



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Robert Ballman, Pastor

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May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

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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, May 22

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 23

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass

Monday, May 24

6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study

Tuesday, May 25

9:00 am Friends of the Poor

11:30 am Rosary

Wednesday, May 26

10:15 am Legion of Mary

11:30 am Rosary

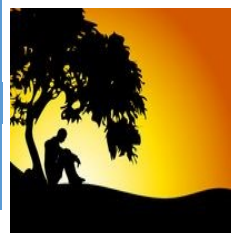
Thursday, May 27-Office CLOSED

10:30 am St. Robert Bellarmine Bible Study

4:00 pm Choir

Friday, May 28 No Daily Mass

9:00 am



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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Mass Intentions



Saturday	5/22	4:30 pm	For Special Intention
Sunday	5/23	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	5/23	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	5/24	12:00 pm	+Sir Knight WD Knight by K of C
Tuesday	5/25	12:00 pm	+Simon Bauer by David & Maria McConnell
Wednesday	5/26	12:00 pm	+Servin Scharding by Hessling Family
Friday	5/28	8:30 am	NO MASS
Saturday	5/29	8:30 am	For Tom & Tammy Freeman by John & Elaina Prizina

Promises & Blessings

Scripture verses

May 22th

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ
-Galatians 6:2

May 23th

You've always been great toward me-what love! You snatched me from the brink of disaster!...You, O God, are both tender and kind, not easily angered, immense in love, and you never, never quit.
-Psalm 86:13-15

UPDATE: Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. **St. Alphonsus is 101%** towards our goal of \$14,500. **Ave Maria is 243%** toward our goal of \$2,500. If you have not yet made a pledge for prayers, please fill out a commitment card located in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider supporting our diocesan church.

We would like to see an increase in our participation numbers. We have already made our financial goal, but if you could send in your ACA envelope and mark prayers that will count for our participation as well.
(St. Alphonsus 32% - Ave Maria 100%)

Readings for May 24 - May 30

Monday-The Blessed Virgin Mary

Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-3, 5-7 Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday-St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, DOC

St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, V
Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday-St. Philip Neri, Priest

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Mk 10:32-45

Thursday-St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-9 Mk 10:46-52

Friday

Sir 44:1, 9-13 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Mk 11:11-26

Saturday-St. Paul VI, Pope

Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33

Sunday

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

Mt 28:16-20

Upcoming Events:

Catholic Charities "Welcome To Your Home" collection for cleaning supplies and other sundry items for Sunday, June 13th.

Please see insert for list of supplies needed.

MARK YOU CALENDARS: St. Alphonsus/Ave Maria

Diocese 50th Anniversary and Father's Day Picnic on Sunday, June 20th immediately following 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus. See detail in flyer insert.



St. Parasceva Hook and Needles Society is calling all crocheters and knitters who would like to help make scarves for St. Mary's of Memphis Closet for the Homeless. We would like to make 100 scarves by Thanksgiving to share with them before the cold weather sets in.

Points of Contact are Susan Stegall, Eva Wright or Beth Teer.

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	
Kay Bergen	Lenny Lind
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

Our Loved Ones	
Vicki Antwine	Christie Johnson
James & Robin Barnett	Ester Jones
William Barrett	Mode Jones
Joe Bergen	Phillis King
Virginia Bowden	Judy Kovach
Darlene Brooks	Emile Latour
Dan Browers	Cindy Lavelli
Dave Buda	Jacob LeFils
Joe Bynum	Dietmar Linden
Christina Cahaly	Susana Linden
Angela Canady	Anita McLean
Patrick Christy	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
Karri Flannigan	Cynthia Simmons
Melissa Flores	Carmen Sosa
Ella Forkum	Andrea Stafford
Tammy Freeman	Ray & Yelba Stevenson
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Sam Stitt
Natasha Gray	Jay St. John
Elizabeth Guntert	Cathy Stowers
Robert E. Harbin	Toni Swindell
James Phillip Harbin	Jennifer Tidwell
John Haywood, Jr.	Peter Vanderven
Kay Hernandez	Brad & Paige Warmath
Lisa Hogan	Donna Williams
Betty Hopper	Steve Williams
Lisa Hutton	Coila Winters

May Birthdays

Jacob Walker 5/23

Kay Bergen 5/26



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.*

May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Universal Intention: – The World Of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Liturgical Ministers			
	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans
May 22 4:30 pm	E. Teer	K. Sass	A. Calvet
May 23 10:30 am	C. Clark G. Buda	Ju Walker EP Moreno	M. Griffis
May 29 4:30 pm	A. Calvet	K. Sass	M. Griffis
May 30 10:30 am	J. Terry L. Pesnell	A. Moreno Ja Walker	J. Buda

