



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Robert Ballman, Pastor

office@stalphonsuscovington.org



December 10th, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Purple

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.

DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIÓN at ST. ALPHONSUS

Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucaristía

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

Primero Viernes y Sábado de cada mes despues 8:30 am Misa

Rosary/Rosario

First Saturday/Primero Sábado 8:00 am

Sunday morning/Domingo por la mañana 10:05 am

MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO de MISAS

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday/Sábado 4:30 pm

Sunday/Domingo 10:30 am

Misa en español 12:15 pm

Sunday/Domingo

AVE MARIA

Sunday/Domingo 8:30am

ST. ALPHONSUS Daily/Diario

Monday/Lunes 12:00 pm

Tuesday/Martes 12:00 pm

Wednesday/
Miercoles 12:00 pm

Friday/Viernes 8:30 am

Saturday/Sábado 8:30 am



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Confession/Confesión

Saturday/Sábado 4:00 pm

Sunday/Domingo 10:00 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday/Domingo 8:00 am

or by appointment/Llame para pedir cita

Baptism or Marriage preparation
Bautismo o Matrimonio preparacion

Call for appointment/Llame para pedir cita



SAINT ALPHONSUS

1225 Highway 51 South (at Tatlock) • Covington, Tennessee
Mailing Address • PO Box 430 • Covington, Tennessee 38019

AVE MARIA

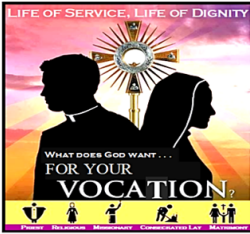
(just South of Highway 19 junction)
664 S. Washington St. (SR 209) • Ripley, Tennessee

Parish Office 901.476.8140 • FAX 901.476.9650



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Notices/Avisos



“I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to His Will”

Being chosen to serve God’s people is an amazing work of the Lord. May the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation

Visit: www.memphisvocations.com

Or call the Office of Vocations at 373 - 1244

Ready to answer the call? Scan the QR code & fill in the form, we'll get in touch with you



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and celebration on Tuesday December 12th. Mass is at 6:15 p.m. with the reception to follow. Contact Rio Esquivel to bring a dish.

Misa y celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el martes 12 de diciembre. La misa es a las 6:15 p.m. y la recepción seguirá. Comunícate con Río Esquivel para que te traigan un plato.



“Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí según Su Voluntad”

Ser elegido para servir al Pueblo de Dios es una obra admirable del Señor. Que el Espíritu Santo y la Santísima Virgen te ayuden a reconocer y ser fiel a tu vocación.

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¿Listo para responderle? Escanea el código QR y llena tus datos. Nos pondremos en contacto



Please take note of the insert listed with a few Advent/Christmas happenings.

Por favor, tome nota del inserto que aparece con algunos acontecimientos de Adviento/Navidad.



“In holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the Lord”

Do you feel a desire to follow Christ ever more closely as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life?

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“Con santidad y entrega deben vivir, esperando el advenimiento del Señor”

¿Acaso sientes el deseo de seguir a Cristo más de cerca como sacerdote o consagrado?

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Happy Birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños!

Denise Barrett 12/11

Jimmy Hayden 12/15

Anne Calvet 12/16

Jen Hartman 12/16

Haleigh Buda 12/17

Cynthia Gray 12/19

Baby Jesus December 25th

Consider offering or attending Mass, or visiting a church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for yourself or a loved one’s birthday, thanking God *for the gift of family and life*. If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list please call the parish office.

Prayer for the sick and those in need:

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Our Ill Priests/Nuestros Sacerdotes Enfermos		
Fr. John Hourican	Fr. Bryan Timby	Fr. Burke
Fr. Jolly Sebastian	Fr. Robert Ponticello	



**Pray for all of
our loved ones
and for those
who are ill**



Our Parishioners/Nuestros Feligreses	
Leonard Bergen	Jerry & Rose Mills
Jerry Bryant	Michael & Margaret Nailor
Peter & Sandy Burkhardt	Doloris Pfountz
Tammy Clowes	Elaina & John Prizina
Kay & Gene Cross	Lynda Rogers
Ellen Daily	Holly Schaefer
Derek Durham	Joan Smith
George Hallock	Cyburn Sullivan
Evan & Jen Greuling	Elizabeth Sullivan
Jim & Lois Hayden	Annette Tustin
Pat Haynes	Dottie Wellbrock
Billie Hutchins	Patton Williams
Beverly Jiminez	Irma Wilson de Roze
Josephine King	Kathy Laxton
Maria & David McConnell	Maryana Leon
Rebecca Medford	Maria Vasquez

