



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA MISSION CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Carlos Donato da Silva, JCL, Pastor

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January 5th, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord/La Epifanía del Señor

White

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

St. John's

Sunday/Domingo	8:30am
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Bi-lingual Mass

Ave Maria

Sunday	5:00 pm
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ST. ALPHONSUS, ST. JOHN'S & AVE MARIA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Alphonsus, St. John's & 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, Haywood & 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 Saturday of each month following 8:30 am Mass
Primero 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

Sunday morning/Domingo por la mañana 11:45 am

ST ALPHONNSUS Daily/Diario

Monday/Lunes	8:00 am
Tuesday/Martes	8:00 am
Wednesday/ Miercoles	8:00 am
Thursday/Jueves	8:00 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 3:30-4:15 pm
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 38019

AVE MARIA

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Ripley, Tennessee 38063

SAINT JOHN'S

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A Letter from Fr. Donato to our Parish

Covington, TN, December 31, 2024

My Dear parishioners,

May the grace of Our Lord guide you in this new year of 2025 what is about to start. This year is a special one as it is the Holy Year of Hope convoked by The Holy Father Pope Francis. It is an ordinary Jubilee for the whole Church to rejoice in God's mercy and to live our lives with faith and consequently not to take away our attention from the main focus who is God and his mysteries of grace and love for us.

This is the first time that I write to you as your pastor. The divine providence brought me here to Saint Alphonsus Parish in September of 2024 to be your shepherd and to guide you on your way to heaven. The heavenly Jerusalem is our final destination and living as true Christians, as good Catholics, will bring us all there. Since the day that I was appointed by our bishop, The Most Reverend David Talley, MSW, JCD, as your shepherd I have asked for your prayers and support. I am sure that I have it. Please know that you are also present in my daily prayers.

Despite the difficulties that life has brought to our parish family, you keep your faith strong and hold to God and He has not left you alone at any moment. You give a such testimony that the church is built above the rock who is Christ and as Saint Augustine says: "it will never shake". I am looking forward to the goodness that this new Holy Year will bring to us. Together let us dream of the dream that God has for us for this year of hope and grace.

From now, I already entrust this year and all of you to the care and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother of Hope and Saint Alphonsus our celestial intercessor before God's throne.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Carlos Donato, JCL, MCL

My dear Parishioners, may the coming of Christ our Lord be a fount of peace and grace to all of you.

At this time I come to you to ask your prayers for the GREULING family whose son Evan is in ICU and in need of our spiritual help. May God listen to our parish family's supplications and may His will be done for Evan and his family. May Our Lady of Sorrows and Saint Alphonsus come to comfort the GREULING family and intercede for Evan and for his health.

In Christ
Fr. Carlos Donato, JCL

Prayers for Evan Greuling & Family
Oraciones por Evan Greuling y su familia



Mis queridos feligreses, que la venida de Cristo nuestro Señor sea una fuente de paz y gracia para todos ustedes.

En este momento me dirijo a ustedes para pedirles sus oraciones por la familia GREULING, cuyo hijo Evan está en la UCI y necesita nuestra ayuda espiritual. Que Dios escuche las súplicas de nuestra familia parroquial y que se haga su voluntad para Evan y su familia. Que Nuestra Señora de los Dolores y San Alfonso vengán a consolar a la familia GREULING e intercedan por Evan y por su salud.

