



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA MISSION CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Carlos Donato da Silva, JCL, Pastor

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December 15th, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent/2º Domingo de Adviento

Rose

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

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664 S Washington St
Ripley, Tennessee 38063

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Brownsville, Tennessee 38012

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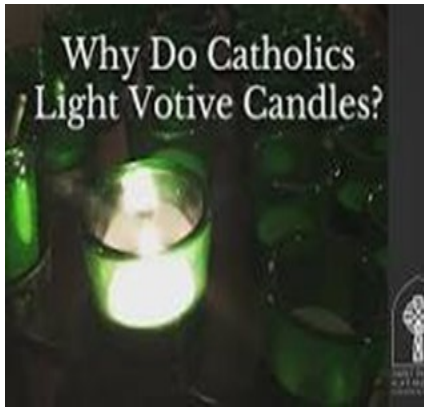
DID YOU KNOW? ¿SABÍAS QUE...?

The chart below outlines the content and intent of praise of the O Antiphons:

Title	Acrostic	Divinity of Christ	Salvation History <i>(progressive unfolding)</i>
Wisdom (1 Cor 1.20) [come]	Sapientia	Disposes all things	God creates world = creation
Lord/Ruler of Israel [come]	Arbiter	Imparts the law of Moses on Sinai	God gives law to Israel
Root of Jesse [come]	Radix	Nations bow before him in worship	Christ descendant of David = sign of the people
Key of David (Rev 3.7) [come]	Clavis	Opens and no one shall shut	Christ descends into the underworld to liberate captives
Dawn [come]	Origo	Sun of Justice Splendor of Eternal Light	Christ <i>risen</i> from the dead
King of Nations [come]	Rex	King of the Nations	Christ unites Jews and Gentiles into <i>one people</i> of God
Emmanuel [come]	Emmanuel	Lord our God	Christ, expectation of all Nations, looks forward to the second coming

See insert for the “O” Antiphon Prayers from December 17th to the 23rd

In Catholicism, votive candles symbolize a prayer offered to God or a saint, representing a person's intention to seek intercession or express gratitude through the act of lighting the candle; the flame signifies the light of faith entering God's presence, often placed before a statue of Jesus, Mary, or a saint, with the word "votive" itself coming from the Latin "votum" meaning "vow" or "promise".



En el catolicismo, las velas votivas simbolizan una oración ofrecida a Dios o a un santo, que representa la intención de una persona de buscar intercesión o expresar gratitud a través del acto de encender la vela; la llama significa la luz de la fe que entra en la presencia de Dios, a menudo colocada delante de una estatua de Jesús, María o un santo, con la palabra "votivo" a su vez proveniente del latín "votum" que significa "voto" o "promesa".

Happy Birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños!

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| Jimmy Hayden 12/15 | Anne Calvet 12/16 |
| Haleigh Buda 12/17 | Cynthia Gray 12/19 |



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"

For Our Little Saints

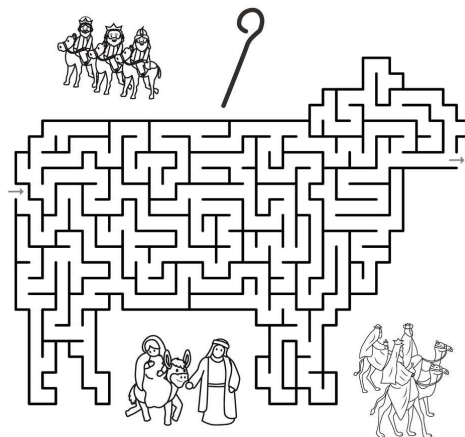
Advent
Sunday of
The Third

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



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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.



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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



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.

2024 Christmas Mass Schedule

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 21 st ^d	Vigil Mass	4:30 pm
Sunday, December 22 nd	St. John's	8:30 am
Sunday, December 22 nd	St Alphonus	10:30 am
Sunday, December 22 nd	Misa en Español	12:15 pm
Sunday, December 22 nd	Ave Maria	5:00 pm

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tuesday, December 24 th	Vigil Mass-St Alphonus	4:30 pm
	<i>Christmas Music 30 minutes before Mass</i>	
Wednesday, December 25 th	Midnight Mass-St Alphonus	12:00 am
	<i>Christmas Music 30 minutes before Mass</i>	
Wednesday, December 25 th	Ave Maria (Fr. Patrick Hirtz)	8:30 am
Wednesday, December 25 th	St. John's	10:00 am

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31 st	St. Alphonus	4:30 pm
Wednesday, New Year's Day	St. Alphonus	9:00 am
Wednesday, New Year's Day	Ave Maria (Fr. Patrick Hirtz)	8:30 am
Wednesday, New Year's Day	St. John's	7:00 pm



The "O Antiphons" of Advent

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The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

[Reflection](#)

Schedule for the Week/Horario de la Semana December 16th

Prayer of Joy: Gracious God, as we light the third Advent candle of joy, may the joy of your salvation fill us with gladness. Help us to share this joy with others, especially those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen".

