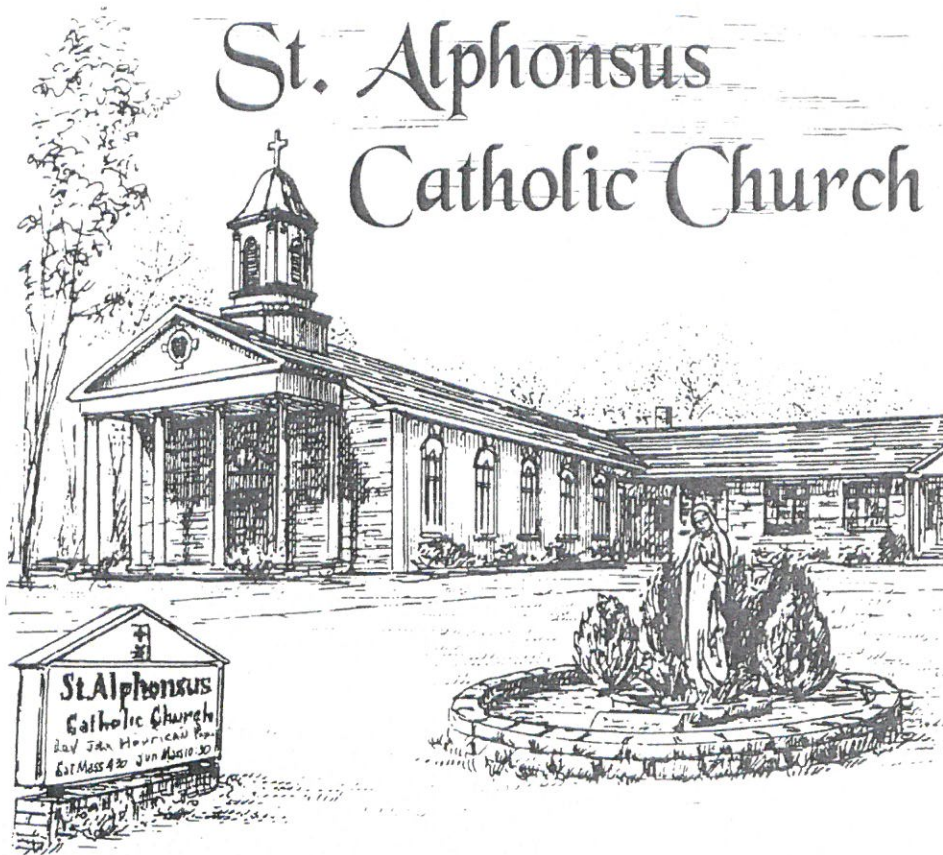


St. Alphonsus Catholic Church



Covington, Tennessee

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Devotions at St. Alphonsus

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday & Saturday of
each month following
the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary

First Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m.

Rev. Martin Orjianioko, Pastor

St. Alphonsus Daily Masses

Tuesday ~ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday ~ 12:00 noon

Friday and Saturday ~ 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:30 p.m., St. Alphonsus

Sunday Morning ~ 8:30 a.m., Ave Maria

Sunday Morning ~ 10:30 a.m., St. Alphonsus

Holy Days: The Mass schedule for Holy Days of Obligation is published inside the bulletin.

Ripley, Tennessee

664 S. Washington St. (SR 209)

Just South of the Hwy. 19 Junction

Ripley, TN

Sacraments

Confession: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Ave Maria: Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

or by appointment

Call the Parish Office to schedule an
appointment for Baptism, Confession
or Marriage preparation

Ave Maria Mission Church



Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



The last Sunday of the year (Nov. 26) is here. (December 3, is the first Sunday of Advent which is the beginning of the Church's new liturgical year). So that means the Church asks us to think of the end times, and celebrates the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. When Jesus walked the earth the first time, we might have mistaken Him for an ordinary carpenter from Nazareth. Today He is physically and spiritually present with us in the tabernacle of St. Alphonsus Church. Hidden under the appearance of bread, He could be mistaken again. But at the end of the world, at His final coming, He will not be mistaken by anyone!

*Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come...the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his own blood, who has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of his God and Father--to him be glory and power forever and ever!
Amen.*

--Rev 1:4-6



Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Saturday	11/25	4:30 p.m.	+Yvonne Sass by Karen Sass
Sunday	11/26	8:30 a.m.	+Larry Farris by Susan Farris
Sunday	11/26	10:30 a.m.	+Angela Shin Price Family (in Korea) by BJ and Angela Price
Tuesday	11/28	7:00 p.m.	+John Sass by Karen Sass
Wednesday	11/29	12:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Thursday	11/30	12:00 noon	For Healing and recovery for Patrick Glazer, and for Dixie Duncan
Friday	12/01	8:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving and birthday for Sr. Fausta
Saturday	12/02	8:30 a.m.	For Parishioners of Ave Maria and St. Alphonsus

Liturgical Ministers

Date:	November 25	November 26	November 26	December 2	December 3	December 3
Mass:	4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	A. Calvet	J. Pavletic	G. Buda	A. Calvet	S. Matras	C. Jones
Eucharist:	M. Folden	S. Farris	J. Prizina	C. Jacobs	S. Poltrock	J. Powell
Eucharist:	S. Burkhardt		K. Cross	J. Prizina		K. Cross
E. M. Loft:			L. Lind			John Dwyer
Server:	K. Sass	J. Fritz	T. Daley	K. Sass	J. Fritz	C. Daley
Server:	E. Teer	M. Fritz	W. D. Knight		M. Fritz	Justin Wlaker
Server:		J. Fritz	John Dwyer		J. Fritz	E. Moreno
Server:						E. Moreno
Ushers:	Volunteer	D. Williams	Volunteer	Volunteer	S. Matras	Volunteer
Collections:	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Gifts:	Volunteer	D. & K. Williams	Volunteer	Volunteer	J. & D. Pavletic	Volunteer

Volunteers for December 2, 2017

Volunteers for December 9, 2017

Church: Volunteer	Altar Linens: J. Buda	Church: Volunteer	Altar Linens: J. Buda
Parish Hall: A. Hessling	Lawn: Volunteers	Parish Hall: Volunteer	Lawn: Volunteers

Please Pray for Our Parishioners:

Rosemarie Aird, Sr. Doris Blum, Mike, Jason Brower, Jerry Bryant, Peter Burkhardt, Mary DiBiasi, Dixie Duncan, John Folden, Joe Francis, Natasha Gray, Carmen Jones, Joe King, Marge Knight, W. D. Knight, Nancy Lind, Maria McConnell, Barbara McKay, Jerry & Rose Mills, Eleanor Nunn, Pat Pankey, Elaine Perry, Elaina Prizina, Lynda Rogers, Barbara Schneider, Jack & Joan Smith, Frank Stephens,

Our Loved Ones:

Eva Adams, Wendi Allen, William Barrett, James & Robin Barnett, Juanita Brannon, Debbie Brock, Patti Butner, Joe Bynum, Christina Cahaly, Paul Casagrande, Mary Christy, Patrick Christy, Darlene Cross, Liz Crosslin, Claude Diotte, Cass Douglas, Adah Eakin, Elizabeth, Leslie Finn, Karri Flannigan, Philip Galaska, Kathy & Rhonda Gentry, Lackey, Gloria Louimet, Gilmore, Dot & Elizabeth Griffin, Jennifer Gross, Philip Harbin, Renate Hirschmann, Lisa Hogan, Carrie & Craig Horwath, Peter Hubicki, Bob Hutchins, Lisa Hutton, Luanne Jergens, Christie Johnson, Mode Jones, Judy Kovach, Jacob LeFils, Diane Maness, Debbie Marshall, Kevin Matras, Dennis Meredith, Charlie Moss, Betty H. Owen, Sandra Pellegren, Chris Plourde, David Powell, Beverly Pratt, Joan Robertson, Mary Schaefer, Mibong Shin, James Smith, Carmen Sosa, Sam Stitt, Ray & Yelba Stevenson, Peter Vanderven, Tina Weaver, Donna Williams, Steve & Tracy Williams, Gale Wilson, Earl Yeomans