En Cristo
P. Carlos Donato, JCL

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. Jolly Sebastian	Fr. Burke



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



Our Loved Ones/Nuestras Seres Queridos

Shirley Arnold	Larry & Jane Isome
James & Robin Barnett	Terry Jergens
William Barrett	Christie Johnson
Joe Bergen	Ester Jones
Patti Blume	Anna Kay
Jane Bringle	Cynthia/Ed Kilpatrick
Darlene Brooks	Phillis King
Dan Browsers	Judy Kovach
Randy Eastwood	Cindy Lavelli
Joe Bynum	Sondra Lewis
Christina Cahaly	Dietmar Linden
Angela Canady	Louanne Little
Alissa Chandler	Nancy McClanahan
Patrick Christy	The McCully Family
Douglas Clements	Linda Medford
Bella Crosby	Alex Medford
Liz Crosslin	Danny Miller
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Tracy by Nickie
Enrique Davis	Dr. Mark Olson
Gina Sedinger	Sally Paulus
Danny Duff	Tom Pavletic
Peter DuFau	Sandra Pellegren
Michael Ellis	William Perry
Rob Engel	Beverly Pratt
Willie Ferrell	Joan Robertson
Karri Flannigan	Diane Robinson
Tammy Freeman	Russom Family
Luke Garza	Mike Sadler
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Andrea Stafford
Elizabeth Guntert	Jay St. John
Pam Grimsley	Toni Swindell
Guy & Julie Hassan	Jennifer Tidwell
Shannon Heindel	Peter Vanderven
Kay Hernandez	Bobby Ray Vaught
Diane Hessling	Donna Williams
Gunther Hitchcock & family	Steve Williams
Lisa Hogan	Lee Ward
Betty Hopper	Virginia/Richard Whitehorn
	Sally Greuling

Our Parishioners/Nuestros Feligreses

Jerry Bryant	Maria Ines Lugo
Peter & Sandy Burkhardt	Marie Norris
Kathryn Barnoud	Elaina Prizina
Gene Cross	Lynda Rogers
Ellen Daily	Holly Schaefer
Dixie Duncan	Joan Smith
Derek Durham	Cyburn Sullivan
Donna Ewer	Annette Tustin
Evan & Jen Greuling & Family	Dottie Wellbrock
Jim & Lois Hayden	Patton Williams
Pat Haynes	Irma Wilson de Roze
Billie Hutchins	Kathy Laxton
Beverly Jiminez	Maryana Leon
Maria & David McConnell	Maria Vasquez
Rebecca Medford	Robert Sorrentino
Jerry & Rose Mills	Charlie Smith
Jackie Hubbard	

Enero- La intención del Papa es: Por el derecho a la educación: Recemos por los inmigrantes, los refugiados y los afectados por la guerra, para que su derecho a la educación, necesaria para construir un mundo mejor, sea siempre respetado. Amen

January- The Pope's Intention is: For the right to an education: Let us pray for immigrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. Amen.

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"



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"

For Our Little Saints

Epiphany

This Holy Day marks the arrival of the Magi or the Three Wise Men to worship the baby Jesus. Their names were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. We celebrate the moment that Christ was made known to the Three Wise Men and to the world. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

