



# SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

# AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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**Apr 25, 2021**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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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, Apr 24

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday, Apr 25

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass

### Tuesday, Apr 27

9:00 am Friends of the Poor

11:30 am Rosary

### Wednesday, Apr 28

10:15 am Legion of Mary

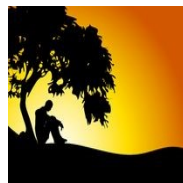
11:30 am Rosary

### Thursday, Apr 29

10:30 am St. Robert Bellarmine Bible Study

4:00 pm Choir

*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.*

**“Love consumes us only in the measure of our self-surrender.”**

**-St. Therese of Lisieux**

### 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	4/24	4:30 pm	For Special Intention
Sunday	4/25	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	4/25	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	4/26	12:00 pm	+Maggie Wilborn by Len & Kay Bergen
Tuesday	4/27	12:00 pm	+Mathia Linden by Dave & Andrea Hessling
Wednesday	4/28	12:00 pm	+Bill Ciesiolka by Len & Kay Bergen
Friday	4/30	8:30 am	For Jonathan Teer by Steve & Beth Teer
Saturday	5/01	8:30 am	+Fr. David Knight

## Promises & Blessings

Scripture verses

April 24th

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
-John 3:16

April 25th

Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding... Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
-Psalm 103:20-22

### St. Alphonsus Finance Council

The St. Alphonsus Finance Council will meet on Sunday, April 25, at noon

### Ave Maria Finance Council

Ave Maria Finance Council will meet on Monday, April 26, at 5:00 p.m.

### Quiet Please

Out of respect for the Blessed Sacrament present in the tabernacle, as well as out of courtesy to those praying before and after Mass, please avoid socializing in the church worship space. Thank you.

### Welcome & Registration

We extend a warm welcome to all who joined us today and invite you to worship with us again soon. Registration forms are available on our website:  
[www.stalphonsuscovington.org](http://www.stalphonsuscovington.org)

Please complete a registration form or you may contact the parish office.

## Readings for Apr 26 - May 2

Monday

Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday-Sts. Peter Chanel, Priest (M) & St. Louis de Montfort, Priest

Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

Thursday-St. Catherine of Siena, DOC

Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20

Friday-St. Pius V, Pope

Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
Jn 3:18-24

### Parking Lot Safety

For the safety of all our parishioners, please do not allow your children to run or play in the parking lots. The back patio and lawn provide ample space for those who wish to socialize. Children should have adult supervision at all times when on parish property.

“The line separating good and evil passes not through state, nor between classes, nor between political parties either—but right through every human heart...”  
-Solzhenitsyn

Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is a living relationship with the Risen Lord.  
-Pope Francis

**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	
Jerry Bryant	Lenny Lind
Peter Burkhardt	Diana Lombardo
Pat Butner	Stan Matras
Florinda Clark/Family	Maria McConnell
Lottie Crofton	Christina Miller
Kay & Gene Cross	Jerry & Rose Mills
Dixie Duncan	David Moore
Derek Durham	Eleanor Nunn
John Folden	Ginger Poteete
Floanne Garrett	Lynda Rogers
Evan Grueling	Holly Schaefer
Jack & Peggy Haywood	Barbara Schneider
Jim & Lois Hayden	Joan Smith
Pat Haynes	Frank Stephens
Billie Hutchins	Elizabeth Sullivan
Beverly Jiminez	Annette Tustin
Carmen Jones	Irma Wilson de Roze

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



**Happy Birthday!**

Ellis Barrett 4/30

Juanita Buda 5/01

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.

**April Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

**Universal Intention: – Fundamental Rights**

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

## Liturgical Ministers

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans
<b>Apr 24</b> 4:30 pm	A. Calvet	K. Sass	A. Calvet
<b>Apr 25</b> 10:30 am	P. Williams G. Buda	A. Moreno Ju. Walker	M. Griffis
<b>May 01</b> 4:30 pm	E. Teer	K. Sass	M. Griffis
<b>May 02</b> 10:30 am	C. Jones J. Terry	Ju Walker Ja Walker	J. Buda

## Attendance Last Week

Apr 18	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	31	2		
8:30 Mass			22	2
10:30 Mass	84	24		

## Volunteers

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Apr 24	A. Calvet	K. Sass	M. Stephens
May 1	L. Pesnell	R. Esquivel	M. Stephens
May 8	J. Walker	D. Lombardo	M. Stephens

## Sunday 2nd Collection: Catholic Home Mission

Apr 18, 2021	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2020	Ave Maria 2020
<b>Budget</b>	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00
<b>Regular</b>	\$ 2,462.00	\$ 335.00	\$	\$
<b>YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Apr)42 wks.</b>	\$ 5,256.00	\$ 7,171.00	\$	\$
<b>Friends of the Poor</b>	\$ 110.00	\$	\$	\$

## Saint Catherine of Siena's Story

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her – men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374. Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children” and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

### Reflection

Though she lived her life in a faith experience and spirituality far different from that of our own time, Catherine of Siena stands as a companion with us on the Christian journey in her undivided effort to invite the Lord to take flesh in her own life. Events which might make us wince or chuckle or even yawn fill her biographies: a mystical experience at six, childhood betrothal to Christ, stories of harsh asceticism, her frequent ecstatic visions. Still, Catherine lived in an age which did not know the rapid change of 21st-century mobile America. The value of her life for us today lies in her recognition of holiness as a goal to be sought over the course of a lifetime.