



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA MISSION CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Carlos Donato da Silva, JCL, Pastor

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December 8th, 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent/2° Domingo de Adviento

Violet

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

Bi-lingual Mass

Ave Maria

Sunday 5:00 pm

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
664 S Washington St
Ripley, Tennessee 38063

SAINT JOHN'S
910 N. Washington Ave
Brownsville, Tennessee 38012

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Parish Office Phone: 901-476-8140 FAX 901-476-9650 Email: office@stalphonsuscovington.org
Website: www.stalphonsuscovington.org

Announcements/Anuncios

The Food Pantry Team is extremely thankful for all the generous parishioners who supported our 2024 Thanksgiving Food Drive. Over 2,000 pounds of food was collected. A total of 77 families were provided with the fixings for Thanksgiving Dinner thanks to all the donations received. All together we served 117 families that day, the most our ministry has ever served. Additionally, 41 hot meals were coordinated to be delivered to families from St. William Church in Millington. Thank you again!



Thank you to all who helped thru gifts and monetary donations for the Carl Perkins Center Annual Angel Tree. All the “angels” will have gifts for them on Christmas Day. Your love and support is always greatly appreciated for this worthy ministry. Many blessings and Merry Christmas to you all!

DID YOU KNOW? ¿SABÍAS QUE...?

The 4 Cherubim angels guarding the Holy Eucharist in our tabernacle stems from the Old Testament. In the Bible, the story of Cherubim guarding the Tabernacle is found in the book of Exodus 25:17-22, where two winged Cherubim were depicted on the "mercy seat" (the golden cover of the Ark of the Covenant) placed within the Holy of Holies inside the Tabernacle; their role was to symbolically guard the divine presence of God, serving as a reminder of God's holiness and the sanctity of the space where the Ark resided, preventing unauthorized access to the most sacred part of the Tabernacle.



Los 4 ángeles querubines que custodian la Sagrada Eucaristía en nuestro tabernáculo provienen del Antiguo Testamento. En la Biblia, la historia de los Querubines custodiando el Tabernáculo se encuentra en el libro de Éxodo 25:17-22, donde se representaban dos Querubines alados en el "propiciatorio" (la cubierta dorada del Arca de la Alianza) colocado dentro del Lugar Santísimo dentro del Tabernáculo; su papel era proteger simbólicamente la presencia divina de Dios, sirviendo como un recordatorio de la santidad de Dios y la santidad del espacio donde residía el Arca, evitando el acceso no autorizado a la parte más sagrada del Tabernáculo.

Happy Birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños!

Denise Barrett 12/11 Jimmy Hayden 12/15
Anne Calvet 12/16 Haleigh Buda 12/17

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 at 901-476-8140



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	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	

Diciembre- La intención del Papa es: Por los peregrinos de la esperanza: Rezamos para que en este año jubilar fortalezcan nuestra fe, ayudándonos a reconocer a Cristo resucitado en nuestra vida cotidiana, y que nos transforme en peregrinos de la esperanza cristiana.

December- The Pope's Intention is: For Pilgrims of Hope: We pray that this Jubilee year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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"

Schedule for the Week/Horario de la Semana December 9th

Prayer of Peace: Dear Lord, Don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Oración de Paz: Querido Señor, no dejes que te extrañemos en esta temporada navideña. Ayúdanos a simplificar nuestras actividades y tradiciones para que podamos enfocar nuestra celebración en Tu nacimiento. Gracias por ser el Príncipe de la Paz, y te pido que esa paz sobrenatural reine en nuestros corazones. Gracias por el mensaje simple pero transformador de Tu

Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection
Immaculate Conception and
Retired Religious

Sunday/Domingo Dec 15
Capital



Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
Dec 07	A. Calvet	J. Schaefer	M. Griffis	
4:30		J. Watkins		
		D. Hessling		
Dec 08	N. Gogel	C. Gogel	J. Buda	G. Buda
10:30	C. Buda	M. Buda		
		A. Gogel		
Dec 08	D. Lugo	J. Gobellan	N. Ortiz	
12:15	E. Moreno	E. Montoya		
		Luis		
Dec 14	S. Stegall	D. Hessling	A. Calvet	D. Hessling
4:30		J. Watkins		
		E. Teer		
Dec 15	J. Terry	N. Gogel	R. Wheeler	J. Buda
10:30	J. Wheeler	C. Buda		
		E. Gogel		
Dec 15	C. Moreno	A. Montoya	N. Ortiz	
12:15	R. Esquivel	E. Montoya		
		M. Ruiz		

