



# SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

# AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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Aug 09, 2020

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GREEN

## 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, Aug 08

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday, Aug 09

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass

### Monday, Aug 10

11:30 am Rosary

### Tuesday, Aug 11

10:00 am Friends of the Poor

11:30 am Rosary

### Wednesday, Aug 12

11:30 am Rosary

### Thursday, Aug 13

4:00 pm Choir

### Friday, Aug 14

8:00 am Rosary

### Saturday, Aug 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Rosary

**ATTENTION PARENTS: Due to the coronavirus the cry-room will NOT be available for use with children at this time.**

### SAINT ALPHONSUS

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### AVE MARIA

(just South of Highway 19 junction)

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## Mass Intentions



Saturday	08/08	4:30 pm	+Sir Knight Charles A. Cicci by K of C
Sunday	08/09	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	08/09	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	08/10	12:00 pm	+Helen Reilly-Rego by Steve & Beth Teer
Tuesday	08/11	12:00 pm	+Bro. Knight Herb Wenning by K of C
Wednesday	08/12	12:00 pm	For Derek Durham
Friday	08/14	8:30 am	+Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. Lynch
Saturday	08/15	8:30 am	For Bishop Tally by Ave Maria

### Promises & Blessings

#### Scripture verses

August 8th

*Thy steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, thy faithfulness to the clouds.*

*Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God, thy judgments are like the great deep; man and beast thou savest, O Lord.*

-Psalms 36:5-6

August 9th

*Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.*

-Isaiah 43:1de

### Readings for Aug 10 – Aug 16

Monday-St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday-St. Clare, V

Ez 2:8-3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday-St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-6 Mt 18:15-20

Thursday-Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest

Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday-St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mt 19:3-12

Saturday-The Assumption of the BVM

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16 Lk 1:39-56

Sunday

Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Mt 15:21-28

## "I am a Catholic Priest"

by Fr. Stefano Manelli F.I.

"I am a Catholic priest." With this statement, we have in just a few words the "ID card" of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan priest martyred at Auschwitz August 14, 1941, seventy years ago. When the fierce Lagerführer Karl Fritzsch, in reprisal for the escape of a prisoner, chose ten prisoners for condemnation to starvation and dehydration in the death bunker, "number 16670," Fr. Maximilian M. Kolbe, was not among them. When one of the condemned, Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek, began crying out, "my poor wife and my poor children," Fr. Kolbe, driven by the supernatural force of charity, stepped out of the ranks and, before the astonished eyes of the Commandant, presented himself, saying, "I want to die in his place."

It was a miracle that Commandant Fritzsch did not shoot him dead on the spot. He asked with scorn, "Who are you?" and Fr. Kolbe very calmly and firmly said, "I am a Catholic priest."

This reply is truly his ID card, and you could even say "Catholic priest" was his true first and last name. St. Maximilian surely could have replied, "I am Maximilian Kolbe," or "I am a Franciscan friar," or even, "I am the leader of a large religious community." Instead, he responded with the most noble and sacred title, written in the depths of his soul in an indelible sacramental character, the character of Holy Orders: "I am a Catholic priest."

At Auschwitz, this is just how St. Maximilian Kolbe appears: a priest like Jesus the priest, the priest and victim; he was a priest and martyr, a priest immolated like a lamb, offering himself as a total sacrifice in the hands of these new Pharisees and high priests of the bloodthirsty power that the Nazis were. Just like Jesus Crucified, St. Maximilian too, to save a brother man, voluntarily offered himself as a holocaust: "oblatus est quia ipse voluit" (Is 53:7: "He was offered because it was his own will").

**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	
Kay Bergen	McKenna Lombardo
Sr. Doris Blum	Anna Matthews
Jason Brower	Stan Matras
Mike Brower	Maria McConnell
Jerry Bryant	Christina Miller
Hunter Buda	Jerry & Rose Mills
Juanita Buda	David Moore
Peter Burkhardt	Eleanor Nunn
Lottie Crofton	Jon Pavletic
Kay & Gene Cross	Elaine Perry
Dixie Duncan	Fernando Romero
Derek Durham	Lynda Rogers
John Folden	Holly Schaefer
Natasha Gray	Barbara Schneider
Evan Grueling	Joan Smith
Jack & Peggy Haywood	Frank Stephens
Lois Hayden	Elizabeth Sullivan
Pat Haynes	Irma Wilson-de Roze
Patsy Hoffman	Mike Yarbrough
Beverly Jiminez	

