



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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Dec 13, 2020

The Third Sunday of Advent

VIOLET

MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday 8:30am

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

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 12

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec 13

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

8:45 am PRE

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass

Monday, Dec 14 NO MASS

6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study

Tuesday, Dec 15

10:00 am Friends of the Poor

11:30 am Rosary

5:00 pm Confession at St. Alphonsus

6:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday, Dec 16

10:15 am Legion of Mary

11:30 am Rosary

Thursday, Dec 17

11:00 am St. Bellarmine Bible Study

4:00 pm Choir

Knights of Columbus Christmas Shop

The K of C is once again partnering with St. Paul's to provide a variety of beautiful and timely religious articles as well as Christmas cards. Please stop by the parish hall after Mass starting December 13th until Christmas. For special orders, please call Dave Hessling: 901-497-2720. Proceeds for these sales go to support our seminarians.

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AVE MARIA

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Mass Intentions



Saturday	12/12	4:30 pm	
Sunday	12/13	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	12/13	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	12/14	12:00 pm	
Tuesday	12/15	12:00 pm	+Rev. Angelo Nobile
Wednesday	12/16	12:00 pm	+Thomas Crofton by the Wellbrock family
Friday	12/18	8:30 am	+Rev. Paul W. St. Charles I
Saturday	12/19	8:30 am	

Promises & Blessings

Scripture verses

December 12th

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

-Acts 20:35

December 13th

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight.

-Psalm 43:3-4



December Birthdays

Denise Barrett 12/11
Caroline Clowes 12/14
Elaine Perry 12/16
Anne Calvet 12/16
Hunter Smith 12/17

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.*

Please see the insert for the Holiday Schedule

There will be no daily Mass on Monday, December 14

Readings for Dec 14 – Dec 20

Monday-St. John of the Cross, Priest, DOC
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday
Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

Friday
Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Saturday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25

Sunday
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Lk 1:26-38

Due to the Holy Holiday Schedule

the Parish Office will be closed

December 21, 2019 thru January 3, 2019

the office will open on Monday, January 4

Please submit any announcements for weeks of Dec. 20, 27, and Jan 3 for the bulletin no later than Wednesday, 2:30pm, December 17th



Amazing Opportunity. In honor of the recent Beatification of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, the K of C are offering *free online membership* (\$30 value) to all eligible Catholic men. To qualify, you must be at least eighteen years old, baptized and a practicing Catholic. Join at www.kofc.org/joinus and use the discount code: **MCGIVNEY2020**. Offer ends December 31, 2020. The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut and is a family, fraternal service organization dedicated to lives of charity, unity, and fraternity. Direct any questions to: Membership@kofc-tn.org.



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	Maria McConnell
Peter Burkhardt	Christina Miller
Pat Butner	Jerry & Rose Mills
Lottie Crofton	David Moore
Kay & Gene Cross	Eleanor Nunn
Dixie Duncan	Elaine Perry
Derek Durham	Ginger Poteete
John Folden	Fernando Romero
Floanne Garrett	Lynda Rogers
Evan Grueling	Holly Schaefer
Jack & Peggy Haywood	Barbara Schneider
Lois Hayden	Joan Smith
Pat Haynes	Frank Stephens
Beverly Jiminez	Elizabeth Sullivan
Lenny Lind	Irma Wilson de Roze
Stan Matras	Special Intention by

Our Loved Ones	
James & Robin Barnett	Phillis King
William Barrett	Judy Kovach
Betty Jo Bennet	Emile Latour
Joe Bergen	Cindy Lavelli
Mary Bixler	Jacob LeFils
Virginia Bowden	Dietmar Linden
Darlene Brooks	Susana Linden
Dave Buda	Evelyn Lynn
Joe Bynum	Joe Marking
Christina Cahaly	Debbie Marshall
Angela Canady	Linda Medford
Hubert Carman	Beth McNeill
Patrick Christy	Danny Miller
Bella Crosby	Ronnie Nipp
Liz Crosslin	Sandra Pellegren
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Beverly Pratt
Michael Ellis	Joan Robertson
Rob Engel	Mary Schaefer
Karri Flannigan	Cynthia Simmons
Melissa Flores	Carmen Sosa
Ella Forkum	Andrea Stafford
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Ray & Yelba Stevenson
Elizabeth Guntert	Sam Stitt
Robert E. Harbin	Jay St. John
James Phillip Harbin	Toni Swindell
Kay Hernandez	Jennifer Tidwell
Lisa Hogan	Peter Vandervan
Betty Hopper	Brad & Paige Warmath
Luanne Jergens	Donna Williams
Christie Johnson	Steve Williams
Ester Jones	Coila Winters
Mode Jones	Earl Yeomans


Holy days of obligation are feast days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass and to avoid (to the extent that they are able) servile work. The observance of Holy Days of Obligation is part of the [Sunday Duty](#), the first of the [Precepts of the Church](#), and are listed in Canon 1246 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law. Holy Days of Obligation are days other than Sundays on which Catholics are required to participate in the Mass, the primary form of worship. Any feast celebrated on a Sunday, such as Easter, falls under normal Sunday Duty and thus isn't included in a list of Holy Days of Obligation.

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

December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Liturgical Ministers			
			
	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans
Dec 12	A. Calvet	K. Sass	E. Teer
4:30 pm		B. Ciesiolka	
Dec 13	J. Buda	A. Moreno	A. Calvet
10:30 am		E. Moreno	
Dec 19	P. Williams	K. Sass	M. Griffis
4:30 pm		B. Ciesiolka	
Dec 20	J. Terry	E. Teer	J. Buda
10:30 am		J. Walker	

Attendance Last Week				
Dec 06	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	25	0		
8:30 Mass			25	2
10:30 Mass	45	6		

Sunday 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund

Dec 6, 2020	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2019	Ave Maria 2019
Budget	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 2,868.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 2,832.00	\$ 357.00
YTD DEFICIT (Jul-Nov)23 wks.	\$ (1,079.00)	\$ 3,129.00		
Maintenance	\$ 338.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 45.00
Friends of the Poor	\$ 310.00	\$	\$ 50.00	\$
November e-Giving	\$ 385.00	\$ 850.00	\$	\$

Volunteers				
	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens	Lawn
Dec 19	K. Sass	A. Calvet	M. Stephens	Volunteers
Dec 26				Volunteers
Jan 2			M. Stephens	Volunteers

Third Week of Advent: Joy



Shout for joy, daughter Zion! . . . The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst” (Zep 3:14, 15).

This is Gaudete Sunday, the day we rejoice in the closeness of the Lord’s coming. “Do not be discouraged!” says Zephaniah. Judgment has been removed from us, our enemies turned away. How do we understand that? How often do we hear a prayer for peace in the world and respond to ourselves, “Yeah, as if that’s possible”? Or see the need for justice or human rights in places that beg for them and think, Fat chance?

This week, let us practice offering our prayers of petition as God asks, “full of gratitude,” recognizing that what appears impossible to us is always possible for God. We are in the season of impossible good news: God comes to us! While you are standing in line this week, do a rundown of your prayer requests and complete each one with a simple “thank you.” That’s it. Just “thank you.”

2020 Holiday Mass Schedule

The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Music	20 minutes before Mass	
Vigil Mass	St Alphonsus	4:30 pm
Christmas Music	20 minutes before Mass	
Vigil Mass	St Alphonsus	6:30 pm

Friday, December 25th

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

Jan 1st, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve Vigil	St Alphonsus	4:30 pm
New Year's Day	Ave Maria	8:30 am
New Year's Day	St Alphonsus	10:00 am