Our Loved Ones/Nuestras Seres Queridos	
Shirley Arnold	Christie Johnson
James & Robin Barnett	Ester Jones
Tim Baltz	Anna & Jerry Kay
William Barrett	Cynthia/Ed Kilpatrick
Joe Bergen	Phillis King
Jane Bringle	Judy Kovach
Darlene Brooks	Janice Kuyoth
Dan Browers	Cindy Lavelli
Randy Eastwood	Sondra Lewis
Joe Bynum	Dietmar Linden
Christina Cahaly	Louanne Little
Angela Canady	Kelly Mayfield
Alissa Chandler	Nancy McClanahan
Patrick Christy	Linda Medford
Bella Crosby	Alex Medford
Liz Crosslin	Danny Miller
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Ronnie Nipp
Dell Daves	Sally Paulus
Danny Duff	Tom Pavletic
Peter DuFau	Sandra Pellegren
Dixie Duncan	William Perry
Michael Ellis	Beverly Pratt
Rob Engel	Joan Robertson
Willie Ferrell	Diane Robinson
Karri Flannigan	Russom Family
Holliabeth Flowers	Mike Sadler
Tammy Freeman	Mary Schaefer
Luke Garza	Harriet Shelby
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Andrea Stafford
Elizabeth Guntert	Sam Stitt
Pam Grimsley	Jay St. John
Guy & Julie Hassan	Toni Swindell
Shannon Heindel	Jennifer Tidwell
Kay Hernandez	Peter Vanderven
Gunther Hitchcock & family	Mr. & Mrs. J. Watkins
Lisa Hogan	Donna Williams
Betty Hopper	Steve Williams

December-The Pope's Prayer Intention: For persons with disabilities...We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Diciembre-La intención de oración del Papa: Por las personas con discapacidad... Oramos para que las personas que viven con discapacidades sean el centro de atención de la sociedad y que las instituciones ofrezcan programas inclusivos que valoren su participación activa.

SACRAMENT REQUIREMENTS/ REQUISITOS PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS

BAPTISM

Registered 3 months with Parish
Parents/Godparents attend 1 hour class within the past 2 years;
Letter or document for attending a class is required from the parish
Two godparents & One godparent (preferably both) must be Catholic in "good standing"



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

BAUTISMO

Registrado 3 meses con Parroquia
Los padres / padrinos asisten a clase de 1 hora en los últimos 2 años;
Se requiere una carta o documento para asistir a una clase de la parroquia
Dos padrinos y un padrino (preferiblemente ambos) deben ser católicos de "buena reputación"

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Registered with the Parish
Letter or document of baptism
Attend 2 year PRE class
Attend 1 day Retreat/Reconciliation



PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Registrado en la Parroquia
Carta o documento de bautismo
Asistir a la clase PRE de 2 años
Asistir a 1 día de Retiro/Reconciliación

CONFIRMATION

Registered with the Parish
Letter or document of baptism
Letter or document of 1st Holy Communion
Attend 2 year PRE class
Attend Confirmation Retreat
Participate in Community Service
Sponsor(s) must be a Catholic in "good standing"
Sponsor must provide a letter from their home parish



CONFIRMACIÓN

Registrado en la Parroquia
Carta o documento de bautismo
Carta o documento de la 1ª Comunión
Asistir a la clase PRE de 2 años
Asistir al retiro de confirmación
Participar en el servicio comunitario
Los patrocinadores deben ser católicos de "buena reputación"
El patrocinador debe proporcionar una carta de su parroquia de origen

MATRIMONY

Registered with the Parish and a Catholic "in good standing"
Letter or document of baptism, first communion and confirmation
Six months marriage prep classes
Diocesan marriage prep activities
Witness(es) must be Catholic in "good standing"



MATRIMONIO

Registrado en la parroquia y católico "en buen estado"
Carta o documento de bautismo, primera comunión y confirmación
Seis meses de clases de preparación para el matrimonio
Actividades diocesanas de preparación matrimonial
Los testigos deben ser católicos en "buena reputación"

Schedule for the Week/Horario de la Semana December 11th

**Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection:
Retired Religious Fund**

Fondo Religioso Jubilado

**Dec 17th 2nd Collection:
Capital**



This Week/Esta Semana!

