



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Robert Ballman, Pastor

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January 22, 2023

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Green

MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO de MISAS

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday/Sábado 4:30 pm

Vigil

Sunday/Domingo 10:30 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday/Domingo 8:30am

ST. ALPHONSUS Daily/Diario

Monday/Lunes 12:00 pm

Tuesday/Martes 12:00 pm

Wednesday/ 12:00 pm

Miercoles

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

Baptism or Marriage preparation

Bautismo o Matrimonio preparacion

Call for appointment

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.

This Week/Esta Semana!

Monday, Jan 23

6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study

Tuesday, Jan 24

9:00 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry

1:00 pm Tiny Blessings Ministry

6:00 pm RCIA

Wedn, Jan 25 The Conversion of St. Paul

10:15 am Legion of Mary

4:00 pm Choir Practice

6:00 pm Confirmation/Confirmación

Thursday, Jan 26

10:30 am St. R Bellarmine Bible Study

Sunday, Jan 29

8:45 am PRE Classes

DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIÓN

SAINT 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

First Saturday/Primero Sábado 8:00 am

Sunday morning/Domingo por la mañana 10:05 am

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

Parish Office 901.476.8140 • FAX 901.476.9650 • Rectory 901.501.6105



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Liturgical Ministers/Ministros Litúrgicos

| | Lectors | Servers | Sacristans | Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers |
|--------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jan 21 | D. Hessling | K. Sass | A. Calvet | K. Greeson |
| | | J. Watkins | | |
| | | E. Greeson | | |
| Jan 22 | J. Wheeler | A. Moreno | E. Teer | J. Terry |
| | G. Buda | C. Buda | | J. Tankersley |
| | | N. Gogel | | R. TankersleyLoft |
| Jan 28 | A. Calvet | K. Sass | A. Calvet | E. Teer |
| | | J. Watkins | | |
| Jan 29 | J. Buda | E. Teer | M. Griffis | J. Terry |
| | J. King | J. Gobellan | | J Tankersley |
| | | C. Buda | | J. Wheeler |

Attendance/Público

| Jan 14/15 | St. Alphonsus | | Ave Maria | |
|------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | Adult | Children | Adult | Children |
| 4:30 pm | 50 | 8 | | |
| 8:30 Mass | | | 27 | 2 |
| 10:30 Mass | 65 | 28 | | |

**Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection:
Church in Latin America**

**January/Enero 29- 2nd Collection:
None/Ninguno**

Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas

| | | | |
|-----------|-------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 01/21 | 4:30 pm | For Special Intention |
| Sunday | 01/22 | 12:00 am | For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus |
| Sunday | 01/22 | 10:00 am | For the Parishioners of Ave Maria |
| Monday | 01/23 | 12:00 pm | +Emily Maglio by Linda Maglio |
| Tuesday | 01/24 | 12:00 pm | +Rita Walters |
| Wednesday | 01/25 | 12:00 pm | Gordon Golightly by Carol Yarbrough |
| Friday | 01/27 | 8:30 am | +Pope emeritus Benedict XVI |
| Saturday | 01/28 | 8:30 am | 2nd Graders of St. Agnes Academy |

| Jan 15, 2023 | Saint Alphonsus | Ave Maria | Saint Alphonsus 2022 | Ave Maria 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Budget | \$ 2,615.00 | \$ 581.00 | \$ 2,615.00 | \$ 490.00 |
| Regular | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 454.00 | \$ 1,820.00 | \$ 181.00 |
| YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Jan) 29 wk. | \$ 6,629.00 | \$ 161.00 | \$ 3,354.00 | \$ 723.00 |
| Friends of the Poor | \$ 100.00 | | \$ 120.00 | |
| Food Pantry | \$ 0.00 | | \$ 100.00 | |
| Tiny Blessing | \$ 0.00 | | \$ 0.00 | |
| Helping Hands | | \$ 0.00 | | \$ 0.00 |

Volunteers/Voluntarios

| | Church | Parish Hall | Altar Linens | Lawn |
|--------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| Jan 28 | Tankersley | Terry | J. Buda | Volunteer |
| Feb 4 | Calvet | Sass | J. Buda | Volunteer |
| Feb 11 | Gogel | Matthews | J. Buda | Volunteer |

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 Parishioners/Nuestros Feligreses

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Leonard & Kay Bergen | Jerry & Rose Mills |
| Jerry Bryant | Doloris Pfountz |
| Peter Burkhardt | Lynda Rogers |
| Florinda Clark/Family | Holly Schaefer |
| Tammy Clowes | Barbara Schneider |
| Kay & Gene Cross | Joan Smith |
| Ellen Daily | Cyburn Sullivan |
| Derek Durham | Elizabeth Sullivan |
| Jim & Lois Hayden | Annette Tustin |
| Pat Haynes | Martha Wenning |
| Billie Hutchins | Dottie Wellbrock |
| Beverly Jiminez | Patton Williams |
| Maria & David McConnell | Irma Wilson de Roze |
| Piper Matthews | Eva Wright |

