



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA MISSION CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Carlos Donato da Silva, JCL, Pastor

Email: office@stalphonsuscovington.org

December 29th, 2024

The Holy Name of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

White

MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO de MISAS

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday/Sábado	4:30 pm
Sunday/Domingo	10:30 am
Misa en español	12:15 pm

Sunday/Domingo

St. John's

Sunday/Domingo 8:30am

Bi-lingual Mass

Ave Maria

Sunday 5:00 pm

ST. ALPHONSUS, ST. JOHN'S & AVE MARIA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Alphonsus, St. John's & 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, Haywood & 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.

DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIÓN at ST. ALPHONSUS

Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucaristía

First Saturday of each month following 8:30 am Mass
Primero Sábado de cada mes despues 8:30 am Misa

Rosary/Rosario

First Saturday/Primero Sábado 8:00 am

Sunday morning/Domingo por la mañana 10:05 am

Sunday morning/Domingo por la mañana 11:45 am

ST ALPHONNSUS Daily/Diario

Monday/Lunes	8:00 am
Tuesday/Martes	8:00 am
Wednesday/Miercoles	8:00 am
Thursday/Jueves	8:00 am
Saturday/Sábado	8:30 am



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

SAINT ALPHONSUS Confession/Confesión

Saturday/Sábado 3:30-4:15 pm
or by appointment/Llame para pedir cita

Baptism or Marriage preparation
Bautismo o Matrimonio preparacion

Call for appointment/Llame para pedir cita

SAINT ALPHONSUS
1225 Highway 51 South (at Tatlock)
Covington, Tennessee 38019

AVE MARIA
664 S Washington St
Ripley, Tennessee 38063

SAINT JOHN'S
910 N. Washington Ave
Brownsville, Tennessee 38012

Mailing Address: PO Box 430 Covington, Tennessee 38019
Parish Office Phone: 901-476-8140 FAX 901-476-9650 Email: office@stalphonsuscovington.org
Website: www.stalphonsuscovington.org

My dear Parishioners, may the advent of Christ our Lord be a fount of peace and grace to all of you.

At this time I come to you to ask your prayers for the GREULING family whose son Evan is in ICU and in need of our spiritual help. May God listen to our parish family's supplications and may His will be done for Evan and his family. May Our Lady of Sorrows and Saint Alphonsus come to comfort the GREULING family and intercede for Evan and for his health.

In Christ
Fr. Carlos Donato, JCL

Prayers for Evan Greuling & Family
Oraciones por Evan Greuling y su familia



Mis queridos feligreses, que el advenimiento de Cristo nuestro Señor sea una fuente de paz y gracia para todos ustedes.

En este momento me dirijo a ustedes para pedirles sus oraciones por la familia GREULING, cuyo hijo Evan está en la UCI y necesita nuestra ayuda espiritual. Que Dios escuche las súplicas de nuestra familia parroquial y que se haga su voluntad para Evan y su familia. Que Nuestra Señora de los Dolores y San Alfonso vengán a consolar a la familia GREULING e intercedan por Evan y por su salud.

En Cristo
P. Carlos Donato, JCL

DID YOU KNOW? ¿SABÍAS QUE...?

The First Fridays Devotion is a Catholic practice that involves honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus and making reparation for sins:

Practices: On the first Friday of nine consecutive months, Catholics:

- Attend Mass
- Receive the Eucharist
- Go to confession
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father

Origin: The devotion originated in the 17th century after Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and spoke to her of His Sacred Heart

Purpose: The devotion is intended to repair the sins of the world and bring peace

Other practices: Some Catholic communities encourage the Holy Hour the night before the First Fridays, or the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the First Fridays



La Devoción de los Primeros Viernes es una práctica católica que consiste en honrar al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y hacer reparación por los pecados:

Prácticas: El primer viernes de nueve meses consecutivos, los católicos:

- Asistir a Misa
- Recibir la Eucaristía
- Ir a la confesión

Rezará por las intenciones del Santo Padre
Origen: La devoción se originó en el siglo XVII después de que Jesús se apareció a Santa Margarita María Alacoque y le habló de Su Sagrado Corazón

Propósito: La devoción tiene la intención de reparar los pecados del mundo y traer la paz

Otras prácticas: Algunas comunidades católicas fomentan la Hora Santa la noche anterior a los Primeros Viernes, o la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento durante los Primeros Viernes

Happy Birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños!