And Our Priests Who are Ill:

Fr. John Hourican *Fr. James Murphy* *Fr. Jolly Sebastian*
Fr. Bryan Timby *Fr. Robert Ponticello*

Please notify the church office to add or remove someone from the lists. **Also, call 476-8140 to let us know if you, or a family member, are admitted to the hospital.**

Readings for November 27 - December 3, 2017

Monday, November 27

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, November 28

Dn 2-31-45; (Ps) Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 29

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; (Ps) Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:11-19

Thursday, November 30-St. Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday, December 1

Dn 7:2-14; (Ps) Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, December 2

Dn 7:15-27; (Ps) Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, December 3-First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Mk 13:33-37

THIS WEEK AT ST. ALPHONSUS & AVE MARIA

SUNDAY, November 26

8:30 a.m. – Mass at Ave Maria
8:45 a.m. – No PRE
10:05 a.m. – Rosary at St. Alphonsus
10:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Alphonsus followed by coffee & donuts
4:30 p.m. – Advent Class St. Alphonsus parish hall

TUESDAY, November 28

10:00 a.m. – Friends of the Poor at St. Alphonsus
5:00 p.m. – Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayers followed with Mass

WEDNESDAY, November 29

10:15 a.m. – The Legion of Mary at St. Alphonsus
7:00 p.m. – RCIA

THURSDAY, November 30

10:00 a.m. – Altar Society Meeting
5:30 p.m. – Parish Life Center Meeting

SATURDAY, December 2

4:00 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Alphonsus
4:30 p.m. – Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, December 3

8:30 a.m. – Mass at Ave Maria
8:45 a.m. – PRE
10:05 a.m. – Rosary at St. Alphonsus
10:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Alphonsus followed by coffee & donuts
12:15 p.m. – St. Alphonsus Finance Council Meeting

Last Week's Attendance

St. Alphonsus

4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass: 22 adults & 1 children
10:30 a.m. Mass: 83 adults & 15 children

Ave Maria

8:30 a.m. Mass: 27 adults & 4 children

Nov. 19, 2017	St. Alphonsus	Ave Maria	S.A. 2016	A.M. 2016
Budget	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 1677.00	\$	\$ 1492.00	\$ 397.00
Capital	\$ 2462.00	\$	\$ 741.00	\$ 95.00
Friends of Poor	\$ 500.00	---	\$ 316.00	\$ 30.00
Food Pantry	\$ 160.00	---	\$ 60.00	---
Fall Bazaar	\$ 2204.25	---	---	---

St. Alphonsus/Ave Maria Annual Christmas Party-

The Christmas Tickets will be sold after the Masses thru December 3rd. Cost is \$8 and children 12 and under are free yet still require a ticket. Beth Teer will sell tickets after the Saturday Masses and Karen Clark will sell tickets after Sunday Mass at St. Alphonsus. Kathy Matras will sell tickets at Ave Maria. If you have ANY concerns regarding the tickets, please contact Father Martin, for other information contact Beth Teer at 901-605-7337.

The altar flowers at Ave Maria are from the garden of Mrs. Mary Ellen Poynter

The altar flowers at St. Alphonsus are provided by St. Alphonsus

In Thanksgiving for St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Mass Hymns for November 26, 2017

Bold is for St. Alphonsus () is for Ave Maria

Entrance: **727** (312) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Offertory: **409** (465) Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring
Communion: **506** (419) Unless A Grain of Wheat
Recessional: **574** (452) Soon and Very Soon

Pope Francis' November Prayer Intention: Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



St Andrew, Apostle: Lord, You raised up St. Andrew, Your Apostle, to preach and rule in Your Church. Grant that we may always experience the benefit of his intercession with You. Amen.

