



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Robert Ballman, Pastor

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December 3rd, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Purple

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

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



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit



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)
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Notices/Avisos

CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE

The Knights of Columbus have received 2023 Christmas merchandise from St. Paul's bookstore. Items include Christmas cards, ornaments, and gifts. Come take a look in the Parish Hall extension after ALL Masses.



MERCANCÍA NAVIDEÑA

Los Caballeros de Colón han recibido mercancía navideña de 2023 de la librería St. Paul's. Los artículos incluyen tarjetas de Navidad, adornos y regalos. Venga a echar un vistazo a la extensión del Salón Parroquial después de TODAS las Misas.

Happy Birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños!



Anne Calvet 12/16

Jen Hartman 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.

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.

"PEACE On EARTH" Advent & Christmas Concert
Concert by John Agnotti at Holy Angels Catholic Church on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m.
The link to sign up to attend the concert is:
<https://holyangelscc1.flocknote.com/signup/143275>



Concierto de Adviento y Navidad "PAZ En La Tierra"
Concierto de John Agnotti en la Iglesia Católica de los Santos Ángeles el Martes 5 de diciembre a las 7:00 p.m.
El enlace para inscribirse para asistir al concierto es:
<https://holyangelscc1.flocknote.com/signup/143275>

Save the date for Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and celebration on Tuesday December 12th.

Reserve la fecha para la Misa y celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el martes 12 de diciembre.

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
	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 Browsers	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	Danny Miller
Liz Crosslin	Ronnie Nipp
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Sally Paulus
Dell Daves	Tom Pavletic
Danny Duff	Sandra Pellegren
Peter DuFau	
Dixie Duncan	William Perry
Michael Ellis	Beverly Pratt
Rob Engel	Joan Robertson
Willie Ferrell	Diane Robinson
Karri Flannigan	Russom Family
Holliebeth 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 Vandervan
Gunther Hitchcock/family	Mr. & Mrs. J. Watkins
Lisa Hogan	Donna Williams
Betty Hopper	Steve Williams
Chris Huffman	Lee Ward
Larry & Jane Isome	William Whitehorn
Terry Jergens	Beau Younger

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 4th

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

Mantenimiento

Dec 10th 2nd Collection:

Retired Religious Fund

Fondo Religioso Jubilado



This Week/Esta Semana!

Monday Dec 04
6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study
Tuesday, Dec 05
9:00 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry
1:00 pm Tiny Blessings Ministry
5:00 pm Penance & Adoration
6:00 pm RCIA
Wednes, Dec 06
10:15 am Legion of Mary
6:30 pm K of C meeting
Feast of the
Friday, Dec 08 Immaculate Conception
8:30 am NO DAILY MASS
12:00 pm Mass at Ave Maria, Ripley
4:00 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Mass at St. Alphonsus
Sun, Dec 10 5 pm Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY

Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
Dec 02	D. Hessling	K. Sass	A. Calvet	K. Kennedy
4:30		J. Watkins		
		A. Calvet		
Dec 03	D. Hessling	M. Buda	J. Wheeler	G. Buda
10:30	C. Jones	N. Gogel		J. Terry
		M. Underwood		R. Tankersley
Dec 03	L.DeLaO	J. Gobellan	R/N Ortiz	R. Ortiz
12:15	C. Moreno	E. Montoya		N. Ortiz
		M. Ruiz		
Dec 09	S. Stegall	K. Sass	M. Griffis	D. Hessling
4:30		J. Watkins		
		E. Greeson		
Dec 10	N. Gogel	C. Gogel	R. Wheeler	D. Hessling
10:30	H. Buda	Jo. Jasper		J. Tankersley
		Ja. Jasper		J. Wheeler
Dec 10	R. Esquivel	G. Montoya	R/N Ortiz	R. Ortiz
12:15	C. Moreno	E. Moreno		N. Ortiz
		D. Gobellan		
		C. Ponce		



Readings for Dec 04– Dec 10

Monday– St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Is 2;1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11;1-10 Ps 72:1-17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday–St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 25;6-10 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday–St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1-27 Mt 7:21-27

Friday–The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-12 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday–San Juan Diego, Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 30:19-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35-10:8

Sunday–Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Dec 09	Volunteer	Volunteer	J. Buda
Dec 16	Tankersley	Hessling	J. Buda

