



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Robert Ballman, Pastor

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July 30, 2023

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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



www.stalphonsuscovington.org

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"



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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"

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

| Our Parishioners/Nuestros Feligreses | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Leonard Bergen | Michael & Margaret |
| Jerry Bryant | Doloris Pfountz |
| Peter & Sandy Burkhardt | Lynda Rogers |
| Florinda Clark/Family | Holly Schaefer |
| Tammy Clowes | Joan Smith |
| Kay & Gene Cross | Cyburn Sullivan |
| Ellen Daily | Elizabeth Sullivan |
| Derek Durham | Annette Tustin |
| Jim & Lois Hayden | Dottie Wellbrock |
| Pat Haynes | Patton Williams |
| Billie Hutchins | Irma Wilson de Roze |
| Beverly Jiminez | Eva Wright |
| Maria & David McConnell | Maryanna Leon |
| Jerry & Rose Mills | Maria Vasquez |

July-Pope's Prayer Intention: For a Eucharistic Life- We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Notices/Avisos

August 15th, Feast of the Assumption Masses:
Ave Maria at Noon & St. Alphonsus at 7 p.m.

15 de agosto, Fiesta de las Misas de la Asunción:
Ave María al mediodía y San Alfonso a las 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY– Sunday December 12

SAVE THE DATE

FIESTA DE NAVIDAD – Domingo 12 de diciembre

GUARDE LA FECHA

Single Seniors (60+ years) Luncheon–
August 10th 12:30pm; Contact Parish Office

Almuerzo para personas mayores solteras (60 +
años) - 10 de agosto 12:30 pm; Póngase en contacto
con la Oficina Parroquial



Happy Birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños!

LeeAnne Pesnell 07/20 Lucero Moreno 07/25

Jim Daily 07/30 Beth Teer 07/31

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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training will be held on Saturday August 19th from 9:15 to 11 am. Training is open for all wishing to be altar servers who have received their First Communion. Current Altar Servers are encouraged to participate in training to refresh their skills and to help new altar servers. Please contact the Parish Office at 901-476-8140 or email at office@stalphonsuscovington.org to register for planning purposes.

ENTRENAMIENTO DE MONAGUILLOS

El Entrenamiento de Monaguillos se llevará a cabo el sábado 19 de agosto de 9:15 a 11 am. La capacitación está abierta para todos los que deseen ser monaguillos que hayan recibido su Primera Comunión. Se anima a los monaguillos actuales a participar en la capacitación para actualizar sus habilidades y ayudar a los nuevos monaguillos. Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 901-476-8140 o envíe un correo electrónico a office@stalphonsuscovington.org para registrarse con fines de planificación.

Parish Religious Education (PRE) will begin on Sunday August 20th at 8:45 am. Registration will begin on Sunday July 16th. Classes are for ALL youth from 3 years of age thru high school. Teachers and assistants are still need to help make this a successful program! Point of contact is Beth Teer at 901-605-7337 or the parish office at 901-476-8140

La Educación Religiosa Parroquial (PRE) comenzará el domingo 20 de agosto a las 8:45 am. Las inscripciones comenzarán el domingo 16 de julio. Las clases son para TODOS los jóvenes desde los 3 años de edad hasta la escuela secundaria. ¡Los maestros y asistentes todavía necesitan ayudar a que este sea un programa exitoso! El punto de contacto es Beth Teer al 901-605-7337 o la oficina

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin on Tuesday August 22nd at 6 pm. All who are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith are welcome to attend. Please contact Beth Teer at 901-605-7337 or the parish office at 901-476-8140 for more information.

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA) comenzará el martes 22 de agosto a las 6 pm. Todos los que estén interesados en aprender sobre la fe católica son bienvenidos a asistir. Comuníquese con Beth Teer al 901-605-7337 o con la oficina parroquial al 901-476-8140 para obtener más información.

Schedule for the Week/Horario de la Semana July 31st

**Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection:
None/Ninguno**

Aug 6th 2nd Collection:

Maintenance/Mantenimiento



This Week/Esta Semana!

