



Liturgical Ministers

| | Lectors | Eucharistic | Eucharistic Loft | Servers | Ushers | Collections | Gifts |
|----------|-------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Mar 24 | J. King | S. Burkhardt | | J. Schaefer | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| 4:30 pm | A. Calvet | M. Folden | | | | | |
| Mar. 25 | J. Pavletic | S. Matras | | J. Fritz | D. Williams | Volunteer | D. & K. Williams |
| 8:30 am | | | | M. Fritz | | | |
| | | | | J. Fritz | | | |
| Mar. 25 | F. Stephens | M. Griffis | B. Wellbrock | T. Daley | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| 10:30 am | G. Buda | J. Prizina | | J. Daley | | | |
| | | | | W. D. Knight | | | |
| | | | | J. Haywood | | | |
| Mar 31 | J. Terry | K. Clark | | K. Sass | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| 8:00 pm | F. Stephens | S. Burkhardt | | J. Schaefer | | | |
| | S. Matras | | | A. Calvet | | | |
| Apr. 1 | S. Farris | J. Pavletic | | J. Fritz | P. Fritz | Volunteer | P. & L. Fritz |
| 8:30 am | | | | M. Fritz | | | |
| | | | | J. Fritz | | | |
| Apr. 1 | G. Buda | J. Powell | K. Ferguson | P. Ferguson | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| 10:30 am | | K. Cross | | D. Gobellan | | | |
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| | | | | E. Moreno | | | |

Volunteers

| | Church | Parish Hall | Altar Linens | Lawn |
|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------|
| Mar. 31 | A. Hessling | J. Brower | A. Hessling | |
| Apr. 7 | K. Clark | E. Teer | P. Haynes | |

Saved By God's Love

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ. Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us. -Copyright© J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Birthday Wishes This Week To

Carmen Jones 3/31
 Consider offering or attending Mass for yourself or a loved one's birthday.

All those who celebrate their birthday in the month of March will receive a special blessing at the Sunday Masses on March 24th and 25th.

Senior Citizens Day

This retreat day is a special event for seniors in April, to celebrate the spring season. This day begins with a staff welcome, followed by Morning Prayer in the Chapel. Our culinary team, who specialize in hospitality, will serve an excellent home-cooked lunch. Musical entertainment will be provided by Terry Starr with a raffle drawing after the meal. The day concludes at 1:30 p.m. with a prayer of thanksgiving. Suggested offering: \$15.00

You may register on line at olqpretreats.com or email debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org or call 731-548-2500



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Martin Orjanioko, Pastor

office@stalphonsuscovington.org

March 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD

RED

MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm
 Sunday 10:30 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday 8:30am

SAINT ALPHONSUS Daily

Tuesday 12:00 pm
 Wednesday 12:00 pm
 Thursday 7:00 pm
 Friday 7:00 pm
 Saturday 8:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Confession

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 10:00 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday 8:00 am

Or by appointment

Baptism or Marriage preparation

Call for appointment

DEVOTIONS

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday and First Saturday of each month following 8:30 am Mass

Rosary

First Saturday 8:00 am
 Sunday morning 10:05 am

ST. ALPHONSUS & AVE MARIA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Alphonsus & Ave Maria Parishes is to proclaim and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Church through liturgy, education, community service, social events, and witness for Christ who has blessed our lives in the larger community of Tipton & Lauderdale Counties and beyond. Our parish life is centered on the Eucharist during which we celebrate, in joy, the presence of the Risen Lord among us.

What's Happening this Week!

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| Saturday, March 24 | 4:30 pm Vigil Mass - St. Alphonsus |
| Sunday, March 25 | 8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria |
| | 8:45 am No PRE |
| | 10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus |
| | 10:30 am Mass - St. Alphonsus |
| Tuesday, March 27 | 10:00 am Friends of the Poor |
| | 12:00 pm Mass |
| | 6:30 pm No Evening prayers |
| Wednesday, March 28 | 10:15 am Legion of Mary |
| | 5:00 pm Choir |
| | 7:00 pm RCIA |
| Holy Thursday March 29 | 7:00 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper |
| Good Friday, March 30 | 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross |
| | 7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion |
| Saturday, March 31, Easter Vigil | 8:00 pm Mass |
| Sunday, April 1, EASTER SUNDAY | 8:30 am Mass Ave Maria |
| | 10:30 am Mass St. Alphonsus |
| | 12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt |

SAINT ALPHONSUS

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AVE MARIA

(just South of Highway 19 junction)

