



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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May 16, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday 8:30am

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

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 15

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 16

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass

Monday, May 17

6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study

Tuesday, May 18

9:00 am Friends of the Poor

11:30 am Rosary

Wednesday, May 19

10:15 am Legion of Mary

11:30 am Rosary

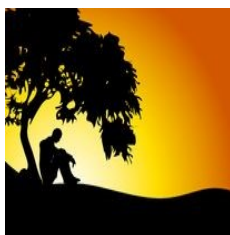
Thursday, May 20

10:30 am St. Robert Bellarmine Bible Study

4:00 pm Choir

Friday, May 21

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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AVE MARIA

(just South of Highway 19 junction)

664 S. Washington St. (SR 209) • Ripley, Tennessee



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Mass Intentions



Saturday	5/15	4:30 pm	For Special Intention
Sunday	5/16	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	5/16	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	5/17	12:00 pm	+Rev. Msgr. John R. Batson
Tuesday	5/18	12:00 pm	+Ella Smith by Len & Kay Bergen
Wednesday	5/19	12:00 pm	+The McConnell Family by Maria & David McConnell
Friday	5/21	8:30 am	+Rev. Msgr. Theron J. Walker
Saturday	5/22	8:30 am	+Rev. Milton J. Guthrie

Promises & Blessings

Scripture verses

May 15th

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart;

I will tell of your wonders.

I will be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing praise to your name,

O Most High.

-Psalm 9:1-2

May 16th

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

-1 John 3:18

Readings for May 17 - May 23

Monday

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5d, 6-7b Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday-St. John I, Pope, Martyr

Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday-St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday-St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, (M)

Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday-St. Rita of Cascia, Rel

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

Sunday-Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Jn 20:19-23

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%)

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. More details to follow.

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	Mary Schaefer
Sheila Elrod	Anna Short
Rob Engel	Cynthia Simmons
Karri Flannigan	Carmen Sosa
Melissa Flores	Andrea Stafford
Ella Forkum	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

Dixie Duncan 5/20

Deanna Pavletic 5/20

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 15	E. Teer	A. Calvet	M. Griffis
4:30 pm		K. Sass	
May 16	G. Buda	A. Calvet	E. Teer
10:30 am	D. Lombardo	H. Smith	
May 22	E. Teer	K. Sass	A. Calvet
4:30 pm			
May 23	C. Clark	Ju Walker	M. Griffis
10:30 am	G. Buda	EP Moreno	

Attendance Last Week

May 9	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	23			
8:30 Mass			24	2
10:30 Mass	57	11		

Volunteers

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
May 22	K. Greeson	B. Matthews	M. Stephens
May 29	A. Calvet	K. Sass	M. Stephens
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Sunday 2nd Collection: CAPITAL

May 9, 2021	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2020	Ave Maria 2020
Budget	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 3,497.00	\$ 820.00	\$	\$
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-May)45 wks.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Friends of the Poor	\$ 580.00	\$	\$	\$

Saint Isidore the Farmer's Story-May 15th



Isidore has become the patron of farmers and rural communities. In particular, he is the patron of Madrid, Spain, and of the United States National Rural Life Conference.

When he was barely old enough to wield a hoe, Isidore entered the service of John de Vergas, a wealthy landowner from Madrid, and worked faithfully on his estate outside the city for the rest of his life. He married a young woman as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint—Maria de la Cabeza. They had one son, who died as a child.

Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God. His devotion, one might say, became a problem, for his fellow workers sometimes complained that he often showed up late because of lingering in church too long.

He was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food. He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals.

He died May 15, 1130, and was declared a saint in 1622, with Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri. Together, the group is known in Spain as "the five saints."

Reflection

Many implications can be found in a simple laborer achieving sainthood: Physical labor has dignity; sainthood does not stem from status; contemplation does not depend on learning; the simple life is conducive to holiness and happiness. Legends about angel helpers and mysterious oxen indicate that his work was not neglected and his duties did not go unfulfilled. Perhaps the truth which emerges is this: If you have your spiritual self in order, your earthly commitments will fall into order also. "[S]eek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness," said the carpenter from Nazareth, "and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33).