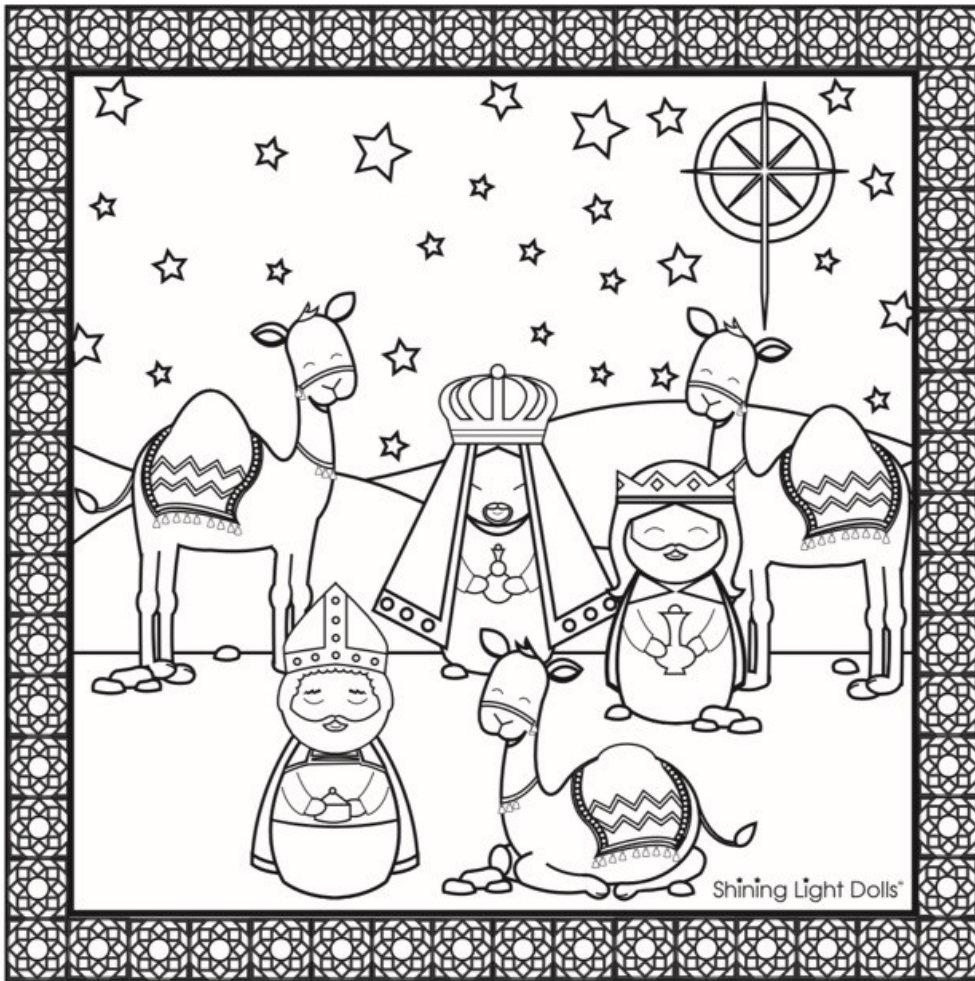
January 5, 2025

Prayer

Compassionate God, you blessed St. Walburga with patience, humility, and love. Fill us with greater faith, greater hope, and greater love. Amen



Saint Walburga was born to aristocrat parents in the year 710. She has two brothers remembered as Saints Willibald and Winebald. She joined a monastery and lived there for 26 years before she eventually moved to Germany to help her uncle who became known as Saint Boniface teach others about their faith. She is known as the first female author in both England and Germany. On her journey from England a storm came over the sea, the ship had a difficulty maintain it's course. The sailors panicked and threw their oars overboard. Saint Walburga knelt on the deck of the ship and asked God to help guide the ship. The clouds disappeared and the ship steered itself to the port.



The Three Wise Men saw the sudden appearance of a new and bright star, known as the Star of Bethlehem. The bright star told them that there was a birth of an important person, a king!

The Three Wise Men brought gifts of gold, which represents Christ's kingship. They also brought frankincense, which symbolizes his divinity. The third gift was myrrh which foretells his future sacrifice and death on the cross.

In the United States, families may celebrate with an Epiphany chalk blessings, marking their homes with a special blessing.

Other countries may celebrate with parades and gifts for the children.

Leader

Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here.

All

And may all who enter experience Christ's blessing.

Leader

Let us pray

O Lord, grant that your blessing may rest on this home and all who dwell within it. May Christ who was made manifest to the nations through the star of Bethlehem dwell with us always. Bless this chalk that it may be used as a sign of your protection. May this home be filled with the light of Christ, and may our comings and goings be guided by his love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The leader then writes the Epiphany inscription over the main door using the blessed chalk:
20 + C + M + B + 25 (INSERT THE CURRENT YEAR)

Inscription Meaning

The numbers represent the year, and the letters stand for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" ("May Christ bless this house"), as well as the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar).

Leader

May Christ bless this house and remain with us throughout the new year.

All

Amen.