Tuesday, Aug 01

9:00 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry

10:15 am Legion of Mary

1:00 pm Tiny Blessings Ministry

1:00 pm St. Alphonsus Potluck Luncheon

Wednes, Aug 02

10:15 am Legion of Mary

Thursday, Aug 03

4:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, Aug 04 First Friday

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

10:15 am St. Parasceva Crocheting

Liturgical Ministers Ministros Litúrgicos

| | Lectors | Servers | Sacristans | EMHC |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Jul 29 | D. Hessling | K. Sass | A. Calvet | A. Calvet |
| 4:30 | | J. Schaefer | | |
| | | J. Watkins | | |
| Jul 30 | J. Terry | C. Buda | J. Buda | G. Buda |
| 10:30 | J. King | J. Jasper | | J. Wheeler |
| | | C. Gogel | | R. Tankersley |
| Jul 30 | L. De La O | J. Gobellan | R/N. Ortiz | N. Ortiz |
| 12:15 | C. Moreno | E. Moreno | | |
| | | D. Moreno | | |
| Aug 05 | S. Stegall | K. Sass | A. Calvet | E. Teer |
| 4:30 | | J. Schaefer | | |
| | | J. Watkins | | |
| Aug 06 | C. Jones | M. Buda | J. Buda | J. Terry |
| 10:30 | R. Wheeler | J. Jasper | | J. Tankersley |
| | | N. Gogel | | R. Tankersley |
| Aug 06 | R. Esquivel | R. Ortiz jr | R/N. Ortiz | N. Ortiz |
| 12:15 | C. Moreno | Ep. Moreno | | |
| | | J. Gobellan | | |



Readings for Jul 31– Aug 05

Monday– St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 32:15-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday–St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Ex 33:7-1 34:5-28 Ps 103:6-13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday–St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-9 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Ex 40:16-38 Ps 84:3-11 Mt 13:47-53

Friday–St. John Vianney, Priest

Lv 23:1-37 Ps 81:3-11 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday–The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Lv 25:1-17 Ps 67:2-8 Mt 14:1-12

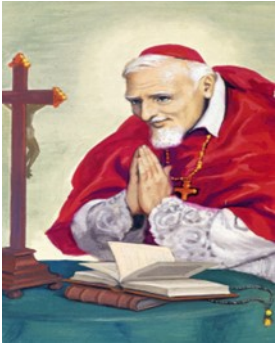
Sunday–The 18th Sunday in OT

Dn 7:9-14 Ps 97:1-9 2Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:109

Volunteers/Voluntarios

| | Church | Parish Hall | Altar Linens | Lawn |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|------|
| Aug 5 | Koleas/Priestly/ | Teer | J. Buda | |
| Aug 12 | Sass | Calvet | J. Buda | |



My LORD Jesus Christ, Who because of Your love for men remain night and day in the Blessed Sacrament, full of pity and of love, awaiting, calling and welcoming all who come to visit You, I believe that You are present here on the altar. I adore You, and I thank You for all the graces You have bestowed on me, especially for having given me Yourself in this Sacrament, for having given me Your most holy Mother Mary to plead for me, and for having called me to visit You in this church. Amen



Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas

| | | | |
|-----------|-------|----------|---|
| Saturday | 07/29 | 4:30 pm | For the Souls in Purgatory |
| Sunday | 07/30 | 8:30 am | For the Parishioners of Ave Maria |
| Sunday | 07/30 | 10:30 am | For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus |
| Domingo | 07/30 | 12:15 pm | Para una intención especial |
| Monday | 07/31 | 12:00 pm | +Lenny Lind by Andrea & Dave Hessling |
| Tuesday | 08/01 | 12:00 pm | +Susanna Linden by Beth & Steve Teer |
| Wednesday | 08/02 | 12:00 pm | +Sir Knight Lenny Lind by Knights of Columbus |
| Friday | 08/04 | 8:30 am | +Emily Maglio by Linda Maglio |
| Saturday | 08/05 | 8:30 am | +Mike Yarbrough by Andrea & Dave Hessling |



| Attendance/Público | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Ju1 22/23 | St. Alphonsus | | Ave Maria | |
| | Adult | Youth | Adult | Youth |
| 4:30 pm | 38 | 1 | | |
| 8:30 Mass | | | 22 | 0 |
| 10:30 Mass | 57 | 23 | | |
| 12:15 Mass | 28 | 27 | | |

| July 22/23, 2023 | Saint Alphonsus | Ave Maria | Saint Alphonsus 2022 | Ave Maria 2022 |
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| Weekly Budget | \$ 3,051.00 | \$ 613.00 | \$ 2,615.00 | \$ 581.00 |
| Weekly Regular | \$ 2,357.00 | \$ 295.00 | \$ 1,855.00 | \$ 336.00 |
| YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Jul) 4 wk. | \$ 728.00 | \$1,112.00 | \$ 375.00 | \$ 170.00 |
| Friends of the Poor | \$ 0.00 | | \$ 200.00 | |
| Food Pantry | \$ 0.00 | | \$ 0.00 | |
| Tiny Blessing | \$ 0.00 | | \$ 0.00 | |
| Helping Hands | | \$ 0.00 | | \$ 0.00 |

