



# SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

# AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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June 27, 2021

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GREEN

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday Vigil	4:30 pm
Sunday	10:30 am

### AVE MARIA

Sunday	8:30am
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### SAINT ALPHONSUS Daily

Monday	12:00 pm
Tuesday	12:00 pm
Wednesday	12:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	8:30 am

## SACRAMENTS

### SAINT ALPHONSUS

#### Confession

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

### AVE MARIA

Sunday	8:00 am
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or by appointment

Baptism or Marriage preparation

Call for appointment

## DEVOTIONS

### SAINT ALPHONSUS

#### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday and First Saturday of each month following 8:30 am Mass

#### Rosary

First Saturday	8:00 am
Sunday morning	10:05 am

## 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.

## What's Happening this Week!

### Saturday, Jun 26

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday, Jun 27

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass

Monday, Jun 28 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, Jun 29 Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Friends of the Poor

11:30 am Rosary

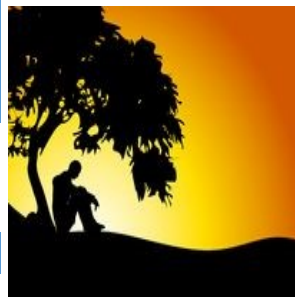
Wednesday, Jun 30 Parish Office Closed

10:15 am Legion of Mary

11:30 am Rosary

Thursday, Jul 01 Parish Office Closed

4:00 pm Choir



## Quote by St. Alphonsus:

*Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.*

### SAINT ALPHONSUS

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### AVE MARIA

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



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# Mass Intentions



Saturday	6/26	4:30 pm	For Special Intention
Sunday	6/27	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	6/27	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	6/28	12:00 pm	+Rev. John V. Scola
Tuesday	6/29	12:00 pm	+Rev. William J. DeVries
Wednesday	6/30	12:00 pm	
Friday	7/02	8:30 am	+John Hessling, Sr. by Dave & Andrea Hessling
Saturday	7/03	8:30 am	

## Promises & Blessings

Scripture verses

Jun 26th

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.  
-Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Jun 27th

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love and his kindness go on forever.  
-1 Chronicles 16:34

## Readings for Jun 28 - Jul 04

Monday-St. Irenaeus, Bsp, (M)

Gn 18:16-33 Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11 Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday-Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday-The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Gn 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-13 Mt 8:28-34

Thursday-St. Junipero Serra, Priest

Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-6, 8-9 Mt 9:1-8

Friday

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-5

Mt 9:9-13

Saturday-St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 20:24-29

Sunday

Ez 2:2-5 Ps 123:1-4 Mk 6:1-6a

The picnic last Sunday was a great success.

Thank you Knights of Columbus, and all those who prepared food and games. Many mentioned numerous times how nice it was to gather again with our church family.

Checkout facebook and website, a few photos are posted.

We are now gearing up and looking forward to a great fall festival.

*The altar flowers at St. Alphonsus*

*last week were provided by*

*Terry Guy*

*In loving memory of her son*

*Joseph Guy*



If you are interested in providing the altar flowers as a memorial, or for another special occasion, please sign-up in the narthex.

## The Knights are Looking for a Few Good Men!

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then consider joining us in the Knights of Columbus. St Alphonsus Council is active and looking for a few good men! Please consider joining our council. For more information, visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or contact Chuck Clark at [cclark@lausanneschool.com](mailto:cclark@lausanneschool.com) or any of the other Knights you see around the parish.

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, June 24, 2021 until July 5th

**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.

*Please Pray*



Our Ill Priests	
Fr. John Hourican	Fr. Bryan Timby
Fr. Jolly Sebastian	Fr. Robert Ponticello

Our Parishioners	
Jerry Bryant	Stan Matras
Peter Burkhardt	Maria McConnell
Pat Butner	Christina Miller
Florinda Clark/Family	Jerry & Rose Mills
Lottie Crofton	David Moore
Kay & Gene Cross	Eleanor Nunn
Dixie Duncan	Ginger Poteete
Derek Durham	Barbara Reed
John Folden	Lynda Rogers
Floanne Garrett	Holly Schaefer
Evan Grueling	Barbara Schneider
Jack & Peggy Haywood	Joan Smith
Jim & Lois Hayden	Frank Stephens
Pat Haynes	Elizabeth Sullivan
Billie Hutchins	Annette Tustin
Beverly Jiminez	Irma Wilson de Roze
Lenny Lind	