Another Epiphany tradition includes "King Cake". A cake is made and as the cake is cooling a small plastic baby is inserted in the cake. It is covered with icing so that no one knows where the baby is hidden. The cake is cut and one lucky person find the baby in their slice of cake. The baby of course represents the baby Jesus!

Schedule for the Week/Horario de la Semana January 6th

Prayer for Epiphany: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. ... Father, You revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith". Amen.

Oración para Epifanía: "En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo, Amén. ... Padre, Tú revelaste a tu Hijo a las naciones por la guía de una estrella. Condúcenos a tu gloria en el cielo a la luz de la fe". Amén.

Sunday/Domingo Jan/Enero 5th Collection
Maintenance/Mantenimiento

Sunday/Domingo Jan 12th
Diaconate Formation/Formación del diaconado



This Week/Esta Semana

Monday Jan 06	NO DAILY MASS
	6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study
Tuesday, Jan 07	
	9:30am FOTP/Food Pantry
	1:00 pm Tiny Blessings
	6:00 pm RCIA/OCIA
Wednes, Jan 08	
	9:15 am Legion of Mary
Thursday, Jan 09	
	3:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday, Jan 10	
Saturday Jan 11	



Readings for Jan 06–Jan 12

Monday-St. Andre Bessette, Religious
1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-12 Mt 4:12-25

Tuesday-St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-8 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday
1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-13 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday
1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-17 Lk 4:14-22

Friday
1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-20 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday
1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-99 Jn 3:22-30

Sunday-The Baptism of the Lord
Is 40:1-11 Ps 104:1-30 Ti 2:11-14;
3:4-73:2-6 Mt 2:1-12

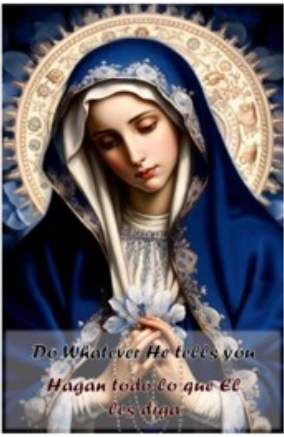
Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
Jan 04	S. Stegall	D. Hessling	M. Griffis	D. Hessling
4:30		J. Schaefer		
		J. Watkins		
Jan 05	J. Wheeler	D. Hessling	R. Wheeler	D. Hessling
10:30	J. Terry	N. Gogel		
		M. Buda		
		C. Buda		
Jan 05	R. Esquivel	J. Gobellan	N/R Ortiz	
12:15	C. Moreno	A. Ruiz		
		E. Montoya		
Jan 11	K. Brumley	D. Hessling	E. Teer	D. Hessling
4:30		J. Schaefer		
		J. Watkins		
		E. Greeson		
Jan 12	H. Buda	D. Hessling	J. Buda	D. Hessling
10:30	C. Buda	C. Gogel		
		A. Gogel		
		E. Gogel		
Jan 12	C. Moreno	A. Montoya	N/R Ortiz	
12:15	E. Moreno	A. Ruiz		
		E. Montoya		



Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Jan 11	Cordingly	Matthews	J. Buda
Jan 18	Brumley	Pesnell	J. Buda



CALLED BY NAME LLAMADO POR SU NOMBRE

The Priesthood The Diaconate Religious Life

Noah Gogel Abel Gogel Hannah Buda

Estrella Moreno Emanuel Montoya

Aron Ruiz Juan Diego Gobellan

Katherine Brumley Rafael Ortiz

Robbie Greuling Dave Hessling

El sacerdocio El Diaconado Vida Religiosa



Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas			
Saturday	01/04	4:30 pm	+Rev Joseph W Umphries, Jr
Sunday	01/05	8:30 am	+For All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	01/05	10:30 am	Evan Greuling by Greuling Family
Domingo	01/05	12:15 pm	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, St. John's and Ave Maria
Monday	01/06	8:00 am	There will be NO DAILY MASS during 1/2/2025- 1/21/2025
Tuesday	01/07	8:00 am	There will be Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Holy Communion
Wednesday	01/08	8:00 am	There will be NO DAILY MASS during 1/2/2025- 1/21/2025
Thursday	01/09	8:00 am	There will be Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Holy Communion
Saturday	01/11	8:30 am	There will be NO DAILY MASS during 1/2/2025- 1/21/2025

