



# SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

# AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

*Rev. Robert Ballman, Pastor*

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**December 19, 2021 thru January 2, 2022**

## 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, Dec 18

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday, Dec 19

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

8:45 am NO PRE

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass-St. Alphonsus

Monday, Dec 20 6:00 pm No St. Augustine Bible Study

### Tuesday, Dec 21

9:00 am Friends of the Poor

5:00 pm Penance Service

6:00 pm NO RCIA

### Wednesday, Dec 22

10:15 am Legion of Mary

### Thursday, Dec 23

10:30 am NO St. Robert Bellarmine Bible Study

4:00 pm Choir

Friday, Dec 24 8:30 am NO Mass

4:30 pm Mass

Midnight Mass see insert for details

Saturday, Dec 25 10:00 am Mass at Ave Maria

4:30 pm NO Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec 26 8:30 am Mass at Ave Maria

10:30 am Mass at St. Alphonsus

January 1, 2022 8:30 am Mass

4:30 Vigil Mass Epiphany

### SAINT ALPHONSUS

1225 Highway 51 South (at Tatlock) • Covington, Tennessee  
Mailing Address • PO Box 430 • Covington, Tennessee 38019

Parish Office 901.476.8140 • FAX 901.476.9650 • Rectory 901.501.6105

### AVE MARIA

(just South of Highway 19 junction)  
664 S. Washington St. (SR 209) • Ripley, Tennessee



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### Mass Intentions 12/19



Saturday	12/18	4:30 pm	For Special Intention
Sunday	12/19	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	12/19	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	12/20	12:00 pm	+Ginger Poteete by Gary & Juanita Buda
Tuesday	12/21	12:00 pm	+Mike Brower by Dave & Andrea Hessling
Wednesday	12/22	12:00 pm	+Bro Knight Lloyd Haynes by K of C
Friday	12/24	8:30 am	+Carroll T. Dozier 1st Bishop of Memphis
Friday	12/24	4:30 pm	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Saturday	12/25	12:00 am	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX



### Mass Intentions 12/26



Saturday	12/25	10:00 am	For Special Intention
Sunday	12/26	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	12/26	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	12/27	12:00 pm	+Daniel Gray by Len & Kay Bergen
Tuesday	12/28	12:00 pm	+Mike Brower by Dave & Andrea Hessling
Wednesday	12/29	12:00 pm	+Rev. John A. Welsh
Friday	12/31	8:30 am	+Rev Angelo Nobile
Saturday	1/01	8:30 am	For Callum Gabbett by Patrick & Laura Fritz



### Mass Intentions 01/02, 2022



Saturday	1/01	4:30 pm	For Special Intention
Sunday	1/02	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	1/02	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	1/03	12:00 pm	+Rev. Paul W. St. Charles I
Tuesday	1/04	12:00 pm	+Rev. John A. Aiello
Wednesday	1/05	12:00 pm	+Flor Juarez De Hernandez by John & McKenna Lombardo
Friday	1/07	8:30 am	+Rev. Paul J. Morris
Saturday	1/08	8:30 am	+Rev. J. Leonard Oglesby

**December 19-Sunday 2nd Collection: Capital  
 December 25-Saturday/Sunday Collections:  
 Villa Vianney & Christmas  
 January 1-Saturday/Sunday Collections:  
 Solemnity of Mary**

## Readings for Dec 20 - Dec 26

### Monday

Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

### Tuesday-St. Peter Canisius, Priest, DOC

Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

### Wednesday

I Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) I Sm 2:1, 4-8d Lk 1:46-56

### Thursday-St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66

### Friday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Lk 1:67-79

### Saturday

Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

### Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 2:41-52

## Readings for Jan 03 - Jan 09

### Monday-The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

### Wednesday-St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

### Thursday-St. Andre Bessette

1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a

### Friday-St. Raymond Penyafort

1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

### Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30

### Sunday-The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



### Happy Birthday!

Cynthia Gray 12/19

Tammy Clowes 12/24

Lana Harbin 12/25

Dave Hessling 12/31

Rosario Esquivel 01/01

Gene Cross 1/03

Jack Duff 1/04

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.