Tammy Clowes 12/24 Lana Harbin 12/25 Dave Hessling 12/31
Rosario Esquivel 01/01 Gene Cross 01/03 Jack Duff 01/04



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 at 901-476-8140

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 Ill Priests/Nuestros Sacerdotes Enfermos

Fr. John Hourican	Fr. Bryan Timby
Fr. Jolly Sebastian	Fr. Burke



Pray for all of our loved ones and for those who are ill!



Our Parishioners/Nuestros Feligreses

Jerry Bryant	Maria Ines Lugo
Peter & Sandy Burkhardt	Marie Norris
Kathryn Barnoud	Elaina Prizina
Gene Cross	Lynda Rogers
Ellen Daily	Holly Schaefer
Dixie Duncan	Joan Smith
Derek Durham	Cyburn Sullivan
Donna Ewer	Annette Tustin
Evan & Jen Greuling	Dottie Wellbrock
Jim & Lois Hayden	Patton Williams
Pat Haynes	Irma Wilson de Roze
Billie Hutchins	Kathy Laxton
Beverly Jiminez	Maryana Leon
Maria & David McConnell	Maria Vasquez
Rebecca Medford	Robert Sorrentino
Jerry & Rose Mills	Charlie Smith
Jackie Hubbard	

Our Loved Ones/Nuestras Seres Queridos

Shirley Arnold	Larry & Jane Isome
James & Robin Barnett	Terry Jergens
William Barrett	Christie Johnson
Joe Bergen	Ester Jones
Patti Blume	Anna Kay
Jane Bringle	Cynthia/Ed Kilpatrick
Darlene Brooks	Phillis King
Dan Browsers	Judy Kovach
Randy Eastwood	Cindy Lavelli
Joe Bynum	Sondra Lewis
Christina Cahaly	Dietmar Linden
Angela Canady	Louanne Little
Alissa Chandler	Nancy McClanahan
Patrick Christy	The McCully Family
Douglas Clements	Linda Medford
Bella Crosby	Alex Medford
Liz Crosslin	Danny Miller
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Tracy by Nickie
Enrique Davis	Dr. Mark Olson
Gina Sedinger	Sally Paulus
Danny Duff	Tom Pavletic
Peter DuFau	Sandra Pellegren
Michael Ellis	William Perry
Rob Engel	Beverly Pratt
Willie Ferrell	Joan Robertson
Karri Flannigan	Diane Robinson
Tammy Freeman	Russom Family
Luke Garza	Mike Sadler
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Andrea Stafford
Elizabeth Guntert	Jay St. John
Pam Grimsley	Toni Swindell
Guy & Julie Hassan	Jennifer Tidwell
Shannon Heindel	Peter Vanderven
Kay Hernandez	Bobby Ray Vaught
Diane Hessling	Donna Williams
Gunther Hitchcock & family	Steve Williams
Lisa Hogan	Lee Ward
Betty Hopper	Virginia/Richard Whitehorn
	Sally Greuling

Diciembre- La intención del Papa es: Por los peregrinos de la esperanza: Rezamos para que en este año jubilar fortalezcan nuestra fe, ayudándonos a reconocer a Cristo resucitado en nuestra vida cotidiana, y que nos transforme en peregrinos de la esperanza cristiana.