664 S. Washington St. (SR 209) • Ripley, Tennessee



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| Mass Intentions | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|----------|---|--|
| Saturday | 03/24 | 4:30 pm | For Nancy Lind for healing by Joseph & Josephine King | |
| Sunday | 03/25 | 8:30 am | | |
| Sunday | 03/25 | 10:30 am | | |
| Tuesday | 03/27 | 12:00 pm | For Jody Rodriguez by John & Joan Smith | |
| Wednesday | 03/28 | 12:00 pm | +Allen Wooten by Cyburn, Betsy, CH & Staci Sullivan | |
| Thursday | 03/29 | 7:00 pm | | |
| Friday | 03/30 | 7:00 pm | | |
| Saturday | 03/31 | 8:00 pm | For our Catechumen and Candidates | |

Please Pray for



***** Collection on Good Friday/Holy Land *****

Our Ill Priests

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Fr. John Hourican | Fr. Bryan Timby |
| Fr. Jolly Sebastian | Fr. Robert Ponticello |

Our Loved Ones

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| Rosemarie Aird | James & Robin Barnett |
| Eva Adams | Patti Butner |
| William Barrett | Christina Cahaly |
| Virginia Bowden | Patrick Christy |
| Joe Bynum | Liz Crosslin |
| Paul Casagrande | Cass Douglas |
| Elizabeth | Leslie Finn |
| Norita Fegere | Philip Galaska |
| Karri Flannigan | Lackey Gilmore |
| Kathy & Ronda Gentry | Christie Johnson |
| Lisa Hogan | Jackson Hughey |
| Luanne Jergens | Lauren/Faith Holloway |
| Mode Jones | Beverly Jiminez |
| Laura Swope-Keller | Judy Kovach |
| Gloria Louimet | Cindy Lavelli |
| Emile Latour | Jacob LeFils |
| Debbie Marshall | Diane Maness |
| Barbara McKay | David McConnell |
| Kevin Matras | Sandra Pellegren |
| David Powell | Pat Panky |
| Joan Robertson | Jody Rodriguez |
| Mary Schaefer | Betty Owen |
| Sam Stitt | Chris Plourde |
| Mibong Shin | Beverly Pratt |
| Ray & Yelba Stevenson | Carmen Sosa |
| Michael Sedinger | Donna Williams |
| Peter Vanderven | Earl Yeomans |
| Gale Wilson | |

Attendance Last Week

| Mar. 18 | St. Alphonsus | | Ave Maria | |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | Adults | Children | Adults | Children |
| 4:30 Vigil | 48 | 4 | | |
| 8:30 Mass | — | — | 24 | 3 |
| 10:30 Mass | 77 | 33 | | |
| Stations of the Cross | Total | | | |
| | 35 | | | |

Please notify the church office if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or to update our prayer list.

| Mar. 18, 2018 | Saint Alphonsus | Ave Maria | Saint Alphonsus 2017 | Ave Maria 2017 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|
| Budget | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 365.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 365.00 |
| Regular | \$ 2,077.00 | \$ 441.00 | \$ 2,020.00 | \$ 324.00 |
| Capital | \$ 713.00 | \$ 95.00 | \$ 763.00 | \$ 91.00 |
| Friends of the Poor | \$ 0.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Food Pantry | \$ 0.00 | \$ | \$ 60.00 | \$ |

Strategic Plan- Education and Evangelization
St. Alphonsus and Ave Maria parishioners believe our parish to be active and responsive, offering a wide range of ministries in a broad spectrum of areas. Yet, we have a number of parishioners who seldom or never attend weekly mass, or who do not participate in ministries or other parish activities. Also, many of those parishioners who regularly attend weekend Masses, are generally unaware of most ministries that are offered to various groups within the parish. To address these issues, we commit to the following:

Reach out, yearly, to all parishioners to renew their commitment to a ministry or join a ministry. Additionally, determine if a new ministry should be developed to meet a parish need.

- Hold a ministry drive for parishioners to sign up for a ministry in January each year.
- Set up initial meetings for the ministries so parishioners can meet one another.
- Seek to have leaders for the ministries.
- Reach out to specific groups such as youth, young adults, elderly, single parents, separated and divorced parishioners, widow and widowers.
- This initiative will be a coordinated effort of volunteers and staff.
- Monthly ministry bullets highlights by member witness/appeal
- Ministries specific to each church and those consolidated with the two churches

Next week: Education & Evangelization Part 2

Mass Schedule Change

The daily Mass for Tuesday, March 27, will be celebrated at 12:00 noon.