First Week of Advent

All powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



Primera Semana de Adviento

Dios todopoderoso, aumenta nuestra fuerza de voluntad para hacer el bien, para que Cristo pueda encontrar una acogida entusiasta en su venida y llamarnos a su lado en el reino de los cielos, donde vive y reina contigo y con el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas			
Saturday	12/02	4:30 pm	For the Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	12/03	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	12/03	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Domingo	12/03	12:15 pm	Para una intención especial
Monday	12/04	12:00 pm	Special Intention by Carol Yarbrough
Tuesday	12/05	12:00 pm	+Bishop Carroll Dozier & Rev Joseph Paolozzi
Wednesday	12/06	12:00 pm	+Brother Knight Robert Atkinson by K of C
Friday	12/08	8:30 am	NO DAILY MASS
Friday	12/08	12:00 pm	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Friday	12/08	7:00 pm	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Saturday	12/09	8:30 am	+ Carol Yarbrough by Anne & Dave Calvet



Attendance/Público				
Nov 25/26	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
4:30 pm	42	2		
8:30 Mass			30	1
10:30 Mass	58	19		
12:15 Mass	16	18		

Nov 25/26	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2022	Ave Maria 2022
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,051.00	\$ 613.00	\$ 2,615.00	\$ 581.00
Weekly Regular	\$ 3,072.00	\$ 354.00	\$ 2,286.00	\$ 378.00
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Nov) 22 wk.	\$ 713.00	\$ 2,683.00	\$ 1,643.00	\$ 97.00
Friends of the Poor	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 0.00		\$ 350.00	
Tiny Blessing	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	
Helping Hands		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00

UPCOMING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

Friday December 8th- Feast of the Immaculate Conception

NO DAILY Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Noon Mass- Ave Maria Catholic Church, Ripley, Tn

7 p.m. Mass- St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Covington, Tn

Friday December 8th- Choir Practice and Practice at 4 p.m.

Monday December 11th- Northern Deanery Penance Service

6 p.m. at St. Jude Martin, TN

Advent Penance & Adoration

Tuesdays of Advent- Dec 5th, Dec 12th and Dec 19th from 5 to 6 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Tuesday Dec 12th at 6:15 p.m.

Due to Advent Penance & Adoration please be quiet as you enter the church

Christmas Church Decorating

Friday December 15th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass assistance will be needed to get the Decorations from Rectory Attic. Please let Anne Calvet know if you are available to help. One truck is needed and several people.

Saturday December 23rd at 8:00 a.m. Church Christmas decorating will start at St. Alphonsus. Please let Anne Calvet know if you are available to help. About 7 -10 people are needed.

Saturday December 23rd at 8:00 a.m. Parish Hall Christmas decorating and baking cookies to share with all. Please let Beth Teer know if you and/or your youth want to help.

PRÓXIMOS ACONTECIMIENTOS DE ADVIENTO Y NAVIDAD

Viernes 8 de diciembre- Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción

NO Misa diaria a las 8:30 a.m.

Misa del mediodía- Iglesia Católica Ave María, Ripley, Tn

Misa a las 7 p.m. - Iglesia Católica de San Alfonso, Covington, TN

Viernes 8 de diciembre- Práctica del coro y práctica a las 4 p.m.

Lunes 11 de diciembre- Servicio de Penitencia del Decanato Norte

6 p.m. en St. Jude Martin, TN

Penitencia de Adviento y Adoración

Martes de Adviento: 5 de diciembre, 12 de diciembre y 19 de diciembre de 5 a 6 p.m.

Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Martes 12 de diciembre a las 6:15 p.m.

Debido a la Penitencia y Adoración de Adviento, por favor permanezca en silencio al entrar a la iglesia

Decoración de la iglesia de Navidad

Viernes 15 de diciembre después de las 8:30 a.m. Se necesitará asistencia masiva para obtener las decoraciones del ático de la rectoría. Por favor, hágale saber a Anne Calvet si está disponible para ayudar. Se necesita un camión y varias personas.

El sábado 23 de diciembre a las 8:00 a.m. comenzará la decoración navideña de la iglesia en San Alfonso. Por favor, hágale saber a Anne Calvet si está disponible para ayudar. Se necesitan entre 7 y 10 personas.

Sábado 23 de diciembre a las 8:00 a.m. Salón Parroquial decoración navideña y horneado de galletas para compartir con todos. Por favor, hágale saber a Beth Teer si usted y/o su joven quieren ayudar.

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 rd	Vigil Mass	4:30 pm
Sunday, December 24 th	Ave Maria	8:30 am
Sunday, December 24 th	St Alphonus	10:30 am
Sunday, December 24 th	Misa en Español	12:15 pm

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Sunday, December 24 th	Vigil Mass-St Alphonus	4:30 pm
	<i>Christmas Music 30 minutes before Mass</i>	
Monday, December 25 th	Midnight Mass-St Alphonus	12:00 am
	<i>Christmas Music 30 minutes before Mass</i>	
Monday, December 25 th	Ave Maria	10:00 am
Misa en Español	St Alphonus	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 Alphonus	noon
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