December- The Pope's Intention is: For Pilgrims of Hope: We pray that this Jubilee year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

SACRAMENT REQUIREMENTS/ REQUISITOS PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS

BAPTISM

Registered 3 months with Parish
Parents/Godparents attend 1 hour class within the past 2 years;
Letter or document for attending a class is required from the parish
Two godparents & One godparent (preferably both) must be Catholic in "good standing"



BAUTISMO

Registrado 3 meses con Parroquia
Los padres / padrinos asisten a clase de 1 hora en los últimos 2 años;
Se requiere una carta o documento para asistir a una clase de la parroquia
Dos padrinos y un padrino (preferiblemente ambos) deben ser católicos de "buena reputación"

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Registered with the Parish
Letter or document of baptism
Attend 2 year PRE class
Attend 1 day Retreat/Reconciliation



PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Registrado en la Parroquia
Carta o documento de bautismo
Asistir a la clase PRE de 2 años
Asistir a 1 día de Retiro/Reconciliación

CONFIRMATION

Registered with the Parish
Letter or document of baptism
Letter or document of 1st Holy Communion
Attend 2 year PRE class
Attend Confirmation Retreat
Participate in Community Service
Sponsor(s) must be a Catholic in "good standing"
Sponsor must provide a letter from their home parish



CONFIRMACIÓN

Registrado en la Parroquia
Carta o documento de bautismo
Carta o documento de la 1ª Comunión
Asistir a la clase PRE de 2 años
Asistir al retiro de confirmación
Participar en el servicio comunitario
Los patrocinadores deben ser católicos de "buena reputación"
El patrocinador debe proporcionar una carta de su parroquia de origen

MATRIMONY

Registered with the Parish and a Catholic "in good standing"
Letter or document of baptism, first communion and confirmation
Six months marriage prep classes
Diocesan marriage prep activities
Witness(es) must be Catholic in "good standing"



MATRIMONIO

Registrado en la parroquia y católico "en buen estado"
Carta o documento de bautismo, primera comunión y confirmación
Seis meses de clases de preparación para el matrimonio
Actividades diocesanas de preparación matrimonial
Los testigos deben ser católicos en "buena reputación"

Schedule for the Week/Horario de la Semana December 29th

Prayer for Christmas: "“Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Your Son, Jesus, whose entry into our world we celebrate today. Fill our hearts with the peace that only He provides. Amen.”"

Oración para Navidad: "Padre Celestial, te damos gracias por el don de Tu Hijo, Jesús, cuya entrada en nuestro mundo celebramos hoy. Llena nuestros corazones con la paz que solo Él provee. Amén".

Sunday/Domingo 29th Collection
None/Ninguno

Wednesday/Miércoles Jan 01st
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday/Domingo Jan 5th
Maintenance/Mantenimiento



This Week/Esta Semana

Monday	Dec 30
	6:00 pm No Bible Study-Christmas Break
Tuesday	Dec 31
	Holy Mary Mother of God 4:30 pm Vigil Mass- Holy Day of Obligation
Wednes	Jan 01
	Holy Mary Mother of God 9:00 am Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday	Jan 02
	NO DAILY MASS 9:15 am Legion of Mary 3:00 pm No Choir Practice
Friday	Jan 03
	9:30 am St. Parasceva Crochet Ministry
Saturday	Jan 04
	NO DAILY MASS



Readings for Dec 30-Jan 05

Monday-6th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday-7th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-13 Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday-Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God- holy day of obligation
Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Thursday-Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

Friday-The Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1-6 Jn 1:29-34

Saturday-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1-9 Jn 1:35-42

Sunday-The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-13 Eph 3:2-6 Mt 2:1-12

Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
Dec 28	S. Stegall	D. Hessling	M. Griffis	D. Hessling
4:30		J. Schaefer		
		A. Calvet		
Dec 29	J. Wheeler	D. Hessling	R. Wheeler	D. Hessling
10:30	C. Jones	C. Buda		
		M. Buda		
		E. Teer		
Dec 29	C. Moreno	A. Montoya	N/R Ortiz	
12:15	R. Esquivel	D. Gobellan		
		E. Moreno		
Jan 04	S. Stegall	D. Hessling	M. Griffis	D. Hessling
4:30		J. Schaefer		
		J. Watkins		
Jan 05	J. Wheeler	D. Hessling	R. Wheeler	D. Hessling
10:30	J. Terry	N. Gogel		
		M. Buda		
		C. Buda		
Jan 05	R. Esquivel	J. Gobellan	N/R Ortiz	
12:15	C. Moreno	A. Ruiz		
		E. Montoya		

Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Jan 4	FF Ladies	Teer	J. Buda
Jan 11	Cordingly	Matthews	J. Buda



CALLED BY NAME LLAMADO POR SU NOMBRE

The Priesthood The Diaconate Religious Life

- Noah Gogel Abel Gogel Hannah Buda
- Estrella Moreno Emanuel Montoya
- Aron Ruiz Juan Diego Gobellan
- Katherine Brumley Rafael Ortiz
- Robbie Greuling Dave Hessling



El sacerdocio El Diaconado Vida Religiosa

Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas			
Saturday	12/28	4:30 pm	+ For all Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	12/29	8:30 am	For Anniversary of Baldemar & Alejandra Calderon by Family Calderon
Sunday	12/29	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, Ave Maria and St. John's
Domingo	12/29	12:15 pm	
Monday	12/30	8:00 am	Evan Greuling by Greuling Family
Tuesday	12/31	8:00 am	
Tuesday	12/31	4:30 pm	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, Ave Maria and St. John's
Wednesday	01/01	9:00 am	Evan Greuling by Greuling Family
Thursday	01/02	8:00 am	NO DAILY MASS
Saturday	01/04	8:30 am	NO DAILY MASS

Dec 21/22	St Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2023	Ave Maria 2023
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,047.00	\$ 547.00	\$ 3,051.00	\$ 613.00
Weekly Regular	\$ 2,192.00	\$ 283.00	\$ 2,886.00	\$ 346.00
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Dec) wk 25	(\$6,113.00)	(2,625.00)	\$2,282.00	(\$3,625.00)
Friends of the Poor	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 300.00		\$ 0.00	
Tiny Blessing	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	
Helping Hands		\$ 0.0		\$ 0.00

Attendance/Público				
Dec 21/22	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
4:30 pm	38	4		
10:30 Mass	67	15		
12:15 Mass				
5:00 Mass			29	4