## Readings for Dec 27 - Jan 02

### Monday-St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Tuesday-The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-22 Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8 Mt 2:13-18

### Wednesday-Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

### Thursday-Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

### Friday-Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18

### Saturday-Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

### Sunday- The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

## Promises & Blessings

### Scripture verses

#### December 19th

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

*-Eph 2:10*

#### December 23rd

*But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.*

*-Gal 4:4-5*

**Gracious God, inspire me this Advent to make straight my ways so that you can come to me and our world.**



**Due to the Holy Holiday Schedule the Parish Office will be closed**

**December 20, 2021 thru January 2, 2022**

**the office will open on Monday, January 3, 2022**

**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*

*for*



Our Ill Priests	
Fr. John Hourican	Fr. Bryan Timby
Fr. Jolly Sebastian	Fr. Robert Ponticello

Our Parishioners	
Leonard Bergen	Billie Hutchins
Jerry Bryant	Beverly Jiminez
Peter Burkhardt	Lenny Lind
Florinda Clark/Family	Maria McConnell
Lottie Crofton	Jerry & Rose Mills
Kay & Gene Cross	Eleanor Nunn
Ellen Daily	Doloris Pfountz
Jack Duff	Lynda Rogers
Dixie Duncan	Holly Schaefer
Derek Durham	Barbara Schneider
John Folden	Joan Smith
Floanne Garrett	Frank Stephens
Evan Grueling	Cyburn Sullivan
Jack & Peggy Haywood	Elizabeth Sullivan
Jim & Lois Hayden	Annette Tustin
Pat Haynes	Martha Wenning
	Irma Wilson de Roze

Our Loved Ones	
James & Robin Barnett	Mode Jones
William Barrett	Phillis King
Lula Belue	Judy Kovach
Joe Bergen	Emile Latour
Sydney Bosworth	Cindy Lavelli
Virginia Bowden	Jacob LeFils
Darlene Brooks	Dietmar Linden
Dan Browers	Susana Linden
Dave Buda	Linda Medford
Joe Bynum	Danny Miller
Christina Cahaly	Ronnie Nipp
Angela Canady	Sally Paulus
Patrick Christy	Julia & Koy Payne
Bella Crosby	Sandra Pellegren
Liz Crosslin	William Perry
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Beverly Pratt
Heather Daniels	Virginia Prestly
Michael Ellis	Joan Robertson
Danny & Sheila Elrod	Russom Family
Rob Engel	Mike Sadler
Willie Ferrell	Mary Schaefer
Karri Flannigan	Anna Short
Ella Forkum	Carmen Sosa
Tammy Freeman	Andrea Stafford
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Ray & Yelba Stevenson
Elizabeth Guntert	Sam Stitt
Robert E. Harbin	Jay St. John
James Phillip Harbin	Cathy Stowers
John Haywood, Jr.	Bailey & Trevor Sucharitakul
Shannon Heindel	Toni Swindell
Kay Hernandez	Jennifer Tidwell
Gunther Hitchcock/family	Peter Vandervan
Lisa Hogan	Meredith Veeder
Betty Hopper	Brad & Paige Warmath
Lisa Hutton	Donna Williams
Christie Johnson	Steve Williams
Ester Jones	Coila Winters

We are happy to announce about the up coming 50th Anniversary Coffee Table book of our Diocese.

This book will have pictures and history of all the parishes in our Diocese in addition there will also be a beautiful children's anime book.

Both books are of high quality materials and priced very reasonably. They will also make wonderful gifts.

We will be limited on the amount of books to buy as a parish so if you are interested in purchasing these books please contact the office to get your name on the list.

**December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

**Universal Intention:  
People Who Suffer From Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Volunteers			
	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Dec 18	C. Ciesiolke	M. Moreno	J. Buda
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Attendance Last Week				
Dec 05	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	32	3		
8:30 Mass			24	4
10:30 Mass	74	15		

**Sunday 2nd Collection: Retirement for Religious**

Dec 05, 2021	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2020	Ave Maria 2020
Budget	\$ 2,615.00	\$ 490.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 3,698.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 2,268.00	\$ 432.00
<b>YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Dec) 23 wks.</b>	<b>\$ 442.50</b>	<b>\$ 1287.76</b>	<b>\$ (1079.00)</b>	<b>\$ 3,129.00</b>
Friends of the Poor	\$ 370.00	\$	\$ 310.00	\$
November e-Giving	\$ 505.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 850.00