Attendance Last Week				
May 16	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	31	3		
8:30 Mass			18	0
10:30 Mass	59	8		

Volunteers			
	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
May 29	A. Calvet	K. Sass	M. Stephens
Jun 05	K. Clark	E. Teer	M. Stephens
Jun 12	T. Clowes	S. Harmon	M. Stephens

Sunday 2nd Collection: None

May 16, 2021	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2020	Ave Maria 2020
Budget	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 2,897.00	\$ 210.00	\$	\$
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-May)46 wks.	\$ 7,448.00	\$8,345.00	\$	\$
Friends of the Poor	\$ 110.00	\$	\$	\$



Saint Bede the Venerable's Story-May 25

Bede is one of the few saints honored as such even during his lifetime. His writings were filled with such faith and learning that even while he was still alive, a Church council ordered them to be read publicly in the churches.

At an early age, Bede was entrusted to the care of the abbot of the Monastery of St. Paul, Jarrow. The happy combination of genius and the instruction of scholarly, saintly monks, produced a saint and an extraordinary

scholar, perhaps the most outstanding one of his day. He was deeply versed in all the sciences of his times: natural philosophy, the philosophical principles of Aristotle, astronomy, arithmetic, grammar, ecclesiastical history, the lives of the saints and especially, holy Scripture.

From the time of his ordination to the priesthood at 30—he had been ordained a deacon at 19—till his death, Bede was ever occupied with learning, writing, and teaching. Besides the many books that he copied, he composed 45 of his own, including 30 commentaries on books of the Bible.

His *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* is commonly regarded as of decisive importance in the art and science of writing history. A unique era was coming to an end at the time of Bede's death: It had fulfilled its purpose of preparing Western Christianity to assimilate the non-Roman barbarian North. Bede recognized the opening to a new day in the life of the Church even as it was happening.

Although eagerly sought by kings and other notables, even Pope Sergius, Bede managed to remain in his own monastery until his death. Only once did he leave for a few months in order to teach in the school of the archbishop of York. Bede died in 735 praying his favorite prayer: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As in the beginning, so now, and forever."

Reflection:

Though his *History* is the greatest legacy Bede has left us, his work in all the sciences, especially in Scripture, should not be overlooked. During his last Lent, Bede worked on a translation of the *Gospel of Saint John* into English, completing it the day he died. But of this work "to break the word to the poor and unlearned" nothing remains today.

Diocese of Memphis 50th Anniversary



and



Father's Day Picnic

Sunday June 20th at St. Alphonsus

Come and join in the festivities for these

Two wonderful events!



Hotdogs and Hamburgers to be provided by Knights of Columbus

Sign-Up Sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall for Condiments, hotdog and hamburger buns, chips, fruit and desserts

Bring your lawn chair and come and enjoy fellowship, food and fun!

Point of Contact is Beth Teer @ 901-605-7337



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DECREE

After reading the publications of the most recent communication from the C.D.C. and from the Health Departments that serve the twenty-one counties that make up the Catholic Diocese of Memphis, I offer this new DECREE. This new DECREE becomes effective at the end of the school year for our Catholic schools. As you will see, most of the restrictions regarding public worship, seen at the beginning of this terrible pandemic (March of 2020), are no longer mentioned, no longer applicable. The GOLDEN RULE of the Risen Lord Jesus continues to be our guide in this and in every issue that we face as a Diocese (Leviticus 19. 18, 34; Matthew 7.12; Luke 6.31). I will remain attentive to news about this pandemic.

FIRST: While guarding our health and the health of our neighbor during this pandemic, we need to come back to the Sunday celebration of holy Mass. We need to come back and renew the strength of each parish community of faith. We need to hold sacred “the LORD’s DAY”.

As has been mentioned before, please note that “If participation in the Eucharistic celebration becomes impossible because of the absence of a sacred minister or another grave cause, it is strongly recommended that the faithful...devote themselves to prayer for suitable time alone, as a family... (canon 1248)”.

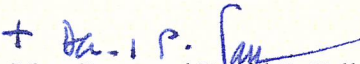
What is a grave cause that would make it impossible to meet the “Sunday obligation”? Granting the continued presence of this infectious new coronavirus among our people, *any health precondition that makes the person or parent or health provider more vulnerable to COVID 19...this kind of issue is the kind of grave cause mentioned in the canon above.*

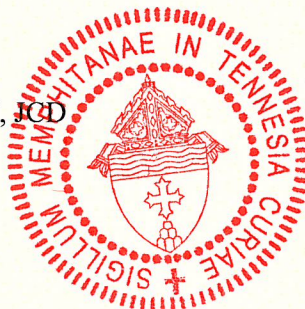
I continue to ask all Catholics and their families and friends to join your Pastor in the fellowship of our Catholic parishes, for Sunday Mass and for the ongoing formation of our lives, lived in Christ the Lord.