For Our Little Saints

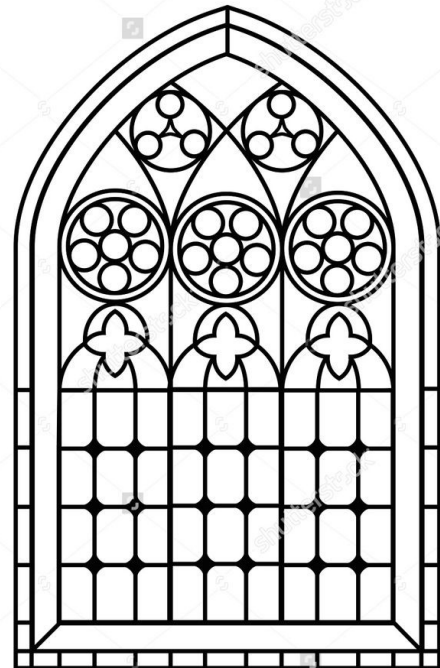
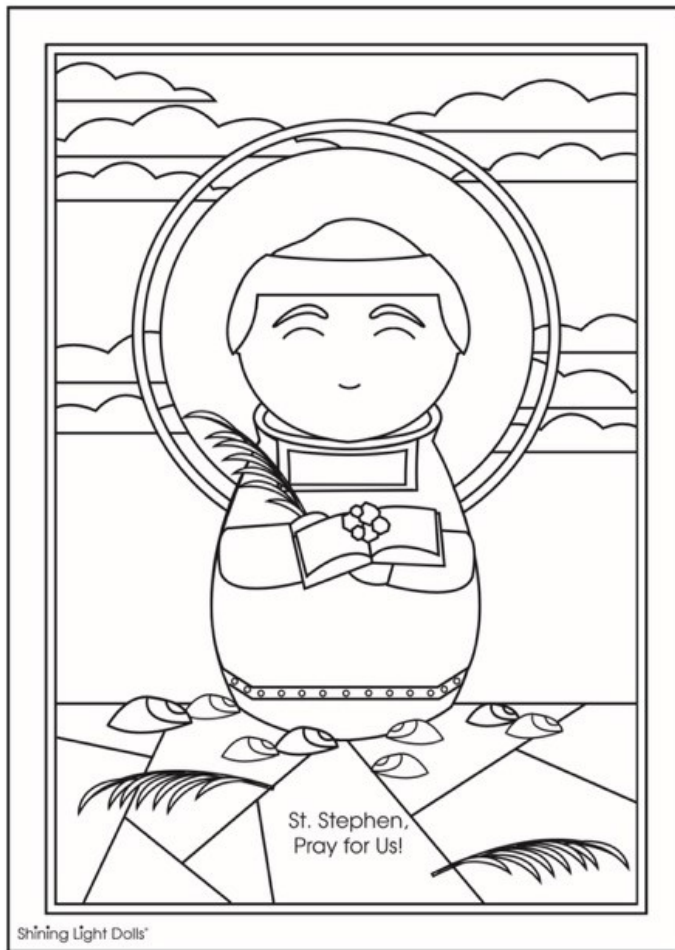
Family
of the Holy
The Feast

This feast celebrates the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph but also our own families. We are reminded to model our own families after the Holy Family. We are to put Christ at the center of our families by praying together, reading the bible together, and serving God together.

December 29, 2024

Prayer

St. Stephen, you were graced to be the first follower of Christ who was martyred for your faith. You did not shy away from the cruelty and hatred of your persecutors but spoke the truth to them and prayed that they may be forgiven. Amen



Saint Stephen was a deacon in the early beginnings of the Church. He was stoned to death by the Jewish council in Jerusalem when he condemned them for killing Jesus. In his final words, he prayed for forgiveness for his attackers. He performed several miracles including bringing the dead back to life 7 times and healing the sick. He was a great speaker and was full of God's grace and power.



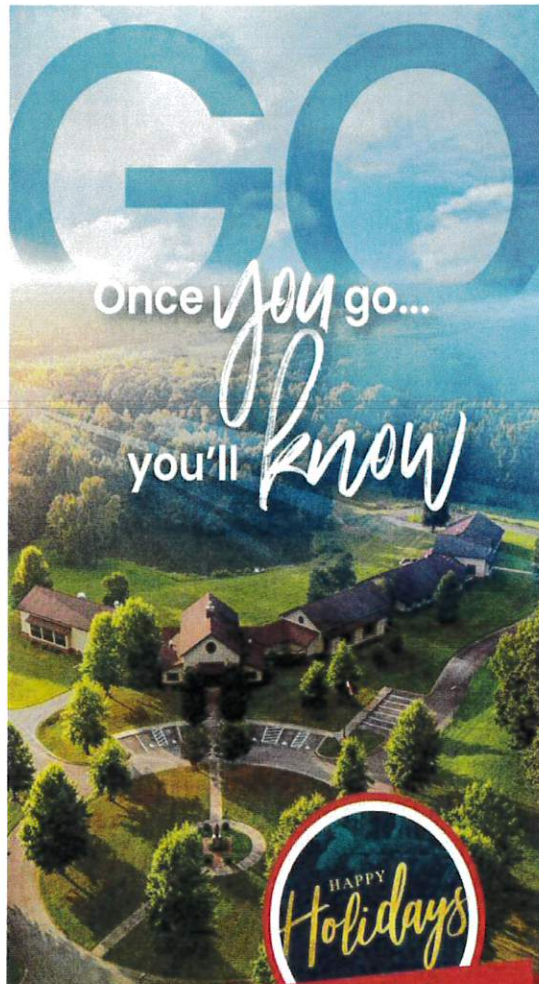
It is believed in 1214 St. Dominic had a vision of Mary and she presented him with the rosary, both the beads and the prayers that were to be prayed. St. Dominic had an extreme devotion to Mary and the rosary and he shared this with all when he preached. He encouraged Catholics to gather together to pray the rosary together and this is possibly the first prayer groups and faith communities.