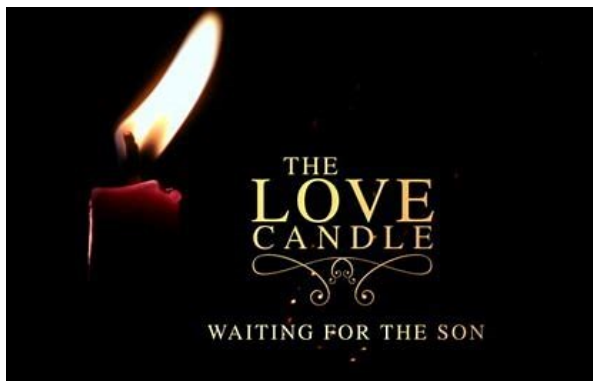
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“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests” (Lk 2:14).

**A Prayer for Love**



Holy Father, thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, your greatest gift of love to your people. Fill my heart with such love, opening my heart to accept your great love for me. Overflow my heart with your love, so I may pour it out into the world. Help me to love others as you’ve loved me – even those who aren’t so easy to love. For following you means loving others as you love me. Lord, thank you for your great gift of Jesus as we celebrate Christmas. May I ever walk in your love and show the world I am your disciple by the love I show to others, keeping Jesus, your Son, close in my heart. Amen.

**John 13:34-35 (NIV)**

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

## Liturgical Ministers-Dec 19th-Jan 3rd

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sacristans</b>	<b>Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>Dec 18</b>	<b>E. Teer</b>	<b>A. Calvet</b>	<b>M. Griffis</b>	
		<b>K. Sass</b>		
<b>Dec 19</b>	<b>R. Wheeler</b>	<b>E. Teer</b>	<b>J. Buda</b>	<b>J. Terry</b>
	<b>J. Wheeler</b>	<b>J Gobellan</b>		
		<b>M. Buda</b>		
<b>Dec 24- 430 pm</b>	<b>E. Teer</b>	<b>A. Calvet</b>	<b>M. Griffis</b>	<b>J. Walker</b>
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<b>Dec 26</b>	<b>G. Buda</b>	<b>C. Buda</b>	<b>M. Griffis</b>	<b>R. Tankersley</b>
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<b>Jan 01</b>	<b>A. Calvet</b>	<b>K. Sass</b>	<b>A. Calvet</b>	
		<b>E. Teer</b>		
<b>Jan 02</b>	<b>C. Jones</b>	<b>Ju. Walker</b>	<b>J. Buda</b>	<b>J. Terry</b>
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## 2021/2022 Holiday Mass Schedule

### **The Nativity of the Lord**

#### **Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Vigil Mass	St Alphonsus	4:30 pm
Christmas Music	20 minutes before Mass	

#### **Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Midnight Mass	St Alphonsus	12:00 am
Christmas Music	20 minutes before Mass	
Christmas Mass	Ave Maria	10:00 am

### **Feast of the Holy Family**

The celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family is not permitted at any time on December 25th as the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord outranks the Feast of the Holy Family.

#### **Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

No Vigil Mass for Feast of the Holy Family

#### **Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Ave Maria	8:30 am
St Alphonsus	10:30 am

### **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

#### **Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

St Alphonsus	8:30 am
followed by 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Adoration and Benediction	

Not a Holy Day of Obligation. Because the Solemnity of the Epiphany is January 2, 2022, the Saturday evening (January 1) Mass MUST be the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, cannot be celebrated Saturday evening as the Solemnity of the Epiphany outranks the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

### **Solemnity of the Epiphany**

#### **Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

St Alphonsus Vigil Mass	4:30 pm
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#### **Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Ave Maria	8:30 am
St Alphonsus	10:30 am

### **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

#### **Weekend of January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Normal Mass schedule

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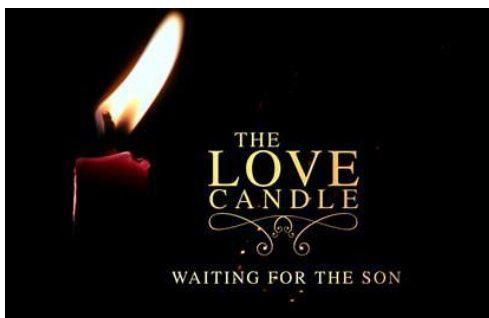
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