Our Loved Ones	
Vicki Antwine	Lisa Hutton
James & Robin Barnett	Christie Johnson
William Barrett	Ester Jones
Joe Bergen	Mode Jones
Virginia Bowden	Phillis King
Darlene Brooks	Judy Kovach
Dan Browers	Emile Latour
Dave Buda	Cindy Lavelli
Joe Bynum	Jacob LeFils
Christina Cahaly	Dietmar Linden
Angela Canady	Susana Linden
Patrick Christy	Anita McLean
Margaret Clarkwoods	Linda Medford
Bella Crosby	Danny Miller
Liz Crosslin	Ronnie Nipp
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Sandra Pellegren
Heather Daniels	Beverly Pratt
Michael Ellis	Joan Robertson
Danny Elrod	Mike Sadler
Sheila Elrod	Mary Schaefer
Rob Engel	Anna Short
Willie Ferrell	Carmen Sosa
Karri Flannigan	Andrea Stafford
Melissa Flores	Ray & Yelba Stevenson
Ella Forkum	Sam Stitt
Tammy Freeman	Jay St. John
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Cathy Stowers
Natasha Gray	Toni Swindell
Elizabeth Guntert	Jennifer Tidwell
Robert E. Harbin	Peter Vanderven
James Phillip Harbin	Brad & Paige Warmath
John Haywood, Jr.	Donna Williams
Kay Hernandez	Steve Williams
Lisa Hogan	Coila Winters
Betty Hopper	

**Happy Birthday!**  
 Jeremy Pesnell 6/27  
 Chuck Clark 6/28  
 Lenny Lind 6/29  
 Johnathan Balleza 6/30



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.

**June Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

**Intention for Evangelization: – The Beauty Of Marriage**

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

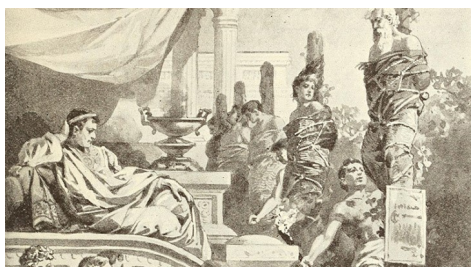
Liturgical Ministers				
	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
Jun 26	D. Lombardo	K. Sass	A. Calvet	
4:30 pm				
Jun 27	J. Wheeler	J. Walker	M. Griffis	R. Tankersley
10:30 am	G. Buda	J. Walker		
Jul 03	D. Lombardo	A. Calvet	A. Calvet	
4:30 pm				
Jul 04	D. Lombardo	A. Calvet	J. Buda	G. Buda
10:30 am	C. Jones			

Volunteers			
	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Jul 01		A. Calvet	M. Stephens
Jul 10	D. Lombardo	M. Lombardo	M. Stephens
Jul 17	L. Pesnell	J. Walker	M. Stephens

Attendance Last Week				
Jun 20	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	31	4		
8:30 Mass			30	4
10:30 Mass				

**Sunday 2nd Collection: Peter's Pence**

Jun 20 2021	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2020	Ave Maria 2020
Budget	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 2,405.00	\$ 902.00	\$ 2,094.00	\$ 432.00
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Jun)51 wks.			\$	\$
Friends of the Poor	\$ 00.00	\$	\$ 310.00	\$



### First Martyrs of the Church of Rome's Story

There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the "Apostle of the Gentiles" (Romans 15:20). Paul had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in 57-58 A.D.

There was a large Jewish population in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in 49-50 A.D. Suetonius the historian says that

the expulsion was due to disturbances in the city "caused by the certain Chrestus" [Christ]. Perhaps many came back after Claudius' death in 54 A.D. Paul's letter was addressed to a Church with members from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.

In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumor blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, many Christians were put to death because of their "hatred of the human race." Peter and Paul were probably among the victims.

Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of 31.

#### Reflection:

Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians.

-The Franciscan Media