Luminous
Mysteries



Luminous Mystery (Thursday)

- The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. Fruit of the Mystery: Openness to the Holy Spirit-the Healer.
- The Wedding at Cana. Fruit of the Mystery: To Jesus through Mary. The understanding of the ability to manifest-through faith.
- Jesus' Proclamation of the Kingdom of God. Fruit of the Mystery: Trust in God
- The Transfiguration. Fruit of the Mystery: Desire for Holiness
- The Institution of the Eucharist. Fruit of the Mystery: Adoration



Holiday Lodging
 Mon. Nov 25–Sun. Jan 5
Need Some Extra Space This Holiday Season?
 Find peace and quiet, extra space for your visiting family and friends, and special pricing here at Queen of Peace.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF
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 Save Your Spot
 and Register Now!

SCAN to get more information
 and REGISTER or email:
steve.fracchia@olqp.cdom.org

olqpretreats.com



SHARE US with your family and friends!

Be in the know

Upcoming Events

December 2024



DECEMBER Sat. 7

Getting More Out of the Mass

Get set for a day packed with Mass explanations, celebration actions, prayers, theology talks, and a teaching Mass with Fr. Al Kirk. Plus, lunch is on us!



DECEMBER Fri. 13–Sun. 15
Advent Retreat

One:One SERIES

Come, break away from the holiday rush. Sleep in heavenly peace. Prepare your heart mind, and stomach during Advent and what lies ahead in the weeks before Christmas.

January 2025



JANUARY Fri. 10–Sun. 12

One:One SERIES

You Go Girl!—Girls Weekend

Relax after the holidays and get ready for 2025!

It's a chill weekend for all women. Bring your friends and enjoy good food, downtime, pampering and fun activities. Treat yourself and recharge.



JANUARY Thurs. 23–Thurs. 30

A Week of Silence

Join us for a 3-night retreat starting on Thurs. 23, until midday Sun. 26. You're welcome to extend your stay for 1 to 4 more nights and depart on Thurs. 30. Engage in Spiritual Exercises, attend Mass, Adoration, and enjoy personal meditation time.

February 2025



FEBRUARY Fri. 7–Sun. 9

Marriage Preparation Weekend

Planning to tie the knot? Join us for a weekend of prayer, prep, and peace at the "To Be One in Flesh" Marriage Prep Weekend. 3 days/2 nights of talks, small groups, Mass, Confession, and meals



FEBRUARY Fri. 14–Sun. 16

SERIE Uno:Uno

Retiro de San Valentín en español

¡Disfruten del tiempo juntos durante el fin de semana del Día de San Valentín! Tendremos Misa, tiempo de oración y reflexiones del Padre Gerald Azike. Actividades adicionales y tiempo de inactividad para estar juntos.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF

peace



*To be one
in flesh*

MARRIAGE
PREPARATION
WEEKEND

FEBRUARY
Fri 7–Sun 9



Scan for information
and to register.

SAVE
your spot
TODAY!

Get ready for your marriage
at OLQP with a peaceful weekend.

Meets diocesan marriage
preparation requirements.

Spiritual and practical content.