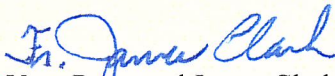
SECOND: Please follow the required instructions and restrictions listed below:

1. The withholding of the *cup of blessing* (chalices for Holy Communion) during holy Mass continues in effect *until further notice*.
2. Each Pastor is to determine how best to monitor “safe physical distancing”. Families living in the same household and those fully vaccinated should be encouraged to sit together.
3. Facial coverings (masks) are recommended but optional. Each Pastor should remain attentive to the health concerns of his parishioners.
4. All clergy and all that assist them in administering Holy Communion are encouraged to “purify hands” thoroughly before and after offering Holy Communion.

This Decree is given on the 14th of May 2021 and takes effect on the 28th of May 2021. I am yours, in the light and love of the Risen Lord,

+ 
Most Reverend David P. Talley, MSW, JCD
Bishop of Memphis




Very Reverend James Clark, JV
Chancellor



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DECRETO

Habiendo leído las publicaciones del comunicado más reciente de de la C.D.C. y de los Departamentos de Salud que sirven a los veintinueve condados que conforman la Diócesis Católica de Memphis, ofrezco este nuevo DECRETO. Este nuevo DECRETO entrara en efecto al final del ciclo escolar de nuestras escuelas Católicas. Como verán, la mayoría de las restricciones relacionadas con el culto público, provistas al inicio de esta terrible pandemia (Marzo de 2020), ya no se mencionan, ya no aplican. La REGLA de ORO de Nuestro Señor Resucitado sigue siendo nuestra guía en esta y todas las cuestiones que enfrentamos como Diócesis (Levítico 19. 18, 34; Mateo 7. 12; Lucas 6. 31). Yo permaneceré atento a las noticias respecto de esta pandemia.

PRIMERO: Al tiempo que resguardamos nuestra salud y la de nuestro prójimo durante esta pandemia, necesitamos regresar a la Celebración Dominical de la Santa Misa. Necesitamos regresar y renovar la Fortaleza de cada una de nuestras comunidades parroquiales de Fe. Necesitamos santificar el "DIA del SEÑOR".

Como ha sido mencionado antes, por favor noten que, si "la participación en la Celebración Eucarística se hiciera imposible por la ausencia de un ministro sagrado u otra causa grave, es fuertemente recomendable que los fieles ... se vuelquen devotos en sí mismos a la oración por un tiempo apropiado, ya en soledad o en familia ... (canon 1248)".

¿Que constituye una causa grave que haría imposible cumplir esta "Obligación Dominical"? Dada la continua presencia de este nuevo Coronavirus, que es altamente infeccioso, entre nuestra gente, *cualquier condición de salud pre-existente que hace a la persona, a sus padres, o al personal de salud que le cuida o atiende, más vulnerables al COVID 19 es el tipo de causa grave mencionada en el canon citado arriba.*

Sigo pidiendo a todos los Católicos y a sus familiares y amigos que se unan a sus párrocos en la comunión de nuestras parroquias católicas, tanto para la Misa Dominical como para nuestra continua formación para nuestras vidas, vividas en Cristo, el Señor.

SEGUNDO, Por favor sigan las instrucciones y restricciones requeridas y listadas a continuación:

1. Se mantiene en efecto el desuso del Cáliz de Bendición (la copa, durante la Sagrada Comunión durante la Santa Misa *hasta nuevo aviso*).
2. Cada Párroco se encargara de determinar la mejor manera de monitorear "un distanciamiento físico seguro". A las familias que vivan bajo el mismo techo y quienes ya estén completamente vacunados se les exhortara a sentarse juntos.
3. Las mascarillas son recomendables, pero opcionales. Cada Párroco permanecerá atento a las preocupaciones de salud de los feligreses de su parroquia.
4. A todos los párrocos y quienes les ayuden en la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión se les sigue exhortando a purificar sus manos a conciencia y totalmente antes y después de la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión

Este decreto es dado el día 14vo día del mes de Mayo, y entrara en efecto en día 28 de Mayo de 2021.

Soy suyo en la luz y el amor del Señor Resucitado

I will give you a new heart Ezekiel 36:26