Oración de Alegría: Dios misericordioso, al encender la tercera vela de Adviento de alegría, que el gozo de tu salvación nos llene de alegría. Ayúdanos a compartir este gozo con los demás, especialmente con los necesitados. En el nombre de Jesús, oremos. Amén".

Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection
Capital

Sunday/Domingo Dec 22
None/Ninguno



This Week/Esta Semana

Monday	Dec 16
	6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study
Tuesday	Dec 17
	9:15 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry
	1:00 pm Tiny Blessings Ministry
	6:00 pm NO OCIA (RCIA)
Wednes	Dec 18
	9:15 am Legion of Mary
Thursday	Dec 19
	8:00 am Holy Hour-Mass, Adoration and 3:00 pm Choir Practice
Saturday	Dec 21
	8:30 am Daily Mass
Sunday	Dec 22
	1:30 pm Church Christmas Decorating

No Ministries work on Tuesday December 24th



Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

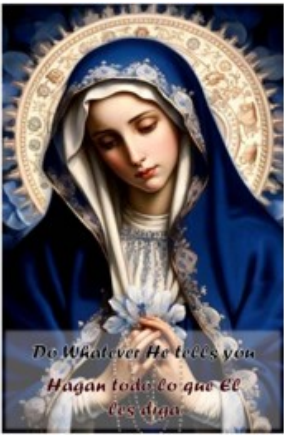
	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
Dec 14	S. Stegall	D. Hessling	A. Calvet	
4:30		J. Watkins		
		E. Teer		
Dec 15	J. Terry	D. Hessling	R. Wheeler	D. Hessling
10:30	J. Wheeler	N. Gogel		
		C. Buda		
		E. Gogel		
Dec 15	C. Moreno	A. Montoya	N/R Ortiz	
12:15	R. Esquivel	E. Montoya		
		M. Ruiz		
Dec 21	K. Brumley	J. Watkins	M. Griffis	
4:30		J. Schaefer		
		E. Greeson		
Dec 22	G. Buda	M. Buda	J. Buda	J. Terry
10:30	R. Wheeler	C. Buda		
		E. Underwood		
Dec 22	R. Equivel	Ep. Moreno	N/R Ortiz	
12:15	C. Moreno	A. Ruiz		
		J. Gobellan		

Readings for Dec 16–Dec 22

Monday		
Nm 24:2-17	Ps 24:4-9	Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday– Pray the “O” Antiphons		
Gn 49:2-10	Ps 72:1-17	Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday		
Jer 23:5-8	Ps 72:1-19	Mt 1:18-25
Thursday		
Jgs 13:2-26	Ps 71:3-17	Lk 1:5-25
Friday		
Is 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-6	Lk 1:26-38
Saturday–St. Peter Canisuis, Priest, Doctor of the Church		
Sg 2:8-14	Ps 33:2-21	Lk 1:39-45
Sunday–Fourth Sunday of Advent		
Mi 5:1-4	Ps 80:2-19	Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45		

Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Dec 21	Calvet	Pesnell	J. Buda
Dec 28	Ortiz	Greeson	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	12/14	4:30 pm	+ For all Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	12/15	8:30 am	St. John's +Tita Ruiz
Sunday	12/15	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, Ave Maria and St. John's
Domingo	12/15	12:15 pm	
Monday	12/16	8:00 am	
Tuesday	12/17	8:00 am	
Wednesday	12/18	8:00 am	
Thursday	12/19	8:00 am	
Saturday	12/21	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.

Dec 07/08	St Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2023	Ave Maria 2023
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,047.00	\$ 547.00	\$ 3,051.00	\$ 613.00
Weekly Regular	\$ 5,973.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 3,211.00	\$ 340.00
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Dec) wk 23	(\$6,106.00)	(\$2,119.00)	\$ 3,901.00	(\$1,938.00)
Friends of the Poor	\$ 100.00		\$ 200.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 850.00		\$ 200.00	
Tiny Blessing	\$ 0.00			
Helping Hands		\$ 0.0		\$ 0.00

Attendance/Público				
Dec 07/08	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
4:30 pm	50	6		
10:30 Mass	62	28		
12:15 Mass	38	31		
5:00 Mass			14	2

