



# SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

# AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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December 17th, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Rose

## 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

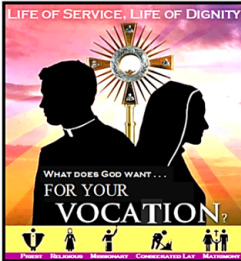
(just South of Highway 19 junction)  
664 S. Washington St. (SR 209) • Ripley, Tennessee

Parish Office 901.476.8140 • FAX 901.476.9650



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# Notices/Avisos



**“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me”**

You belong to Christ and Christ is God’s! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life?

Visit: [www.memphisvocations.com](http://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



**“El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungido y me ha enviado”**

¿Tú quieres ser fiel a tu Su llamado a esa misión para la que te ha elegido? Si Dios te está invitando a ser Sacerdote, diácono o religioso/a

Visita: [www.memphisvocations.com](http://www.memphisvocations.com)

O llama a la Oficina de Vocaciones al 373 - 1244

¿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.

The Office will be closed on Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>.

La Oficina permanecerá cerrada el lunes 18 de diciembre.

Christmas decorating for the Church and hall will be on Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m please contact Anne Calvet for more information.

La decoración navideña de la Iglesia y el salón será el sábado 23 de diciembre a las 8:00 a.m., comuníquese con Anne Calvet para obtener más información.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for Church projects such as Cleaning Church/Hall, gardening, Liturgy Scheduling and Altar Flowers. If you would like to help and have time to offer please contact the Parish Office at 901-476-8140.

## Voluntarios Necesitados

Se necesitan voluntarios para proyectos de la Iglesia como la limpieza de la iglesia / salón, jardinería, programación de liturgia y flores del altar. Si desea ayudar y tiene tiempo para ofrecer, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 901-476-8140.



## 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 birth day 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 18th

**Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection:  
Capital**

**Dec 24th 2nd Collection:  
None/Ninguno**



## This Week/Esta Semana!

<b>Monday Dec 18</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec 19</b>
9:00 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry
1:00 pm Tiny Blessings Ministry
5:00 pm Penance & Adoration
6:00 pm Advent Reflections
<b>Wednes, Dec 20</b>
10:15 am Legion of Mary
<b>Thursday Dec 21</b>
4:00 pm Choir Practice
<b>Saturday, Dec 23</b>
Christmas Church & Hall Deco- 8:00 am rating

## Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
<b>Dec 16</b>	A. Calvet	K. Sass	A. Calvet	B. Wellbrock
<b>4:30</b>		J. Watkins		
		J. Schaefer		
<b>Dec 17</b>	J. Terry	M. Buda	J. Buda	J. Tankersley
<b>10:30</b>	C. Jones	A. Gogel		R. Tankersley
		C. Gogel		G. Buda
<b>Dec 17</b>	C. Moreno	E. Montoya	R. Ortiz	R. Ortiz
<b>12:15</b>	L. DeLaO	A. Ruiz		
		B. Miranda		
<b>Dec 23</b>	S. Stegall	K. Sass	A. Calvet	K. Greeson
<b>4:30</b>		J. Watkins		
		E. Greeson		
<b>Dec 24</b>	G. Buda	M. Buda	J. Buda	J. Terry
<b>10:30</b>	C. Jones	E. Underwood		J. Tankersley
		Ja. Jasper		R. Tankersley
<b>Dec 24</b>	C. Moreno	Ep. Moreno	N. Ortiz	R. Ortiz
<b>12:15</b>	R. Esquivel	E. Moreno		
		M. Ruiz		
		D. Gobellan		



## Readings for Dec 18– Dec 24

**Monday**  
Jer 23:5-8      Ps 72:1-19      Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday**  
Jgs 13:2-25      Ps 71:3-17      Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday**  
Is 7:10-14      Ps 24:1-6      Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday-St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church**  
Sg 2:8-14      Ps 33:2-21      Lk 1:39-45

**Friday**  
1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1-7      Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday-St. John of Kanty, Priest**  
Mal 3:1-24      Ps 25:4-14      Lk 1:57-66

**Sunday-Fourth Sunday of Advent**

2 Sm 7:1-16      Ps 89:2-29      Rom 16:25-27  
Lk 1:26-38

## Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
<b>Dec 23</b>	Calvet	Teer	J. Buda
<b>Dec 30</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	J. Buda

**Third Week of Advent**

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



**Tercero Semana de Adviento**

Señor Dios, que nosotros, tu pueblo, que esperamos el nacimiento de Cristo, experimentemos el gozo de la salvación y celebremos esa fiesta con amor y acción de gracias. Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén

Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas			
Saturday	12/16	4:30 pm	For the Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	12/17	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	12/17	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Domingo	12/17	12:15 pm	Para una intención especial
Monday	12/18	12:00 pm	+ Emily Maglio by Linda Maglio
Tuesday	12/19	12:00 pm	+Walter Harold Wheatley by Bette Anthony
Wednesday	12/20	12:00 pm	+Rev Msgr Thomas Kirk & Rev Paul St. Charles
Friday	12/22	8:30 am	NO DAILY MASS
Saturday	12/23	8:30 am	NO DAILY MASS



Attendance/Público				
Dec 09/10	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
4:30 pm	35	1		
8:30 Mass			28	4
10:30 Mass	66	22		
12:15 Mass	25	25		

Dec 09/10	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2022	Ave Maria 2022
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,051.00	\$ 613.00	\$ 2,615.00	\$ 581.00
Weekly Regular	\$ 3,209.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 4,292.00	\$ 390.00
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Dec) 24 wk.	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 2,473.00		
Friends of the Poor	\$ 200.00		\$ 100.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 200.00		\$ 300.00	
Tiny Blessing	\$ 0.0		\$ 0.00	
Helping Hands		\$ 0.0		\$ 0.00



# 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



# 2023 Christmas Mass Schedule

## ADVENT PENANCE SCHEDULE

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions EVERY Tuesday  
from 5:00-6:00 pm

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil Mass-St Alphonsus	4:30 pm
	<i>Christmas Music 30 minutes before Mass</i>	
Monday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight Mass-St Alphonsus	12:00 am
	<i>Christmas Music 30 minutes before Mass</i>	
Monday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	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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