



## SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

## SAINT JOHN's CATHOLIC CHURCH

Brownsville, Tennessee

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September 22nd, 2024

The 25th Sunday in OT/24º Domingo en OT

### ST. ALPHONSUS, ST. JOHN'S & AVE MARIA MISSION STATEMENT

#### 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

#### ST. ALPHONSUS 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

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



### 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

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# Prayers

## A Parishioner's Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.  
I help make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am.  
It will be holy, if I am.  
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work.  
It will be prayerful, if I pray.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.  
It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.  
It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.  
Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.  
Amen.



## La oración de un feligrés

Mi parroquia está compuesta por personas como yo.  
Ayudo a que sea lo que es. Será amistoso, si lo soy.  
Será santo, si lo soy.  
Sus bancos se llenarán, si yo ayudo a llenarlos.  
Hará un gran trabajo, si yo trabajo.  
Será en oración, si rezo.  
Será un regalo generoso para muchas causas, si soy un dador generoso.  
Llevará a otros a la adoración, si los invito y los traigo.  
Será una parroquia de lealtad y amor, de intrepidez y fe, de compasión, caridad y misericordia, si yo, que la hago lo que es, estoy lleno de estas mismas cosas.  
Por lo tanto, con la ayuda de Dios, ahora me dedico a la tarea de ser todo lo que quiero que sea mi parroquia. Amén

## A Prayer for Hope

Help us, Lord Jesus, to hold steadfast to prayer, relying on the word of God, in all despair, that our hopes in you will ever increase while our doubts and fears slowly decrease. Help us, Lord, to be a light of hope to those who are in need. To be an example of Your love and mercy, and to tell others of Your great grace and glory. Amen



## Una oración por la esperanza

Ayúdanos, Señor Jesús, a mantenernos firmes en la oración, confiando en la palabra de Dios, con toda desesperación, para que nuestras esperanzas en ti aumenten siempre mientras nuestras dudas y temores disminuyen lentamente. Ayúdanos, Señor, a ser una luz de esperanza para los necesitados. Para ser un ejemplo de Tu amor y misericordia, y para contarles a otros de Tu gran gracia y gloria. Amén

## Happy Birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños!

**Everpaul Moreno 09/11**

**Ellen Daily 09/19**

**Linda Hallock 09/22**

**Hunter Buda 09/23**

**Rick Keenan 09/25**

**Cyburn Sullivan 09/27**

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

<b>Fr. John Hourican</b>	<b>Fr. Bryan Timby</b>	<b>Fr. Burke</b>
<b>Fr. Jolly Sebastian</b>	<b>Fr. Robert Ponticello</b>	



Pray for all of  
our loved ones  
and for those  
who are ill



#### Our Parishioners/Nuestros Feligreses

<b>Jerry Bryant</b>	<b>Elaina Prizina</b>
<b>Peter &amp; Sandy Burkhardt</b>	<b>Lynda Rogers</b>
<b>Gene Cross</b>	<b>Holly Schaefer</b>
<b>Ellen Daily</b>	<b>Joan Smith</b>
<b>Derek Durham</b>	<b>Cyburn Sullivan</b>
<b>Donna Ewer</b>	<b>Annette Tustin</b>
<b>George Hallock</b>	<b>Dottie Wellbrock</b>
<b>Evan &amp; Jen Greuling</b>	<b>Patton Williams</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Lois Hayden</b>	<b>Irma Wilson de Roze</b>
<b>Pat Haynes</b>	<b>Kathy Laxton</b>
<b>Billie Hutchins</b>	<b>Maryana Leon</b>
<b>Beverly Jiminez</b>	<b>Maria Vasquez</b>
<b>Maria &amp; David McConnell</b>	<b>Dixie Duncan</b>
<b>Rebecca Medford</b>	<b>Robert Sorrentino</b>
<b>Jerry &amp; Rose Mills</b>	<b>Charlie Smith</b>
<b>Jackie Hubbard</b>	<b>Kathryn Barnoud</b>

