



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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December 12, 2021

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 11

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec 12

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

8:45 am PRE

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass-St. Alphonsus

Monday, Dec 13

6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study

Tuesday, Dec 14

9:00 am Friends of the Poor

5:00 pm Penance Service

6:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday, Dec 14

10:15 am Legion of Mary

Thursday, Dec 15

10:30 am St. Robert Bellarmine Bible Study

4:00 pm Choir

Due to the Christmas Holiday Schedule the bulletins for Dec 19th, 2021 thru January 2nd, 2022 will be available as one in the December 19th bulletin.

If you have any announcements needed to be included during this time frame please submit to the office no later than noon on by December 15th.

SAINT ALPHONSUS

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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



Saturday	12/11	4:30 pm	For Special Intention
Sunday	12/12	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	12/12	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	12/13	12:00 pm	+Ginger Poteete by Len & Kay Bergen
Tuesday	12/14	12:00 pm	+Mike Brower by Dave & Andrea Hessling
Wednesday	12/15	12:00 pm	+Mike Brower by St. Alphonsus Finance Council
Friday	12/17	8:30 am	+Rev. James T. Gaffney
Saturday	12/18	8:30 am	+Rev. Morris G. Stritch



Calling All Bakers!!

300 Homemade Cookies are needed for the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen to go with the 100 scarves made by women of our parish. Some cookie favorites are Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin and Sugar cookies. Cookies will be needed no later than Sunday December 19th.

Contact Beth Teer @ 901-605-7337 if you are interested to bake some cookies.

Readings for Dec 13 - Dec 19

Monday-St. Lucy, V, M
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday-St. John of the Cross, Priest, DOC
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23 Mt 21:28-32

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

Thursday
Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b Lk 7:24-30

Friday
Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

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

Sunday
Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Lk 1:39-45

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

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



Happy Birthday!

- Denise Barrett 12/11
- Caroline Clowes 12/14
- Ann Calvet 12/16
- Hunter Smith 12/17



Please submit any announcements for weeks of

Dec. 19, 26, and Jan 2

for the bulletin no later than

Noon, Wednesday, December 15th

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.*

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

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	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 Vanderven
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.

Liturgical Ministers				
	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
Dec 11	A. Calvet	E. Teer K. Sass	E. Teer	
Dec 12	J. Terry J. Buda	A. Calvet E. Greeson Ju. Walker	A. Calvet	K. Greeson
Dec 18	E. Teer	A. Calvet K. Sass	M. Griffis	
Dec 19	R. Wheeler J. Wheeler	E. Teer J. Gobellan M. Buda	J. Buda	K. Clark

Volunteers			
	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
Dec 11	T. Clowes	B. Matthews	J. Buda
Dec 18	C. Ciesiolke	M. Moreno	J. Buda

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
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Dec) 23 wks.	\$ 442.50	\$ 1287.76	\$ (1079.00)	\$ 3,129.00
Friends of the Poor	\$ 370.00	\$	\$ 310.00	\$
November e-Giving	\$ 505.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 850.00

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.”