Dec 28/29	St Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2023	Ave Maria 2023
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,047.00	\$ 547.00	\$ 3,051.00	\$ 613.00
Weekly Regular	\$ 4,209.00	\$ 945.00	\$ 2,581.00	\$ 350.00
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Dec) wk 26	(\$4,641.00)	(\$1,992.00)	\$ 1,812.00	(\$3,118.00)
Friends of the Poor	\$ 100.00		\$ 0.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 0.00		\$ 150.00	
Tiny Blessing	\$ 100.00		\$ 0.00	
Helping Hands		\$ 0.0		\$ 0.00

Attendance/Público				
Dec 28/29	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
4:30 pm	42	6		
10:30 Mass	59	20		
12:15 Mass	34	25		
5:00 Mass			18	3



St. Alphonsus Special Announcements/ Anuncios especiales

January 7th, 2025 at 8:00 am- Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word and distribution of Holy Communion

January 7th, 2025: RCIA/OCIA- Classes will resume on Tuesday January 7th at 6 p.m.

January 9th at 8:00 am-Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word and distribution of Holy Communion

January 12th, 2025: PRE- Classes will resume on Sunday January 12th at 9 a.m. in English and 10:30 a.m. in Spanish

January 12th, 2025: Christmas Decoration Clean-up: will be at about 1:30 p.m. (following the 12:15 Mass. Many hands will be needed as we will be re-aligning the Sanctuary Altar Rug.

January 16th, 2025: Baptismal Class: will be at 6 p.m. in English and Spanish; Please sign up with the Parish Office.

January 19th, 2025: Holy Hour for Our Nation- at 3:00 p.m. there will be readings, prayers and praying the Rosary for our nation and our leaders on the eve of the Presidential Inauguration

7 de enero de 2025 a las 8:00 am- Celebración de la Liturgia de la Palabra y distribución de la Sagrada Comunión

7 de enero de 2025: RICA/OCIA- Las clases se reanudarán el martes 7 de enero a las 6 p.m.

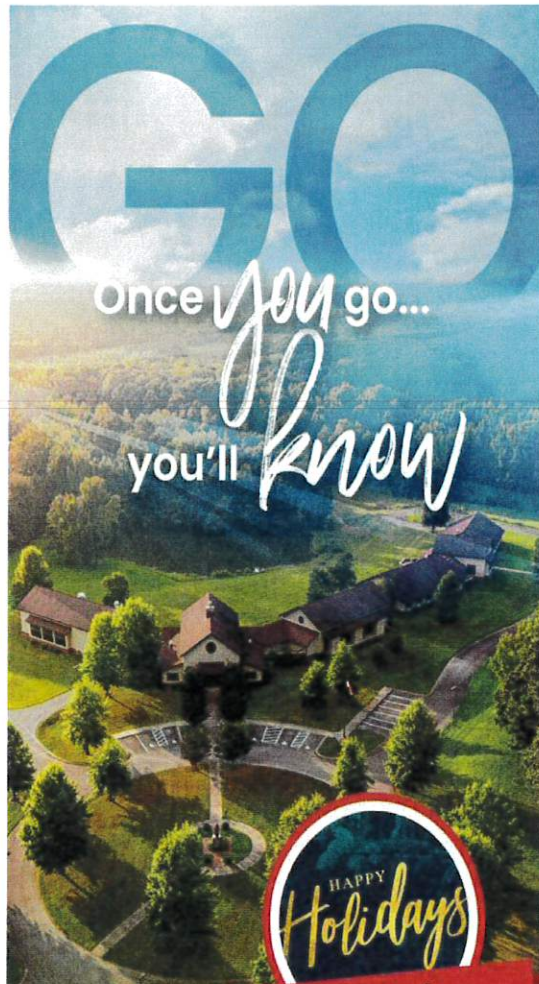
9 de enero a las 8:00 am-Celebración de la Liturgia de la Palabra y distribución de la Sagrada Comunión