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Alphonsus Liguori, CSsR (27 September 1696 – 1 August 1787)



Alphonsus Liguori, CSsR (27 September 1696 – 1 August 1787), sometimes called Alphonsus Maria de Liguori or Saint Alphonsus Liguori, was an Italian Catholic bishop, spiritual writer, composer, musician, artist, poet, lawyer, scholastic philosopher, and theologian. He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists, in November 1732.

In 1762 he was appointed Bishop of Sant'Agata dei Goti. A prolific writer, he published nine editions of his *Moral Theology* in his lifetime, in addition to other devotional and ascetic works and letters. Among his best known works are *The Glories of Mary* and *The Way of the Cross*, the latter still used in parishes during Lenten devotions.

He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1871. One of the most widely read Catholic authors, he is the patron saint of confessors.^{[2][3]}

He was born in Marianella, near Naples, then part of the Kingdom of Naples, on 27 September 1696. He was taught by tutors before entering the University of Naples, where he graduated with doctorates in civil and canon law at 16.^[5]

When he was 18, like many other nobles, he joined the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy, with whom he assisted in the care of the sick at the hospital for "incurables". He became a successful lawyer. At 27, after having lost an important case, the first he had lost in eight years of practising law, he made a firm resolution to leave the profession of law.^[2] Moreover, he heard an interior voice saying: "Leave the world, and give yourself to me.

In 1723, he decided to offer himself as a novice to the Oratory of St. Philip Neri with the intention of becoming a priest. He was ordained on 21 December 1726, at the age of 30. He lived his first years as a priest with the homeless and the marginalized youth of Naples. He became very popular because of his plain and simple preaching. He said: "I have never preached a sermon which the poorest old woman in the congregation could not understand".^[5] He founded the *Evening Chapels*, which were managed by the young people themselves. The chapels were centres of prayer and piety, preaching, community, social activities, and education. At the

time of his death, there were 72, with over 10,000 active participants. His sermons were very effective at converting those who had been alienated from their faith. By May 1775, Alphonus was "deaf, blind, and laden with so many infirmities, that he has no longer even the appearance of a man", and his resignation was accepted by the recently crowned Pope Pius VI. He continued to live with the Redemptorist community in Pagani, Italy, where he died on 1 August 1787.^[7]

Liguori was a prolific and popular author. He was proficient in the arts, his parents having had him trained by various masters, and he was a musician, painter, poet and author at the same time. Liguori wrote 111 works on spirituality and theology. The 21,500 editions and the translations into 72 languages that his works have undergone attest to the fact that he is one of the most widely read Catholic authors.

His best-known musical work is his Christmas hymn *Quanno Nascetti Ninno*, later translated into Italian by Pope Pius IX as *Tu scendi dalle stelle* ("From Starry Skies Thou Comest").

A strong defender of the **Catholic Church**, Liguori said:

To reject the divine teaching of the Catholic Church is to reject the very basis of reason and revelation, for neither the principles of the one nor those of the other have any longer any solid support to rest on; they can then be interpreted by every one as he pleases; every one can deny all truths whatsoever he chooses to deny. I therefore repeat: If the divine teaching authority of the Church, and the obedience to it, are rejected, every error will be endorsed and must be tolerated.

Petition To St Alphonsus



Glorious St Alphonsus,
loving Father of the poor and sick, all your life you devoted yourself,
with a heroic charity, to lighten their spiritual and bodily miseries.
Full of confidence in your tender pity for the sick,
since you yourself patiently borne the cross of illness,
I come to you for help in my present need...

(Share your request...)

Loving father of the suffering, St Alphonsus,
look with compassion upon me in my suffering.

Ask God to give me good health.

If it is not God's will, then give me the strength to bear my cross patiently
and to offer my sufferings with my crucified Saviour and his Mother of Sorrows,
for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, in reparation for my sins and those of others,
for the needs of this troubled world, and the Holy Souls in purgatory. Amen.

Say: One Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be.

... St Alphonsus, Pray for Us ...