#### Our Loved Ones/Nuestras Seres Queridos

<b>Shirley Arnold</b>	<b>Larry &amp; Jane Isome</b>
<b>William Armstrong</b>	<b>Terry Jergens</b>
<b>James &amp; Robin Barnett</b>	<b>Christie Johnson</b>
<b>William Barrett</b>	<b>Ester Jones</b>
<b>Joe Bergen</b>	<b>Anna &amp; Jerry Kay</b>
<b>Jane Bringle</b>	<b>Cynthia/Ed Kilpatrick</b>
<b>Darlene Brooks</b>	<b>Phillis King</b>
<b>Dan Browers</b>	<b>Judy Kovach</b>
<b>Kathy Brown</b>	<b>Cindy Lavelli</b>
<b>Randy Eastwood</b>	<b>Sondra Lewis</b>
<b>Joe Bynum</b>	<b>Dietmar Linden</b>
<b>Christina Cahaly</b>	<b>Louanne Little</b>
<b>Angela Canady</b>	<b>Kelly Mayfield</b>
<b>Alissa Chandler</b>	<b>Nancy McClanahan</b>
<b>Patrick Christy</b>	<b>The McCully Family</b>
<b>Bella Crosby</b>	<b>Linda Medford</b>
<b>Liz Crosslin</b>	<b>Alex Medford</b>
<b>Bobbie Jean Crouse</b>	<b>Danny Miller</b>
<b>Dell Daves</b>	<b>Ronnie Nipp</b>
<b>Enrique Davis</b>	<b>Dr. Mark Olson</b>
<b>Gina Sedinger</b>	<b>Sally Paulus</b>
<b>Danny Duff</b>	<b>Tom Pavletic</b>
<b>Peter DuFau</b>	<b>Sandra Pellegren</b>
<b>Michael Ellis</b>	<b>William Perry</b>
<b>Rob Engel</b>	<b>Beverly Pratt</b>
<b>Willie Ferrell</b>	<b>Joan Robertson</b>
<b>Karri Flannigan</b>	<b>Diane Robinson</b>
<b>Tammy Freeman</b>	<b>Russom Family</b>
<b>Luke Garza</b>	<b>Mike Sadler</b>
<b>Kathy &amp; Ronda Gentry</b>	<b>Andrea Stafford</b>
<b>Elizabeth Guntert</b>	<b>Jay St. John</b>
<b>Pam Grimsley</b>	<b>Toni Swindell</b>
<b>Guy &amp; Julie Hassan</b>	<b>Jennifer Tidwell</b>
<b>Shannon Heindel</b>	<b>Peter Vanderven</b>
<b>Kay Hernandez</b>	<b>Bobby Ray Vaught</b>
<b>Diane Hessling</b>	<b>Donna Williams</b>
<b>Gunther Hitchcock &amp; family</b>	<b>Steve Williams</b>
<b>Lisa Hogan</b>	<b>Lee Ward</b>
<b>Betty Hopper</b>	<b>Virginia/Richard Whitehorn</b>
<b>Chris Huffman</b>	<b>Beau Younger</b>

September- The Pope's Intention is: For the Cry of the Earth- We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Septiembre- La intención del Papa es: Por el Grito de la Tierra - Rezamos para que cada uno de nosotros escuche y tome en serio el grito de la Tierra y de las víctimas de los desastres naturales y del cambio climático, y que todos se comprometan a cuidar personalmente del mundo en el que vivimos.

## 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 1<sup>a</sup> 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 Sept 23rd

"Be a Catholic": When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel." St. Maximilian



"Sé católico": Cuando te arrodilles ante un altar, hazlo de tal manera que los demás puedan reconocer que sabes ante quién te arrodillas".

**Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection  
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Sunday/Domingo Sep 29**

Catholic Charities of West TN



### Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
Sep 21	S. Stegall	J. Watkins	M. Griffis	M. Griffis
4:30		J. Schafer		
Sep 22	C. Jones	M. Buda	J. Buda	R. Wheeler
10:30	J. Terry	C. Buda		J. Wheeler
		N. Gogel		G. Buda
Sep 22	L. DeLaO	Ep. Moreno	N/R Ortiz	N/R Ortiz
12:15	C. Moreno	D. Gobellan		
	M. Ruiz			
	A. Ruiz			
Sep 28	S. Stegall	J. Watkins	M. Griffis	K. Greeson
4:30		J. Schafer		
	E. Greeson			
Sep 29	R. Medford	C. Gogel	J. Wheeler	J. Terry
10:30	C. Jones	A. Gogel	J. Buda	
	E. Gogel		G. Buda	
Sep 29	C. Moreno	A. Montoya	I/S Lugo	I/S Lugo
12:15	R. Esquivel	E. Moreno		
	A. Ruiz			

### This Week/Esta Semana

Monday	Sep 23	
	8:00 am	Daily Mass
Tuesday,	Sep 24	
	8:00 am	Daily Mass
	9:15 am	Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry
	1:00 pm	Tiny Blessings Ministry
Wednes,	Sep 25	
	8:00 am	Daily Mass
	9:15 am	Legion of Mary
Thursday	Sep 26	
	8:00 am	Daily Mass
	4:00 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	Sep 28	
	8:30 am	Daily Mass



### Readings for Sep 23– Sep 29

Monday-St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-5 Mt 16:24-27  
Tuesday  
Prv 21:1-13 Ps 119:1-44 Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday  
Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29-163 Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday-Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs  
Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-17 Lk 9:7-9  
Friday-St Vicent de Paul, Priest  
Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1-4 Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday-St. Wenceslaus, Martyr  
Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-17 Lk 9:43-45  
Sunday-The 26th Sunday in OT  
Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8-14 Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:38-48

### Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish	Altar
	Hall	Hall	Linens
Sept 28	Greeson	Ruiz/ Montoya	J. Buda
Oct 05	Calvet	Terry	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

James Watkins Dave Hessling

### El sacerdocio El Diaconado Vida Religiosa



#### Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas

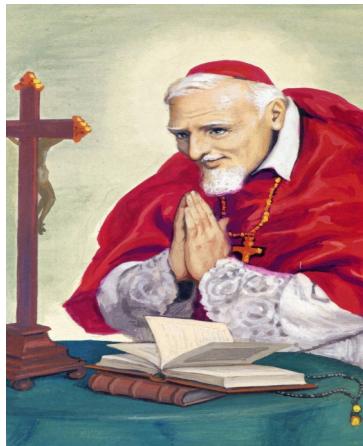
Saturday	09/21	4:30 pm	For the Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	09/22	8:30 am	St John's– For the Parishioners
Sunday	09/22	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Domingo	09/22	12:15 pm	Para una intención especial
Monday	09/23	8:00 am	+Virginia Bowden by Juanita & Gary Buda
Tuesday	09/24	8:00 am	
Wednesday	09/25	8:00 am	
Thursday	09/26	8:00 am	
Saturday	09/28	8:30 am	+Virginia Bowden

**It is respectful to God and to parishioners to be quiet while in the Church before and after Mass**

Es respetuoso con Dios y con los feligreses estar en silencio mientras están en la Iglesia antes y después de la Misa



Jesús mío, creo que Tú estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento de la Eucaristía. Te amo sobre todas las cosas, y deseo recibirte en mi alma. Ya que en este momento no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente, entra al menos espiritualmente en mi corazón. Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí y me uno totalmente a Ti. Nunca permitas que me separe de Ti. Amén



**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen**

#### HELPING HANDS CLOTHES CLOSET

##### At Ave Maria

All clothing items for men are very much needed. This includes socks, underwear, and t-shirts. All coats will be accepted.

#### “HELPING HANDS” ARMARIO DE ROPA

##### En Ave Maria

Todas las prendas de vestir para hombres son muy necesarias. Esto incluye calcetines, ropa interior y camisetas.  
Se aceptarán todas las capas.

# For Our Little Saints

Ordinary

St. Apollonia refused to renounce God in her words or actions. Many of us are careful not to renounce God with our words. However, are we equally careful not to renounce God with our actions? Are we careful that our actions show others that we have God in our hearts?

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## Prayer

O God, You chose to shower heavenly, gifts on St. Apollonia, and to confer the victory of martyrdom upon this great virgin. Help me to imitate her virtue and perfect love during my earthly life, so that I may be able to enjoy eternal happiness with you in heaven. Amen.

Do you know the names of these items?



Chalice



Paten

Saint Apollonia was a well known Christian living in Alexandria, Egypt. Persecutions began of Christians and many had been killed. The other Christians in the city began fleeing and leaving behind everything they owned to leave the city alive. St. Apollonia was seized and beaten so badly that all her teeth were knocked out. The crowd built a wood pile and set it on fire to kill St. Apollonia if she would not give up her faith and beliefs in God. St. Apollonia pretended that she was thinking about the request but then jumped into the wood pile herself instead of renouncing God.

In today's Gospel, we are reminded that God doesn't care about position. He doesn't care about our personal greatness but how we can use our qualities to serve others. Are we here on earth to gain all sorts of greatness the world tells us about or are we placed here to use our talents, strengths, and qualities to do God's work?



A relic is a fragment of the body or physical possession of a canonized saint that can help us grow closer to God. Relics are divided into three classifications. A first class relic is a body part of a saint, such as bone, blood, or flesh. Second class relics are possessions that a saint owned, and third class relics are objects that have been touched to a first or second class relic or the saint has touched him or herself. It is nearly impossible to own a first or second class relic. The Church seeks to protect and preserve these relics either in churches or in the Vatican. A third class relic though can be obtained by visiting traveling relic groups that are visiting local churches.

The arm bone of St. Jude tours around America yearly. This relic was on display in Memphis , March 2024. In June of 2024, a relic of St. Jude was transferred to the Dioceses of Memphis from St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. It was a small fragment of bone kept in a cross. The hospital received the relic as a donation and had been storing it for decades. Leadership within the hospital was reminded of the relic when the arm bone of St. Jude was displayed in Memphis. When no suitable solution was found to display the relic at the hospital it was decided that it should be donated to the Dioceses. This relic is housed now at the Church of Immaculate Conception in Memphis where reports say that it will be incorporated by parishioners in their weekly prayers for the patients at the hospital.

How many of these items can you find during Mass?



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