



# SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

# AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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**March 10, 2019**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Violet**

## 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, Mar 09

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday, Mar 10

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

8:45 am PRE

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass - St. Alphonsus

12:00 pm St. Alphonsus F/C Meeting

### Monday, Mar 11

5:00 pm Ave Maria F/C Meeting

6:00 pm Lenten Gospel Study-St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

### Tuesday, Mar 12

10:00 am Friends of the Poor

6:00 pm RCIA

### Wednesday, Mar 13

10:15 am Legion of Mary

7:00 pm K of C Meeting

### Thursday, Mar 14

5:00 pm Choir

### Friday, Mar 15

5:00 pm Soup & Salad Dinner

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:30-9:30 pm Youth Fun & Games

### Saturday, Mar 16

9:30 am Church/Hall/Garden Spring Cleaning

### SAINT ALPHONSUS

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Mailing Address • PO Box 430 • Covington, Tennessee 38019

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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



Please Pray for



|           |       |          |                                       |
|-----------|-------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 03/09 | 4:30 pm  |                                       |
| Sunday    | 03/10 | 8:30 am  | For the Parishioners of Ave Maria     |
| Sunday    | 03/10 | 10:30 am | For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus |
| Monday    | 03/11 | 12:00 pm | For Susan St. John                    |
| Tuesday   | 03/12 | 12:00 pm | For Justin St. John                   |
| Wednesday | 03/13 | 12:00 pm | For Mike & Becca Matthews             |
| Friday    | 03/15 | 8:30 am  | For Tom Krajenta                      |
| Saturday  | 03/16 | 8:30 am  | +Rev. Msg. Joseph E. Leppert          |

## Our Ill Priests

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

## Our Parishioners

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Jason Brower   | Brandon Lovelace   |
| Mike Brower    | Maria McConnell    |
| Jerry Bryant   | Jerry & Rose Mills |
| Juanita Buda   | Eleanor Nunn       |
| Harriet Cooper | Elaine Perry       |
| Gene Cross     | Fernando Romero    |
| Mary DiBiasi   | Lynda Rogers       |
| Dixie Duncan   | Holly Schaefer     |
| John Folden    | Barbara Schneider  |
| Joe Francis    | Jack & Joan Smith  |
| Patsy Hoffman  | Julie Smith        |
| Joe King       | Frank Stephens     |
| Nancy Lind     | Elizabeth Sullivan |

## Our Loved Ones

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Eva Adams             | Kenneth Duncan       |
| Rosemarie Aird        | Elizabeth            |
| James & Robin Barnett | Michael Ellis        |
| William Barrett       | Norita Fegere        |
| Betty Jo Bennet       | Karri Flannigan      |
| Mary Bixler           | Melissa Flores       |
| Virginia Bowden       | Ella Forkum          |
| Dave Buda             | Philip Galaska       |
| Patti Butner          | Kathy & Ronda Gentry |
| Joe Bynum             | Timothy Hoffman      |
| Christina Cahaly      | Lisa Hogan           |
| Paul Casagrande       | Wanda Hubicki        |
| Bonnie Coltrane       | Jackson Hughey       |
| Patrick Christy       | Luanne Jergens       |
| Liz Crosslin          | Beverly Jiminez      |
| Bobbie Jean Crouse    | Christie Johnson     |
| Heather Daniels       | Ester Jones          |

## Our Loved Ones

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Mode Jones         | David Powell                 |
| Laura Swope-Keller | Beverly Pratt                |
| Judy Kovach        | Maria Refujio Flores-Estrada |
| Emile Latour       | Joan Robertson               |
| Cindy Lavelli      | Jody Rodriguez               |
| Jacob LeFils       | Mary Schaefer                |
| Dietmar Linden     | Cynthia Simmons              |
| Evelyn Lynn        | Carmen Sosa                  |
| Diane Maness       | Andrea Stafford              |
| Debbie Marshall    | Ray & Yelba Stevenson        |
| Kevin Matras       | Sam Stitt                    |
| Stan Matras        | Peter Vandervan              |
| Barbara McKay      | Barbara Wasilewska           |
| Linda Medford      | Donna Williams               |
| Pat Pankey         | Steve Williams               |
| Joe Pavletic       | Gale Wilson                  |
| Sandra Pellegren   | Earl Yeomans                 |
| Chris Plourde      |                              |

March Prayer Intention of Pope Francis  
Evangelization – Christian Communities  
 That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

### In Prayerful Remembrance



*Please pray for the repose of  
the soul of*



Gayle Leslie Finn, sister  
of St. Alphonsus Parishioners  
Jody & Mike Osborn

*Eternal rest grant unto her O' Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.  
Amen.*

*Please notify the church office if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or to update our prayer list.*

**A heads up! March 9th,  
Daylight Savings Time Begins!  
Remember to spring forward 1  
hour before going to bed so your  
not late for Mass !!**



### Altar Servers-CURRENT & NEW

There will be a 2nd altar server training for existing and new altar servers on Sunday, March 24th after Mass. It will be a refresher for all existing servers and some extended training for new servers who need to practice altar server movements during mass. Please contact Anne Calvet

St. Patrick Luncheon Tickets go on sale February 16th & 17th, space will be limited so don't procrastinate, get your tickets quickly.