Monday Dec 11
6:00 pm Advent Reflections
Tuesday, Dec 12
9:00 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry
1:00 pm Tiny Blessings Ministry
5:00 pm Penance & Adoration
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
6:15 pm and Reception
Wednes, Dec 13
10:15 am Legion of Mary
Thursday Dec 14
4:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday, Dec 15
8:30 am Daily Mass
Christmas Decorations from
9:15 am the Rectory-Help is Needed

Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos



Readings for Dec 11– Dec 17

Monday– St. Damasus I, Pope
Is 40:1-11 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday–Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18-19 Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday–St. Lucy, Virgin Martyr
Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-10 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday–St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church
Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1-13 Mt 11:11-15

Friday
Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-6 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday
Sir 48:1-11 Ps 80:2-19 Mt 17:9-13

Sunday–Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-54 1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-28

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
Dec 09	S. Stegall	K. Sass	M. Griffis	D. Hessling
4:30		J. Watkins		
		E. Greeson		
Dec 10	N. Gogel	C. Gogel	R. Wheeler	D. Hessling
10:30	H. Buda	Jo. Jasper		J. Tankersley
		Ja. Jasper		J. Wheeler
Dec 10	R. Esquivel	G. Montoya	R/N Ortiz	R. Ortiz
12:15	C. Moreno	E. Moreno		N. Ortiz
		D. Gobellan		
		C. Ponce		
Dec 16	A. Calvet	K. Sass	A. Calvet	B. Wellbrock
4:30		J. Watkins		
		J. Schaefer		
Dec 17	J. Terry	M. Buda	J. Buda	J. Tankersley
10:30	C. Jones	A. Gogel		R. Tankersley
		C. Gogel		G. Buda
Dec 17	C. Moreno	E. Montoya	R. Ortiz	R. Ortiz
12:15	L. DeLaO	A. Ruiz		
		B. Miranda		

Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Dec 16	Tankersley	Hessling	J. Buda
Dec 23	Calvet	Teer	J. Buda

Second Week of Advent

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen



Segundo Semana de Adviento

Dios de poder y misericordia, abre nuestros corazones en la bienvenida. Quita las cosas que nos impiden recibir a Cristo con gozo para que podamos compartir su sabiduría y llegar a ser uno con él cuando venga en gloria, porque él vive y reina contigo y con el Espíritu Santo, Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas				
Saturday	12/9	4:30 pm	For the Souls in Purgatory	
Sunday	12/10	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria	
Sunday	12/10	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus	
Domingo	12/10	12:15 pm	Para una intención especial	
Monday	12/11	12:00 pm	+Carol Yarbrough by Juanita & Gary Buda	
Tuesday	12/12	12:00 pm	+Walter Harold Wheatley by Deanna & Jon Pavletic	
Tuesday	12/12	6:15 pm	For the people of Mexico	
Wednesday	12/06	12:00 pm	+Mike Sedinger by Andrea & Dave Hessling	
Friday	12/08	8:30 am	+Rev Msgr John Welsh & Rev Angelo Nobile	
Saturday	12/09	8:30 am	+Rev Dominic Kim by Angela & BJ Price	



Attendance/Público				
Dec 02/03	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
4:30 pm	28	2		
8:30 Mass			21	0
10:30 Mass	57	21		
12:15 Mass	37	33		

Dec 02/03	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2022	Ave Maria 2022
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,051.00	\$ 613.00	\$ 2,615.00	\$ 581.00
Weekly Regular	\$ 3,106.00	\$ 1,018.00	\$ 2,835.00	\$1,027.00
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Dec) 23 wk.	\$ 592.00	\$ 2,238.00	\$ 2,793.00	\$ 598.00
Friends of the Poor	\$ 540.00			
Food Pantry	\$ 625.00		\$ 150.00	
Tiny Blessing	\$ 25.00			
Helping Hands		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00

UPCOMING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

Friday December 8th- Feast of the Immaculate Conception

NO DAILY Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Noon Mass- Ave Maria Catholic Church, Ripley, Tn

7 p.m. Mass- St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Covington, Tn

Friday December 8th- Choir Practice and Practice at 4 p.m.