Easter Egg Hunt

When: Easter Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass
Where: St. Alphonsus behind the parish hall
Who: Children from 0 - 12 years old
Bring your basket and come join the fun!

Chrism Mass

The Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, D.D., invites you to celebrate Chrism Mass 2017 on March 27 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1695 Central Avenue Memphis, Tenn. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

March Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Formation in the Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross provides us with an opportunity to meditate on the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. This devotion will be held at St. Alphonsus at 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We will need assistance on Saturday, March 31, to remove all the purple covers and set up the Church for Easter Vigil service. We will start at 8:00 am since there is no Mass that morning. Your help is greatly appreciated.

4th Degree Assembly

Will meet on Monday, March 26th at 7:00 pm at The Church of the Ascension

Readings for Mar. 26-Apr. 1

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| Monday | Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11 |
| Tuesday | Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 |
| Wednesday | Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25 |
| Holy Thursday-The Lord's Supper | Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; Jn 13:1-15 |
| Good Friday Passion of Christ | Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Jn 18:1-19:42 |
| Easter Vigil | (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7 |
| EASTER SUNDAY | Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7 |

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018

4:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass, March 24, at St. Alphonsus
8:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass, March 25, at Ave Maria Mission
10:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass, March 25, at St. Alphonsus

Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus

Good Friday, March 30, 2018: 3:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross at St. Alphonsus

7:00 p.m. – Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Alphonsus

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. The Church guidelines are posted below.

Easter Vigil Mass, March 31, 2018: 8:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

8:30 a.m. at Ave Maria Mission
10:30 a.m. at St. Alphonsus

Sacramental Dates to Remember

Confirmation Mass at St. Alphonsus with the Most Reverend Bishop Martin D. Holley

Friday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the parish hall

Prayer of Intercession for Vocations: For all those being called to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, that they may deepen their faith in Christ who calls them to glorify God in a profoundly personal way through their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

Para que todos los llamados al sacerdocio, diaconado y vida consagrada puedan profundizar su fe en Cristo quien los llama a glorificar a Dios de una forma muy personal a través de sus vocaciones. Roguemos al Señor.

“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Patrick Gallagher at (901) 323-3817 or write: VocationsDirector@vocations.cdom.org.

Lenten Guidelines regarding fast and abstinence are as follows:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence only. Church law binds as follows: The Law of Abstinence (not eating meat) obliges those who have completed their 14th year. The Law of Fast (only one full meal each day, nothing between meals) obliges those who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year.

Electronic Equipment/Printer/Copiers

The following used St. Alphonsus office equipment is available for purchase. If you are interested in any items, make an offer to Karen Clark @ 901-476-8140 or Beth Teer @ 901-605-7337. Items will be available until Wednesday 4/4/18.

Xerox copier-tabletop with Sharp cabinet on wheels Model # XC1045

Canon printer/copier ID# M1699 Image RUNNER C2880

HP Laserjet printer, table top, Model # 1022

Sharp calculator compet VX-2652B

AT&T Phone

Sharp Plain Paper Fascimile Model # VX1100

Dell CPU XPS 400

Dell CPU Optiplex 380 x2

Dell Dimension 2400

Dell Monitor Model # M782p

HP Deskjet D2445

Lenovo CPU

Dell Monitor & Keyboard

Dell Monitor

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!
How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?



Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **"all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"**. (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

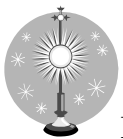
Jesus promised that **"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."**(Diary 699) He went on to say **"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy."** (Diary 1109)

The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said **"I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know**

about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish". (Diary 341, 48) Please take the time to visit with this Image of The Divine Mercy and venerate Jesus.

Jesus said to St. Faustina **"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You"**. (Diary 327) **"The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls."** (Diary 299)

Our Lord said **"When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul..."** and **"Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy"** (1602) **Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is... only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of; open your soul in confession to Me, and I will fill it with My light."** (1725)



First Friday and Saturday devotions are held each month at St. Alphonsus. On Friday, April 6, Eucharistic Adoration will immediately follow the 8:30 a.m. Mass. On Saturday, April 7, the Rosary will be recited at 8:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 8:30 and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:45 p.m. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for all those who wish to spend a quiet, contemplative hour with the Blessed Sacrament.

Divine Mercy Sunday: April 8, 2018

The message of The Divine Mercy is simply that God loves us, all of us, and he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Please join us at 12:00 pm on Sunday, April 8, for veneration of the Divine Mercy image as we pray the Chaplet.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the service.