



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Robert Ballman, Pastor

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December 24th/25th, 2023

4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas

Violet/White

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/ 12:00 pm

Miercoles

Friday/Viernes 8:30 am

Saturday/Sábado 8:30 am

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



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



SAINT ALPHONSUS

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

AVE MARIA

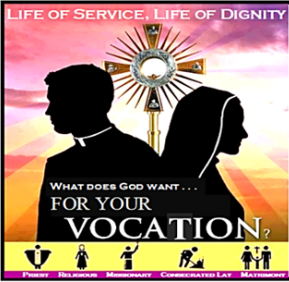
(just South of Highway 19 junction)
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www.stalphonsuscovington.org

Merry Christmas/Feliz Navidad



“Make known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith”

Docile obedience to the Will of God is the fruit of humble prayer. If the Lord is calling you to a deeper consecration as a priest, a deacon, or a religious brother or sister

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



“Para atraer a todas las naciones a la obediencia de la fe”

La obediencia dócil a la Voluntad del Señor es el fruto de la oración humilde. Si Dios te está invitando a una mayor consagración como sacerdote, diácono o religioso/a

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Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.



“Hemos recibido todos la gracia y la verdad por Jesucristo”

Hubo un hombre enviado por Dios para dar testimonio de la luz, y que todos creyeran por medio de él. Si sientes que también a ti te envía a proclamar la buena nueva

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“We have all received grace and truth through Jesus Christ”

A man was sent from God to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him, If God is offering you this grace through a vocation in the Church

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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 Bar-	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 Browsers	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
Holliebeth Flowers	Mike Sadler
Tammy Freeman	Mary Schaefer
Luke Garza	Harriet Shelby
Kathy & Ronda Gen-	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 &	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 25th

Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection:
None/Ninguno

Dec 25th 2nd Collection:
Christmas

Villa Vianney Priests' Retirement Home



This Week/Esta Semana!

Monday Dec 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Tuesday, Dec 26	
9:00 am	Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry
1:00 pm	Tiny Blessings Ministry
Wednes, Dec 27	
10:15 am	Legion of Mary
Thursday Dec 28	
4:00 pm	Choir Practice

Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
Dec 23	S. Stegall	K. Sass	A. Calvet	K. Greeson
4:30		J. Watkins		
		E. Greeson		
Dec 24	G. Buda	M. Buda	J. Buda	J. Terry
10:30	C. Jones	E. Underwood		J. Tankersley
		Ja. Jasper		R. Tankersley
Dec 24	C. Moreno	Ep. Moreno	N. Ortiz	R. Ortiz
12:15	R. Esquivel	E. Moreno		
		M. Ruiz		
		D. Gobellan		
Dec 30	E. Teer	K. Sass	M. Griffis	D. Hessling
4:30		A. Calvet		
Dec 31	R. Wheeler	C. Buda	J. Buda	D. Hessling
10:30	J. Terry	P. Underwood		J. Tankersley
		Ja. Jasper		J. Wheeler
		M. Buda		
Dec 31	C. Moreno	J. Gobellan		
12:15	L. DeLaO	E. Montoya		
		A. Ruiz		



Readings for Dec 25– Dec 31

Monday-The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday-St. Stephen, The 1st Martyr

Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59 Ps 31:3-17 Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday-St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-12 Jn 20:1-8

Thursday-The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-8 Mt:213-18

Friday-5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-6 Lk 2:22-35

Saturday-6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

Sunday-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Ps 105:1-9 Heb 11:8-19
Lk 2:22-40

Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Dec 30	Volunteer	Volunteer	J. Buda
Jan 06	Koleas/Priestly	Teer	J. Buda

Fourth Week of Advent

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. Amen



Cuarto Semana de Adviento

Dios todopoderoso, tu Palabra eterna se hizo carne en nuestra tierra cuando la virgen María puso su vida al servicio de tu plan. Levanta nuestros medios con esperanza vigilante para escuchar la voz que anuncia su gloria y abre nuestras mentes para recibir el Espíritu que nos prepara para su venida. Amén

Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas

Saturday	12/23	4:30 pm	For the Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	12/24	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	12/24	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Domingo	12/24	12:15 pm	Para una intención especial
Sunday-Christmas Vigil	12/24	4:30 pm	For the Souls in Purgatory
Sunday-Christmas Midnight	12/24-25	Mid-	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday-Ave Maria-Christmas Day	12/25	10:00 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Lunes-St. Alphonsus- Misa en español-Día de Navidad	12/25	11:30 am	Para una intención especial
Tuesday-Thursday	12/26-12/28	12:00 pm	NO DAILY MASS
Friday	12/29	8:30 am	+Dr. Joe Pavletic by Linda & George Hallock
Saturday	12/30	8:30 am	+Carol Yarbrough by Andrea & Dave Hessling



Attendance/Público

Dec 17/18	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
4:30 pm	34	2		
8:30 Mass			22	2
10:30 Mass	63	19		
12:15 Mass	20	17		

Dec 17/18	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2022	Ave Maria 2022
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,051.00	\$ 613.00	\$ 2,615.00	\$ 581.00
Weekly Regular	\$ 2,921.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 315.00
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Dec) 25 wk.	\$ 1,705.00	\$ 2,653.00	\$ 5,257.00	\$ 227.00
Friends of the Poor	\$ 0.0			
Food Pantry	\$ 0.0			
Tiny Blessing	\$ 0.0		\$ 0.00	
Helping Hands		\$ 0.0		\$ 0.00

2023 Christmas Mass Schedule

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23 rd	Vigil Mass	4:30 pm
Sunday, December 24 th	Ave Maria	8:30 am
Sunday, December 24 th	St Alphonsus	10:30 am
Sunday, December 24 th	Misa en Español	12:15 pm

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Sunday, December 24 th	Vigil Mass-St Alphonsus	4:30 pm
	<i>Christmas Music 30 minutes before Mass</i>	
Monday, December 25 th	Midnight Mass-St Alphonsus	12:00 am
	<i>Christmas Music 30 minutes before Mass</i>	
Monday, December 25 th	Ave Maria	10:00 am
Misa en Español	St Alphonsus	11:30 am

*****Note. There Will be NO confessions before Masses for the Nativity of the Lord***

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, New Year's Day	St Alphonsus	noon
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Liturgical Ministers for Christmas & New Year's Day

Ministros Litúrgicos por Navidad & Día de Año Nuevo

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
Dec 24	S. Stegall	K. Sass	A. Calvet	D. Hessling
4:30 pm	C. Jones	J. Watkins		J. Tankersley
		E. Greeson		R. Tankersley
Dec 24-25	G. Buda	M. Buda	J. Buda	D. Hessling
Midnight	J. Terry	J. Watkins		E. Teer
		A. Calvet		K. Kennedy
Dec 25	C. Moreno	G. Montoya	E. Teer	
11:30 am		E. Montoya		
		B. Miranda		
Jan 1	J. Terry	K. Sass	J. Buda	D. Hessling
12:00 pm	R. Wheeler	J. Watkins		J. Wheeler
		M. Buda		