Monday December 11th- Northern Deanery Penance Service

6 p.m. at St. Jude Martin, TN

Advent Penance & Adoration

Tuesdays of Advent- Dec 5th, Dec 12th and Dec 19th from 5 to 6 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Tuesday Dec 12th at 6:15 p.m.

Due to Advent Penance & Adoration please be quiet as you enter the church

Christmas Church Decorating

Friday December 15th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass assistance will be needed to get the Decorations from Rectory Attic. Please let Anne Calvet know if you are available to help. One truck is needed and several people.

Saturday December 23rd at 8:00 a.m. Church Christmas decorating will start at St. Alphonsus. Please let Anne Calvet know if you are available to help. About 7 -10 people are needed.

Saturday December 23rd at 8:00 a.m. Parish Hall Christmas decorating and baking cookies to share with all. Please let Beth Teer know if you and/or your youth want to help.

PRÓXIMOS ACONTECIMIENTOS DE ADVIENTO Y NAVIDAD

Viernes 8 de diciembre- Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción

NO Misa diaria a las 8:30 a.m.

Misa del mediodía- Iglesia Católica Ave María, Ripley, Tn

Misa a las 7 p.m. - Iglesia Católica de San Alfonso, Covington, TN

Viernes 8 de diciembre- Práctica del coro y práctica a las 4 p.m.

Lunes 11 de diciembre- Servicio de Penitencia del Decanato Norte

6 p.m. en St. Jude Martin, TN

Penitencia de Adviento y Adoración

Martes de Adviento: 5 de diciembre, 12 de diciembre y 19 de diciembre de 5 a 6 p.m.

Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Martes 12 de diciembre a las 6:15 p.m.

Debido a la Penitencia y Adoración de Adviento, por favor permanezca en silencio al entrar a la iglesia

Decoración de la iglesia de Navidad

Viernes 15 de diciembre después de las 8:30 a.m. Se necesitará asistencia masiva para obtener las decoraciones del ático de la rectoría. Por favor, hágale saber a Anne Calvet si está disponible para ayudar. Se necesita un camión y varias personas.

El sábado 23 de diciembre a las 8:00 a.m. comenzará la decoración navideña de la iglesia en San Alfonso. Por favor, hágale saber a Anne Calvet si está disponible para ayudar. Se necesitan entre 7 y 10 personas.

Sábado 23 de diciembre a las 8:00 a.m. Salón Parroquial decoración navideña y horneado de galletas para compartir con todos. Por favor, hágale saber a Beth Teer si usted y/o su joven quieren ayudar.



HELPING HANDS CLOTHES CLOSET

Christmas is right around the corner and
Your closet may need space for those new clothes!



PLEASE DONATE

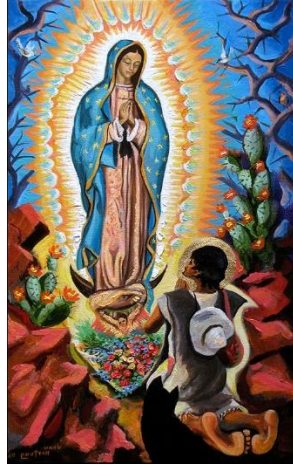
your gently used clothes to our Clothes Closet

We need Men's & Toddler Clothes

We take Men's, Women's, Junior, Children & Baby
Clothes, coats, shoes, socks and new underwear

You may drop off clothes at
St Alphonsus and Ave Maria





Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Iglesia Católica de San Alfonso

Todos son bienvenidos a venir

Para la misa y la cena compartida

El martes 12 de diciembre de 2023

6:15 p.m. Misa

7:15 p.m. Cena compartida



Ven y trae tu plato favorito

El punto de contacto es: Río Esquivel 806-570-5326



*Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
All are welcome to come
For Mass and Potluck Dinner
On Tuesday December 12, 2023*

6:15 p.m. Mass

7:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner



Come and bring your favorite dish

Point of Contact is: Rio Esquivel 806-570-5326