Our Ill Priests/Nuestros Sacerdotes Enfermos

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|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Fr. John Hourican | Fr. Bryan Timby | Fr. Burke |
| Fr. Jolly Sebastian | Fr. Robert Ponticello | |

Our Loved Ones/Nuestras Seres Queridos

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Shirley Arnold | Lisa Hutton |
| James & Robin Barnett | Christie Johnson |
| Tim Baltz | Ester Jones |
| William Barrett | Anna & Jerry Kay |
| Joe Bergen | Cynthia/Ed Kilpatrick |
| Virginia Bowden | Phillis King |
| Jane Bringle | Judy Kovach |
| Darlene Brooks | Janice Kuyoth |
| Dan Browers | Cindy Lavelli |
| Daniel & Dave Buda | Sondra Lewis |
| Joe Bynum | Dietmar Linden |
| Christina Cahaly | Susana Linden |
| Angela Canady | Louanne Little |
| Patrick Christy | Linda Maglio |
| Lottie Crofton | Michael McPike |
| Bella Crosby | Linda Medford |
| Liz Crosslin | Danny Miller |
| Bobbie Jean Crouse | Ronnie Nipp |
| Lillie Daves | Sally Paulus |
| Danny Duff | Joe & Tom Pavletic |
| Dixie Duncan | Sandra Pellegren |
| Michael Ellis | William Perry |
| Rob Engel | Beverly Pratt |
| Willie Ferrell | Joan Robertson |
| Karri Flannigan | Diane Robinson |
| Holliebeth Flowers | Russom Family |
| Ella Forkum | Mike Sadler |
| Tammy Freeman | Mary Schaefer |
| Luke Garza | Andrea Stafford |
| Kathy & Ronda Gentry | Sam Stitt |
| Elizabeth Guntert | Jay St. John |
| Pam Grimsley | Allen & Penny Story |
| John Hardesty | Toni Swindell |
| Shannon Heindel | Jennifer Tidwell |
| Kay Hernandez | Peter Vanderven |
| Gunther Hitchcock/family | Mr. & Mrs. J. Watkins |
| Lisa Hogan | Donna Williams |
| Betty Hopper | Steve Williams |
| Terry Jergens | Gordon Golightly |

Readings for Jan 23-Jan 29

Monday-St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
 Heb 9:15-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday-St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
 Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2-11 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday-The Conversion of St. Paul, The Apostle
 Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

Thursday-Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-10, Mk 4:21-25

Friday-St. Angela Merici, Virgin
 Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-40 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday-St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church
 Heb 11:1-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Zep 2:3, 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12

**January-Pope's Prayer Intention:
 For educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

The Story of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle



Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "... entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior.

One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thesalonians 1:5a).

Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

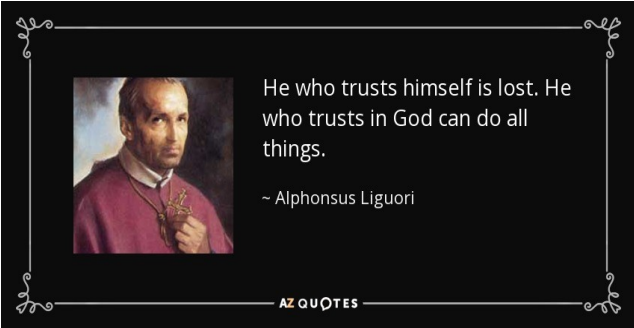
So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

Reflection Paul is undoubtedly hard to understand. His style often reflects the rabbinical style of argument of his day, and often his thought skips on mountaintops while we plod below. But perhaps our problems are accentuated by the fact that so many beautiful jewels have become part of the everyday coin in our Christian language.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROXIMOS EVENTOS

MISA en español
Son todos cordialmente invitados a la primera misa en español que sera efectuada el domingo, 29 de enero a las 12:15 p.m. en St. Alphonsus. La misa en español se celebrara cada domingo a la misma hora

Volunteers Needed/Voluntarios Necesitados
Volunteers are needed for Church projects such as washing/ironing Altar Linens, Cleaning Church/Hall, gardening, Liturgy Scheduling and Altar Flowers. If you would like to help and have time to offer please contact the Parish Office at 901-476-8140.



Happy Birthday!
Feliz Cumpleaños!
James Watkins 1/27

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY PALMS
Ash Wednesday is February 22nd which is the Start of Lent.
We are collecting Palms to burn to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you have any old palms at home please place them in the box located in the Narthex.
Call the Parish office at 901-476-8140 if you have any questions or concerns.

CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACIÓN
Confirmation Mass on Wednesday January 25th at 6 pm for two confirmandi at St. Alphonsus. All are welcome to attend. Bishop David Talley will be presiding.
Misa de Confirmación el miércoles 25 de enero a las 6 pm para dos confirmandos en St. Alphonsus. Todos son bienvenidos para asistir. El obispo David Talley presidirá.

HELPING HANDS CLOTHES CLOSET

At Ave Maria

Items needed:

Hangars, New Underwear all ages/genders, Kids clothes and Volunteers

At this time **NO ADULT CLOTHES** are **NEEDED**

Point of Contact is Sandy Moore at 901-488-7676



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Mass in Spanish

All are cordially invited to the first Mass in Spanish that will be on Sunday, January 29th at 12:15 p.m. at St. Alphonsus. The Mass in Spanish will be celebrated each Sunday at this time.

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PALMAS DEL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

El Miércoles de Ceniza es el 22 de febrero, que es el comienzo de la Cuaresma.

Estamos recolectando palmas para quemar para crear las cenizas para el Miércoles de Ceniza. Si tiene palmeras viejas en casa, colóquelas en la caja ubicada en el Narthex.

Llame a la oficina parroquial al 901-476-8140 si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud.

TINY BLESSING MINISTRY

HELP IS NEEDED! Our Tiny Blessings Ministry serves mothers with children from newborn to 3 years old. We are in desperate need of socks for our little family members. Any socks for newborn thru 3 years old will be greatly appreciated. Please bring any donations to the church. Our Tiny Blessings Ministry is open every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MINISTERIO DE BENDICIÓN PEQUEÑA ¡SE NECESITA

AYUDA! Nuestro Ministerio de Pequeñas Bendiciones es madres con niños desde newborn hasta 3 años de edad. Necesitamos desesperadamente calcetines para los pequeños miembros de nuestra familia. Cualquier calcetín para recién nacidos hasta los 3 años de edad será muy apreciado. Por favor, traiga cualquier donación a la iglesia. Nuestro Ministerio de Pequeñas Bendiciones está abierto todos los martes por la tarde de 1:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m.



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La historia de la conversión de San Pablo



Toda la vida de San Pablo se puede explicar en términos de una experiencia: su encuentro con Jesús en el camino a Damasco. En un instante, vio que todo el celo de su personalidad dinámica se estaba desperdiciando, como la fuerza de un boxeador balanceándose salvajemente. Tal vez nunca había visto a Jesús, que era sólo unos pocos años mayor. Pero había adquirido el odio de un fanático de todo lo que Jesús representaba, cuando comenzó a acosar a la Iglesia: "... entrando casa tras casa y arrastrando a hombres y mujeres, los entregó para su encarcelamiento" (Hechos 8:3b). Ahora él mismo estaba "entrado", poseído, toda su energía aprovechada para una meta: ser un esclavo de Cristo en el ministerio de la reconciliación, un instrumento para ayudar a otros a experimentar al único Salvador.

Una frase determinó su teología: "Yo soy Jesús, a quien persigues" (Hechos 9:5b). Jesús se identificó misteriosamente con la gente, el grupo amoroso de personas que Saúl había estado atropellando como criminales. Jesús, vio, era el cumplimiento misterioso de todo lo que había estado persiguiendo ciegamente.

A partir de entonces, su único trabajo fue "presentar a todos perfectos en Cristo. Por esto trabajo y lucho de acuerdo con el ejercicio de su poder obrando dentro de mí" (Colosenses 1:28b-29). "Porque nuestro evangelio no vino a vosotros sólo en palabra, sino también en poder y en el Espíritu Santo y [con] mucha convicción" (1 Tesalonicenses 1:5a).

La vida de Pablo se convirtió en un incansable proclamar y vivir el mensaje de la cruz: los cristianos mueren bautismalmente al pecado y son sepultados con Cristo; Están muertos a todo lo que es pecaminoso y no redimido en el mundo. Se convierten en una nueva creación, compartiendo ya la victoria de Cristo y algún día resucitarán de entre los muertos como él. A través de este Cristo resucitado, el Padre derrama el Espíritu sobre ellos, haciéndolos completamente nuevos.

Así que el gran mensaje de Pablo al mundo fue: Eres salvo enteramente por Dios, no por nada que puedas hacer. La fe salvífica es el don del compromiso total, libre, personal y amoroso con Cristo, un compromiso que luego da fruto en más "obras" de las que la Ley podría contemplar.

Reflexión Pablo es indudablemente difícil de entender. Su estilo a menudo refleja el estilo rabínico de argumentación de su época, y a menudo su pensamiento salta en las cimas de las montañas mientras caminamos debajo. Pero tal vez nuestros problemas se acentúan por el hecho de que tantas joyas hermosas se han convertido en parte de la moneda cotidiana en nuestro lenguaje cristiano.