Our Loved Ones	
James & Robin Barnett	Mode Jones
William Barrett	Laura Swope-Keller
Betty Jo Bennet	Phillis King
Mary Bixler	Judy Kovach
Virginia Bowden	Jesse Laxton
Darlene Brooks	Emile Latour
Dave Buda	Cindy Lavelli
Joe Bynum	Jacob LeFils
Christina Cahaly	Dietmar Linden
Angela Canady	Susana Linden
Patrick Christy	Evelyn Lynn
Bella Crosby	Joe Marking
Liz Crosslin	Debbie Marshall
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Linda Medford
Heather Daniels	Beth McNeill
Dale Maxwell	Sandra Pellegren
Michael Ellis	Beverly Pratt
Karri Flannigan	Joan Robertson
Melissa Flores	Mary Schaefer
Ella Forkum	Cynthia Simmons
Philip Galaska	Carmen Sosa
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Andrea Stafford
Elizabeth Guntert	Ray & Yelba Stevenson
Robert E. Harbin	Sam Stitt
James Phillip Harbin	Jay St. John
Kay Hernandez	Brenda Sutton
Lisa Hogan	Jennifer Tidwell
Betty Hopper	Peter Vanderven
Wanda Hubicki	Brad & Paige Warmath
Ashlyn Hutson	Donna Williams
Luanne Jergens	Steve Williams
Christie Johnson	Coila Winters
Ester Jones	Earl Yeomans

**August Birthdays**

*Eleanor Nunn 8/13*



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.*

**August Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

**The Maritime World**

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



## Liturgical Ministers

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans
Aug 08	E. Teer	A. Calvet	M. Griffis
4:30 pm			
Aug 09	L. Pesnell	J. Haywood	A. Calvet
10:30 am			
Aug 15	C. Clark	B. Ciesiolka	M. Griffis
4:30 pm			
Aug 16	J. Terry	E. Teer	A. Calvet
10:30 am			

### Scam Alert Across Our Catholic Diocese of Memphis - Report and Delete

Dear Faithful CDOM Family - **Scam Alert:** Please be aware that Bishop Talley and our Priest, Deacon, Seminarian or Church staff member will **never** email or text you asking for gift cards, money or any other type of funding. If you do receive what appears to be a scam e-mail or text, please report it to your Parish office, and then delete the e-mail or text message. If you have any questions about this communications, please contact your Parish office or call 901-573-4002.

### Alerta de Estafas en la Diócesis de Memphis - Reporten y Borren

Querida familia Diocesana - **Alerta de Estafa:** Por favor sepan que ni nuestro Obispo Talley, ni ningún Sacerdote, Diácono, Seminarista o miembro del personal de la Iglesia de nuestra *Diócesis Católica de Memphis* le mandará **nunca** un correo electrónico, o un texto pidiéndole tarjetas de regalo, dinero en efectivo o ningún otro tipo de fondos. Si usted recibe un correo electrónico o texto de este tipo se trata de una Estafa, por favor repórtelo a la oficina Parroquial, y borre luego el mensaje de texto o el correo electrónico. Si tiene usted preguntas respecto de estas comunicaciones, comuníquese con su oficina parroquial o llame al 901-573-4002.

Jul 26, 2020	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2019	Ave Maria 2019
Budget	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 2,723.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 2,778.00	\$ 301.00
Maintenance	\$ 506.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 732.00	\$ 91.00
Food Pantry	\$ 60.00	\$	\$ 60.00	
Friends of the Poor	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ .00	

Volunteers				
	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens	Lawn
Aug 08	Pesnell/Teer	Closed	M. Stephens	Wellbrock/Weaver
Aug 15	Clowes/Walker	Closed	M. Stephens	Buda/Clark
Aug 22	Greeson/Matthews	Closed	M. Stephens	Gobellan/Moreno

### Attendance Last Week

Aug 02	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	25	0		
8:30 Mass			24	5
10:30 Mass	37	9		

**Sunday 2nd Collection: None**



The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we do not know how it first came to be celebrated. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as "Aelia Capitolina" in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried.

At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption.

For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven. That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbled with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.