CALLED by NAME

Del 19 de Enero al 2 de Febrero, 2025



Want more Information? Visit: <https://cdom.org/office-of-vocations/>
- Para mas información visita nuestro sitio red -

If you feel ready to answer the call. Scan the QR code & fill in the form, We'll get in touch with you
- Si estas listo para responderle, escanea el código QR y llena tus datos. Nos pondremos en contacto -



AND IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT HAVE A CALLING
FILL IN THE "CALLED BY NAME" FORM

- Y SI CONOCES A ALGUIEN QUE PUDIERA ESTAR SIENDO LLAMADO -
LLENA LA FORMA "CALLED - BY - NAME"



Acerca de la Iniciativa "Called by Name"

En los próximos fines de semana, Nuestra Diócesis estará implementando una iniciativa vocacional titulada "Me llama por mi Nombre" (Called by Name en inglés). El objetivo de este programa es invitar a hombres y mujeres, de 16 años de edad en adelante, a considerar si tal vez están siendo llamados a una vocación en la Iglesia, ya sea el sacerdocio, el diaconado, o la vida consagrada.

En el corazón de este programa esta nuestra fe en que hay hombres y mujeres en nuestras parroquias que en efecto están siendo llamados a considerar en oración estas vocaciones, para servir al pueblo de Dios aquí, en el Oeste de Tennessee.

Exhortamos a los feligreses a lo largo y ancho de la Diócesis a considerar si conocen a alguien entre ustedes que podría servir a Dios como sacerdote o consagrado, y llenar su nombre y datos en la tarjeta, colocándola en sobre cerrado y entregándola a su equipo de Ministerio Vocacional Parroquial entre el 26 de Enero y el 2 de Febrero.

**Hay muchos candidatos valiosos al sacerdocio y la vida consagrada
Que simplemente necesitan una invitación.**

Oración por las Vocaciones

Sacratísimo Corazón de Jesús, verdaderamente presente en la Santa Eucaristía,
Te pedimos que atiendas nuestras suplicas de intercesión.

Haz que nuestros corazones sean como el Tuyo para que respondamos a Tu llamado en nuestras vidas con generosidad, y llama a muchos hombres y mujeres de nuestra Diócesis a postrarse a tus pies, escuchar tu voz, y seguirte como miembros ordenados o consagrados del Cuerpo de Cristo.

Inspira a nuestro clero, religiosos y laicos a animar a jóvenes a considerar en oración vocaciones dentro de Tu Iglesia, al sacerdocio, el diaconado, o la vida consagrada
Tienes nuestro permiso Señor, para usarnos como instrumentos tuyos. AMEN

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January 19 through February 2nd, 2025



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LLENA LA FORMA "CALLED - BY - NAME"



About Called by Name

In the next couple of weekends, our Diocese will sometimes implement a vocational initiative known as Called by Name, which is a program that invites men and women, 16 years of age or older, to consider if they may have a call to a vocation in the Church, be it the diocesan priesthood, the diaconate, or consecrated life.

At the heart of this program is the belief that there are men and women in our parishes who are being called to prayerfully consider these vocations to serve the people of God here, in West Tennessee.

Parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to consider who in our midst might serve well as a priest or religious, and submit his / her name in a sealed envelope and turning it in to your Parish Vocations Ministry team from January 26 to February 2nd

There are many good prospective priests and religious among us who are simply waiting to be asked.

A Prayer for Vocations

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, we ask You to graciously listen to our prayers of intercession.

Make our hearts like Yours, so that we may respond to Your call in our lives. Draw men and women from our Diocese to sit at Your feet, listen to Your voice, and follow You as ordained or consecrated members in the Body of Christ. Inspire our clergy, consecrated religious and laity to encourage young men and women to prayerfully consider a vocation in Your Church, be it to the priesthood or for consecrated life. We give You permission, Lord, to have Your way with us in our walk toward eternity. AMEN