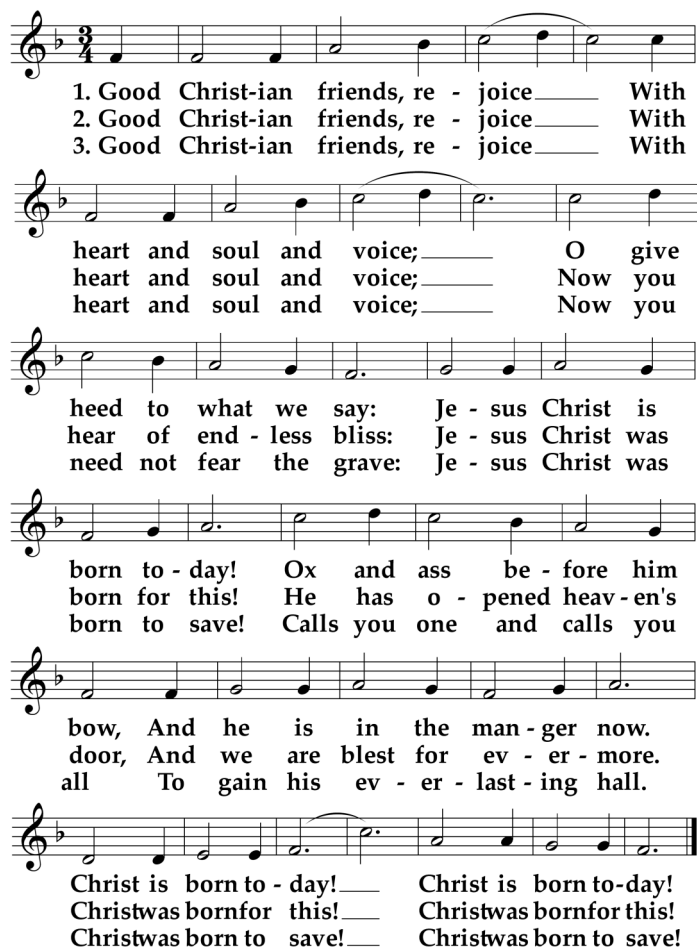
### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION SONG (8:00)

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*



1. Good Christ-ian friends, re - joice With  
 2. Good Christ-ian friends, re - joice With  
 3. Good Christ-ian friends, re - joice With

heart and soul and voice; O give  
 heart and soul and voice; Now you  
 heart and soul and voice; Now you

heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is  
 hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was  
 need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was

born to - day! Ox and ass be - fore him  
 born for this! He has o - pened heav-en's  
 born to save! Calls you one and calls you

bow, And he is in the man - ger now.  
 door, And we are blest for ev - er - more.  
 all To gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to-day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

### PREPARATION SONG (10:00)

*Ụbọsị Christmas*

Refrain



No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,  
 A - mu - l'E - ze nke Is - ra - el.

*Sung in Igbo.*

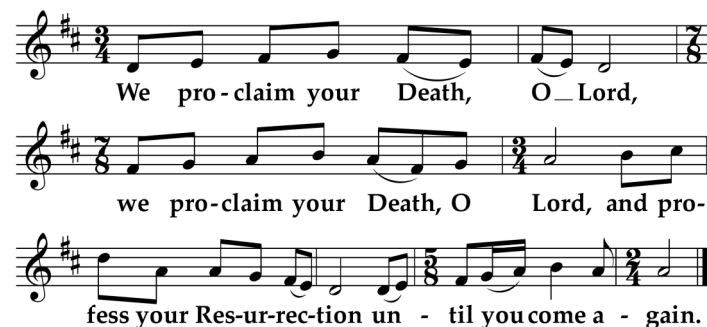
*Christmas Day is about giving:  
 the gift of God and the gift of the human person.  
 That Gift is Emmanuel.  
 That Gift is the Son of God and the Son of Man.  
 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, the King of Israel is born!*

## EUCHARISTIC 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-  
 fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un - til you come a - gain.

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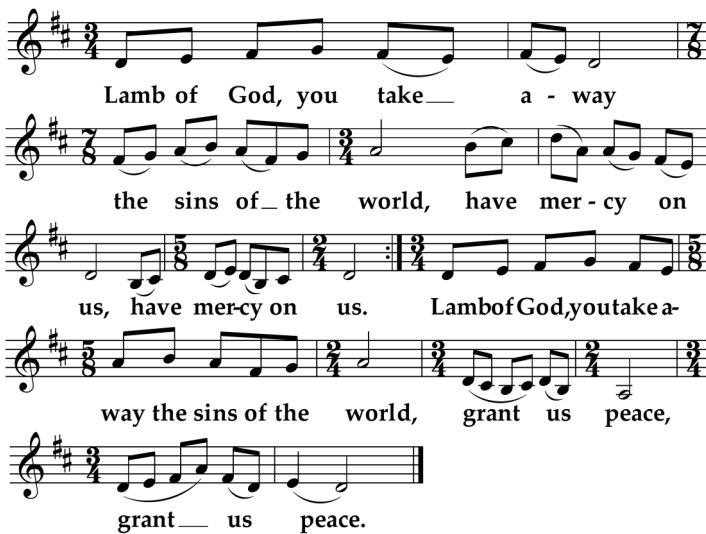


A - men. A - men. A - men.  
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

### OUR FATHER

### SIGN OF PEACE

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a way  
the sins of the world, have mercy on  
us, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a  
way the sins of the world, grant us peace,  
grant us peace.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### SALVE REGINA

*Hail, Holy Queen*

*Salve, Regina, 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 (10:00)

*Nuribanu*

Refrain



Nu-ri-ba - nu K'an - yi go-ri-be - nu,  
nu-ri-ba - nu, na Kri - sti Di-nwe



nu E - ze a - mu - ru O - hu - ru, onye nzo - pu -  
ta u - wa ni - lo a - bia wo.

*Sung in Igbo.*

*Rejoice, let us make merry.*

*Rejoice, for Christ the Lord, the newborn King,  
the Savior of the world has come.*

## COMMUNION SONG

*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.

COMMUNION SONG *Angels We Have Heard on High*

1. An - gels we have heard on high  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee?  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see  
 4. See him in a man - ger laid,  
 Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;  
 And the moun - tains in re - ply  
 Say what may the tid - ings be,  
 Come a - dore, on bend - ed knee,  
 Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,  
 Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.  
 Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 While our hearts in love we raise.  
 Glo - - - ri - a in excelsis De - o,

Glo - - - ri - a in excelsis De - o.

COMMUNION SONG *Away in a Manger*

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a -  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to  
 bed, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid  
 wakes, But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no  
 stay Close by me for - ev - er, and  
 down his sweet head. The stars in the  
 cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord  
 love me, I pray. Bless all the dear  
 bright sky looked down where he lay, The  
 Je - sus, look down from the sky, And  
 child - ren in your ten - der care, And  
 lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
 stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 fit us for heav - en to live with you there.

COMMUNION SONG *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Refrain  
 Go tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and  
 ev - 'ry - where; Go tell it on the moun - tain That  
 Je - sus Christ is born!  
 1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er  
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When  
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The  
 si - lent flocks by night, Be - hold through - out the  
 lo! a - bove the earth Rang out the an - gel  
 hum - ble Christ was born, And God sent us sal -  
 heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
 cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

*Merry Christmas to all!*

*¡Feliz Navidad a todos!*

*Ekeresimesi Oma!*

*Joyeux Noël à tous!*

*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!*