This Week/Esta Semana

Monday	Dec 09
	3:00 pm Choir Practice
	6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study
Tuesday	Dec 10
	9:15 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry
	1:00 pm Tiny Blessings Ministry
	6:00 pm OCIA (RCIA)
Wednes	Dec 11
	9:15 am Legion of Mary
Thursday	Dec 12
	8:00 am Holy Hour-Adoration & Confession
	4:00 pm NO CHOIR PRACTICE
	6:00 pm Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe
	7:00 pm Reception following Mass
Saturday	Dec 14
	8:30 am Daily Mass
	9:00 am ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Readings for Dec 09–Dec 15

Monday– The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-12
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday–Our Lady of Loreto
Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-13 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday–St. Damasus 1, Pope
Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-10 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday–Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18-19 Lk 1:39-47

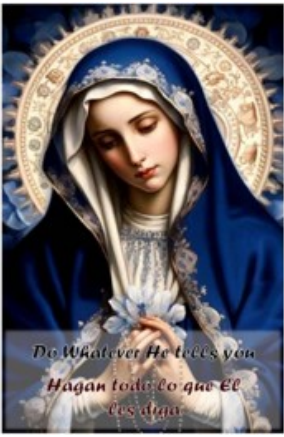
Friday–St. Lucy, Martyr
Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-6 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday–St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Sir 48:1-11 Ps 8: 2-19 Mt 17:9-13

Sunday–Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Dec 14	Hessling	Teer	J. Buda
Dec 21	Calvet	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	12/07	4:30 pm	+Helen Reilly-Rego
Sunday	12/08	8:30 am	+Juan Diego Garcia by Familia Garcia
Sunday	12/08	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, Ave Maria and St. John's
Domingo	12/08	12:15 pm	+ For all Souls in Purgatory
Monday	12/09	8:00 am	+Rev Msgr John A Welsh
Tuesday	12/10	8:00 am	+Rev Angelo Nobile
Wednesday	12/11	8:00 am	
Thursday	12/12	8:00 am	
Saturday	12/14	8:30 am	

POR FAVOR: No comer ni beber en el santuario, excepto agua.

PLEASE: No eating or drinking in the sanctuary except for water.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved from all stain of original sin.... Pope Pius IX

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times at St. Alphonsus:

Monday December 9th at 8 a.m.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Time at Ave Maria, Ripley, TN:

Monday December 9th at Noon



Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

En el primer caso de su concepción, por un privilegio singular y una gracia concedida por Dios, en vista de los méritos de Jesu-cristo, el Salvador de la raza humana, fue preservada de toda mancha de pecado original. Papa Pío IX



For Our Little Saints

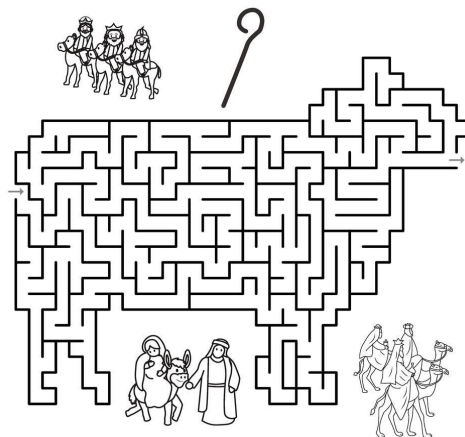
Advent
Sunday of
The Third

The third candle of the wreath represents Joy and is also called the "Shepherd's Candle. The candle is pink, which is the liturgical color for joy. The shepherds with joyful anticipation journey to see Jesus.

December 15, 2024

Prayer

Saint Lucy, your beautiful name signifies light. By the light of faith which God bestowed upon you, increase and preserve this light in my soul so that I may avoid evil, be zealous in the performance of good works, and abhor nothing so much as the blindness and the darkness of evil and of sin. By your intercession with God, obtain for me perfect vision for my bodily eyes and the grace to use them for God's greater honor and glory and the salvation of all men. Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr, hear my prayers and obtain my petitions. Amen



St. Lucy refused to get married and became persecuted for being Christian. Roman authorities came to take St. Lucy away but God intervened. She became immovable and could not be carried away. Then they tried to set her on fire but she proved to be immune to the flames. Lastly, her neck was pierced by a sword and she died. Candles are associated with St. Lucy because it is said that she wore a crown of candles to help guide her when delivering food to the poor and to Christians hiding in tombs. This legend is celebrated in Scandinavia, Italy, and Saint Lucia on December 13th near the darkest day of the calendar year. It is known as St. Lucy's Day. It is viewed as the arrival of the light of Christ.



The rosary is prayed throughout the year, but October is traditionally the month of the rosary in the Church. The rosary originated in medieval times as a way to provide a prayer from that was easily accessible to Christ's followers.