Lives of the Saints

December Holidays Mass Schedule

Friday, December 8th – Immaculate Conception Mass/Holy Day of Obligation - 7:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, December 12th – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – 7:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus

Saturday, December 23th - Vigil Mass – 4:30 p.m. at St. Alphonsus

Sunday, December 24th – Mass/Holy Day of Obligation – 10:30 a.m. at Ave Maria

Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Vigil Mass/Holy Day of Obligation – 4:30 p.m. at St. Alphonsus

Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Vigil Mass/Holy Day of Obligation – 11:30 p.m. at St. Alphonsus

Monday, December 25th – Christmas Mass/Holy Day of Obligation – 10:30 a.m. at Ave Maria

Saturday, December 30th – Vigil Mass – 4:30 p.m. St. Alphonsus

Sunday, December 31st – Mass – 8:30 a.m. at Ave Maria

Sunday, December 31st – Mass/Holy Day of Obligation – 10:30 a.m. at St. Alphonsus

Monday, January 1st – Mass – 10:30 a.m. at St. Alphonsus

Medical Mission trip in Nigeria - UPDATE

Come with us for a life changing opportunity to impact the lives of others. Our trip includes cultural experience, mission projects, and hands on work. No medical qualifications are required. One of the hospitals will be one that Sister Deborah works. We will be leaving for Nigeria, January 4 thru January 16, 2018. The cost is approx. \$1200.00 for round trip air fare. You can support with donations and or over the counter medications. Interested persons should contact the parish office at 901-476-8140.

Finance Council Meeting

St. Alphonsus – Sunday, Dec 3rd at 12:15 pm
Ave Maria – Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 5:00 pm

Come join us to prepare and refocus on Christ this Advent season, we will today in the Parish Hall at 4:30 pm until 5:30 pm.

Why Christians Should Give

5. Giving helps break the power that money can have over us. By nature, we are selfish people, and money can become overly important to us. Jesus warns us in Luke 12:15: "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." We are to possess our possessions rather than let them possess us. Through our faithful giving, we are empowered by God to overcome our desire to hoard what he has given to us.

4. Giving is an act of worship. God is glorified when we faithfully give him our first and best. Proverbs 3:9 reads, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." When we make giving a priority, we honor God. If we give God our leftovers, we dishonor him.

3. Giving demonstrates our faith and obedience. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command" (John 14:15). In 1 Corinthians 16:2 we read, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income." God's Word is clear that we are expected to give on a regular basis in accordance with our blessings. Through faith, God strengthens us so we can give generously.

2. Giving acknowledges God's ownership. God has created and still owns all things. *"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"* (Psalm 24:1). We are the managers of all that God entrusts to us. When we give, we are merely returning a portion of what God has already given us (1 Corinthians 4:7)

1. Giving expresses our gratitude and thanksgiving to God. King David wrote, "Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you and we have given you only what comes from your hand" (1 Chronicles 29:13-15). David understood God's awesome love and generosity.

David saw the joy that his people had in responding to God's love and care by giving to the building of the temple. It was his prayer that their commitment and generous giving to the Lord would continue forever.

Friends of the Poor Food Drive

Thanks to the generous Thanksgiving Food Drive donation from our parishioners on 11/18-11/20, there was 612.22 pounds of food, 25 turkeys plus \$660.00 was collected. This enabled the Friends of the Poor Committee to assemble 51 abundantly filled bags of groceries for the needy to receive Tuesday 11/21/17, enabling them to enjoy a prosperous Thanksgiving.

Lector Training

Please mark your Calendar!

There will be a Lector Training Session on Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 a.m.

This will be for new lectors, and current lectors are requested to attend for follow-ups and updates.

Are you called to the Priesthood or Religious Vocation: Reflections for OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Solemnity of Christ the King

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Call Father Patrick Gallagher at (901) 323-3817 or write: VocationsDirector@vocations.cdom.org.

For a deepening understanding among those discerning their vocation that the One who calls them is Jesus Christ the King, we pray to the Lord.

Solemnidad de Cristo Rey -- 26 de noviembre de 2017

Por un mayor entendimiento entre los que están discerniendo su vocación a aquel que los llama que es Cristo Rey. Roguemos al Señor.

GREAT NEWS!!! We Just Updated Our eGiving!

Take a Look and Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

St. Alphonsus/Ave Maria wants to remind parishioners that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering.

Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Online Giving lets you go to www.stalphonsuscovington.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information is available from the church office. We can help set you up.