Traditional Irish food, corned beef, potatoes, cabbage w/carrots, desserts and Irish beer.



### Stations of the Cross



The Stations of the Cross provides us with an opportunity to meditate on the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. This devotion will be held at St. Alphonsus at 7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent. On Good Friday, Stations will be held at 3:00 p.m.

### Lenten Penance Service

A Penance Service will be held at St. Alphonsus on Monday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. *Canon law states that "After they have reached the age of discretion, all the faithful are obliged to confess serious sins at least once a year."* Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a good way to prepare for Easter.

### Eucharistic Fast

Canon law states, "One who is to receive the most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion" (CIC 919). The elderly, the sick, and their caretakers are excused from this obligation. *Chewing gum breaks the Eucharistic fast, and therefore should not be used an hour before Mass. Also, one should NEVER receive Holy Communion with chewing gum in one's mouth, and food or drink should not be brought into the Church.*

Fr. Robert Szczechura will be leading a Eucharistic Minister Training class at St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, April 6th from 9am - 3pm. Pre-Registration, including the participant's pastor approval, is required. Please pick up a registration form in the parish office.

The Lord says, "Give and gifts will be given to you." As good stewards, we are called to give back our gifts of time, talent, and treasure for all we have been given by our living God.

### 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer

God, whose love is never-ending,  
You care for us in all ways and at all times  
By providing nourishment for our bodies,  
minds, and souls.

You call us each by name to share  
Your love with everyone we meet.

Awaken in us the desire to build our faith family,  
and give us generous hearts and minds, so that we  
use our gifts to show the Father's love to each other.

We ask this as through you Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lenten Secret Prayer Angels: Do you have a prayer request this Lent? Do you want to be a Lenten Secret Prayer Angel? We have the solution! This Lenten season St. Alphonsus and Ave Maria will place in each church a Prayer Bowl. If you have a prayer request fill out a card and place in the bowl. If you want to be a Secret Prayer Angel take one of the cards and pray for that person's needs this Lent. 1 Thessalonians 5:25: Brothers, pray for us!

St. Alphonsus Church and Garden Clean-up  
March 16th at 9:30 am (details in Parish Hall)  
Contact: Beth Teer 901-605-7337

K of C Meet Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN GIVING WE RECEIVE

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our diocesan church. If you do not have a card, please fill out a commitment card located in the Narthex.

It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our diocesan church.

### Readings for Mar 11 - Mar 17

#### Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday

Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

#### Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

#### Friday

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

#### Saturday

Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

#### Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14

Lk 9:28b-36



# Liturgical Ministers

|                   | Lectors     | Eucharistic  | Loft         | Servers     | Ushers      | Collections | Gifts            |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Mar 09<br>4:30 pm | E. Teer     | S. Burkhardt |              | K. Sass     | Volunteer   | Volunteer   | Volunteer        |
|                   |             | J. Prizina   |              | J. Schaefer |             |             |                  |
| Mar 10<br>8:30 am | J. Pavletic | S. Farris    |              | J. Fritz    | D. Williams | Volunteer   | D. & K. Williams |
|                   |             |              |              | M. Fritz    |             |             |                  |
|                   |             |              |              | J. Fritz    |             |             |                  |
| Mar 10<br>10:30am | C. Clark    | K. Cross     | J. Terry     | J. Daley    |             |             |                  |
|                   |             | J. Powell    |              | J. Walker   | Volunteer   | Volunteer   | Volunteer        |
|                   |             |              |              | E. Moreno   |             |             |                  |
|                   |             |              |              | H. Smith    |             |             |                  |
| Mar 16<br>4:30 pm | H. Keenan   | M. Folden    | J. Prizina   | K. Sass     | Volunteer   | Volunteer   | Volunteer        |
|                   |             |              |              | J. Schaefer |             |             |                  |
| Mar 17<br>8:30 am | S. Matras   | S. Poltrock  |              | J. Fritz    | P. Fritz    | Volunteer   | P. & L. Fritz    |
|                   |             |              |              | M. Fritz    |             |             |                  |
|                   |             |              |              | J. Fritz    |             |             |                  |
| Mar 17<br>10:30am | M. Moreno   | J. Terry     | B. Wellbrock | C. Daley    | Volunteer   | Volunteer   | Volunteer        |
|                   | G. Buda     | K. Clark     |              | A. Moreno   |             |             |                  |
|                   |             |              |              | E. Moreno   |             |             |                  |
|                   |             |              |              | EP. Moreno  |             |             |                  |

| Mar 03, 2019        | Saint Alphonsus | Ave Maria | Saint Alphonsus 2018 | Ave Maria 2018 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|
| Budget              | \$ 2,000.00     | \$ 365.00 | \$ 2,000.00          | \$ 365.00      |
| Regular             | \$ 3,079.00     | \$ 391.00 | \$ 2520.00           | \$ 429.00      |
| Maintenance         | \$ 695.00       | \$ 121.00 | \$ 651.00            | \$ 135.00      |
| Food Pantry         | \$ 160.00       | \$        | \$ 220.00            | \$             |
| Friends of the Poor | \$ 100.00       | \$        | \$ 110.00            | \$             |

\*\*\*\*\* 2nd Collection: Eastern Europe \*\*\*\*\*

## Ave Maria Finance Council

The Ave Maria Finance Council will meet on Monday, March 11, at 5:00 p.m.