It is a meditative prayer that can transform hearts and change lives. The prayer to God through the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

Joyful
Mysteries



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1. The **First Joyful Mystery** is the Annunciation. The fruit of this mystery is Humility.
2. The **Second Joyful Mystery** is the Visitation. The fruit of this mystery is Charity.
3. The **Third Joyful Mystery** is the Birth of Our Lord. The fruit of this mystery is Poverty and Detachment from the World (Love of Poverty).
4. The **Fourth Joyful Mystery** is the Presentation in the Temple. The fruit of this mystery is (Moral) Purity.
5. The **Fifth Joyful Mystery** is the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. The fruit of this mystery is Divine Wisdom.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is usually celebrated on December 8th. This solemnity is also a holy day of obligation in the United States because the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception, is the designated patroness of the United States of America. She is also the patroness of the Diocese of Memphis.

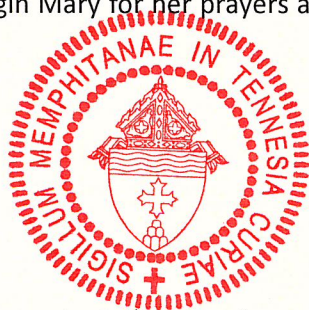
Because the Sundays of Advent are very important days in the Church's yearly preparation for Christmas, they take precedence even over a solemnity and holy day of obligation. For this reason, whenever the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday, it is transferred to the following Monday. It has been the practice in the U.S.A. that, whenever the Immaculate Conception is observed on Monday, December 9th, it is not a holy day of obligation.

In a recent letter from the Holy See, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops was informed that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception should always be a holy day of obligation in the U.S.A. even if it is transferred to Monday, December 9th. This requires a change in the current practice in our country.


I welcome this new directive from the Holy See and encourage all to attend Mass on December 9th to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patroness. I am aware, however, that many people are unaware of the requirement to attend Mass on December 9th of this year. In fact, many people have already received calendars from their parishes or other Catholic organizations that state "Not a Holy Day of Obligation This Year," or similar words, on December 9th.

In light of the likelihood of confusion among the faithful and the short notice given by the Holy See, I dispense all Catholics living in the Diocese of Memphis and all those present in the Diocese on that day from the obligation of attending Mass on December 9, 2024. I encourage pastors to offer extra Masses on that day for the sake of the devotion of our people; however, the faithful are not obligated to attend Mass on that day. In future years, we will observe the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on whichever day it is observed.

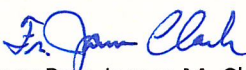
With gratitude to the Blessed Virgin Mary for her prayers and maternal protection for our diocese and our nation, I am yours



In the light and the love of the Lord,


Most Rev. David P. Talley, M.S.W., J.C.D.
Bishop of Memphis in Tennessee

Given at the Chancery in Memphis on the 24th of October 2024


Very Rev. James M. Clark, J.C.L., J.V.
Chancellor

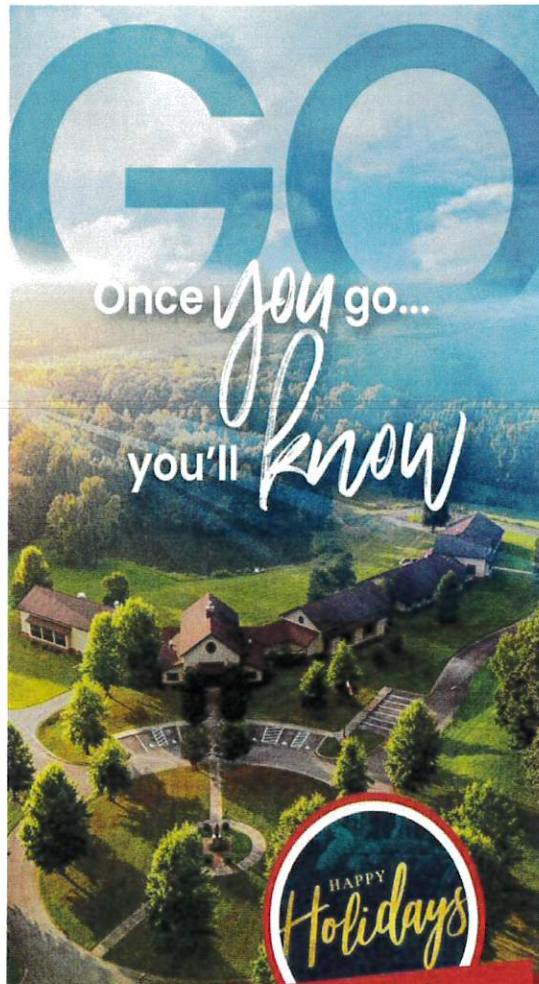
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Upcoming Events

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

One:One SERIES

You Go Girl!—Girls Weekend

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

SERIE Uno:Uno

Retiro de San Valentín en español

¡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.