12 de enero de 2025: Las clases se reanudarán el domingo 12 de enero a las 9 a.m. en inglés y 10:30 a.m. en español

12 de enero de 2025: Limpieza de la decoración navideña: será alrededor de las 13:30 horas (después de la misa de las 12:15. Se necesitarán muchas manos ya que volveremos a alinear la alfombra del altar del Santuario.

16 de enero de 2025: Clase Bautismal: será a las 6 p.m. en inglés y español; Por favor regístrese en la Oficina Parroquial.

19 de enero de 2025: Hora Santa para Nuestra Nación: a las 3:00 p.m. habrá lecturas, oraciones y rezo del Rosario por nuestra nación y nuestros líderes en la víspera de la Inauguración Presidencial



Holiday Lodging
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Upcoming Events

December 2024



DECEMBER Sat. 7

Getting More Out of the Mass

Get set for a day packed with Mass explanations, celebration actions, prayers, theology talks, and a teaching Mass with Fr. Al Kirk. Plus, lunch is on us!



DECEMBER Fri. 13–Sun. 15
Advent Retreat

One:One SERIES

Come, break away from the holiday rush. Sleep in heavenly peace. Prepare your heart mind, and stomach during Advent and what lies ahead in the weeks before Christmas.

January 2025



JANUARY Fri. 10–Sun. 12

You Go Girl!—Girls Weekend

One:One SERIES

Relax after the holidays and get ready for 2025!

It's a chill weekend for all women. Bring your friends and enjoy good food, downtime, pampering and fun activities. Treat yourself and recharge.



JANUARY Thurs. 23–Thurs. 30

A Week of Silence

Join us for a 3-night retreat starting on Thurs. 23, until midday Sun. 26. You're welcome to extend your stay for 1 to 4 more nights and depart on Thurs. 30. Engage in Spiritual Exercises, attend Mass, Adoration, and enjoy personal meditation time.

February 2025



FEBRUARY Fri. 7–Sun. 9

Marriage Preparation Weekend

Planning to tie the knot? Join us for a weekend of prayer, prep, and peace at the "To Be One in Flesh" Marriage Prep Weekend. 3 days/2 nights of talks, small groups, Mass, Confession, and meals



FEBRUARY Fri. 14–Sun. 16

Retiro de San Valentín en español

SERIE Uno:Uno

¡Disfruten del tiempo juntos durante el fin de semana del Día de San Valentín! Tendremos Misa, tiempo de oración y reflexiones del Padre Gerald Azike. Actividades adicionales y tiempo de inactividad para estar juntos.

C-M-B 2025

Caspar-Melchior-Balthazar



Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love"

A Catholic tradition on Epiphany is to bless the home by writing an inscription above the entrance with chalk. The inscription includes the initials of the three magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, which are also the first letters of the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, meaning "May Christ bless the house". The year is also written in the inscription

Señor, Dios del cielo y de la tierra, revelaste a tu Hijo unigénito a todas las naciones con la guía de una estrella. Bendice esta casa y a todos los que la habitan. Llénalos de la luz de Cristo, para que su preocupación por los demás refleje tu amor"

Una tradición católica en la Epifanía es bendecir el hogar escribiendo una inscripción sobre la entrada con tiza. La inscripción incluye las iniciales de los tres reyes magos, Gaspar, Melchor y Baltasar, que son también las primeras letras de la frase latina *Christus mansionem benedicat*, que significa "Que Cristo bendiga la casa". El año también está escrito en la inscripción.