## Volunteers

|        | Church        | Parish Hall | Altar Linens | Lawn         |
|--------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mar 16 | J. Tankersley | T. Daley    | A. Hessling  | B. Wellbrock |
| Mar 23 | T. Brooks     | K. Greeson  | A. Hessling  | B. Wellbrock |

## Attendance Last Week

| Feb 24     | St. Alphonsus |          | Ave Maria |          |
|------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|
|            | Adult         | Children | Adult     | Children |
| 4:30 pm    | 40            | 2        | —         | —        |
| 8:30 Mass  | —             | —        | 20        | 6        |
| 10:30 Mass | 71            | 27       | —         | —        |



Happy Birthday!!

*Bryan Wellbrock*

*Consider offering or attending Mass for yourself or a loved one's birthday. If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list please contact the parish office.*



## **Welcome Bishop David P. Talley**

Pope Francis on March 5, 2019, appointed as bishop of the diocese of Memphis, Bishop David P. Talley, bishop of Alexandria.

Bishop David Prescott Talley was born on September 11, 1950, in Columbus, Georgia, in the diocese of Savannah. After attending Hardaway High School, he obtained a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Auburn University, Alabama, and a master's degree in social work from the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. He worked as a social worker for several years. He then entered the seminary and carried out his ecclesiastical studies at the Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Saint Meinrad, Indiana (1985-1989). He later obtained a licentiate (1995) and a doctorate (1997) in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

He was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta on June 3, 1989. Since ordination he has held the following positions: parish vicar of the Saint Jude the Apostle parish in Sandy Springs (1989-1993); director of priestly vocations (1998-2001); chancellor (1999-2001); administrator of Saint Matthew parish in Tyrone (2001); judicial vicar (2001-2003); director of the Saint Thomas Aquinas parish in Alpharetta (2003-2006); parish vicar of the Saint Anne parish in Columbus (2006-2007); parish priest of Saint John Neumann parish in Lilburn (2007-2011); member of the archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry Board (2008-2011); parish priest of Saint Brigid Parish in Johns Creek (2011-2013).

In 2000 he was named Prelate of Honor of His Holiness.

He was appointed as titular bishop of Lambaesis and auxiliary of Atlanta on January 3, 2013 and received episcopal consecration on April 2, 2013.

As auxiliary bishop he served as vicar general and vicar for the clergy.

He was appointed as coadjutor bishop of Alexandria, Louisiana, on September 21, 2016, and on February 2, 2017, he was appointed as ordinary.

Within the Episcopal Conference, he is a member of the Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, of the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection, of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development and of the Special Assembly Planning Committee, and is Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

In addition to English, he speaks Spanish. - Zenit

### **Guidelines for Fast and Abstinence during Lent**

Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 years, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One full meal is allowed on these days. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids and medication are allowed. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

### **St. Therese's Altar Society of St. Alphonsus and Ave Maria Parish**

All women of the parish are members of the St. Therese's Altar Society. You are encouraged to participate in meetings and activities which endeavor to maintain all elements on the altars in our churches. The Altar Society provides and or upkeeps the altar linens such as corporals, purificators, altar coverings, veils; candles, Priest vestments, wine, banners and flowers. Do you have a gift which you could share to help support the Altar Society of our Parish?



## CALLING ALL GRASS MOWERS!!!

With the coming of spring the lawns are starting to green up and it won't be long before we will need to start mowing to keep our grounds neat and clean.

Commercial lawn care is very expensive. So, to keep costs under control, a team of volunteers is used for this task. We have all the equipment, all we need is a little of your time. The goal is to have enough volunteers (2 per weekend) so that it will only be necessary for each person to help no more than 2-3 times for the season (April through September). If you were on the team last year—THANK YOU! and please join us again.

We need new members as well.

Many use this as a great opportunity for family parish participation. If you can spare just a little of your time this summer, please call

Bryan Wellbrock 901-482-1554

# YOUTH FUN & GAMES



Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME\***

STATIONS of the CROSS\*\* from 7:00 p.m. to  
7:30 p.m.

followed by

**SNACKS & FUN ACTIVITIES**

from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



\*Children ages 4- 6 years must have a parent stay with them

\*\*Attendance at Stations of the Cross is expected

**MUST SIGN UP in the Parish Hall for planning purposes**