



# St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

One Family United in Christ



February 22, 2026

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## The First Sunday of Lent

*One does not live on bread alone, but on every word  
that comes forth from the mouth of God. -Matthew 4:4*

# BEING WITH JESUS IN LENT

## St. Alphonsus Catholic Church Parish Lenten Mission

MARCH 8 THROUGH MARCH 10

CHURCH DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM  
TALK TO START AT 6:30 PM  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



GUEST SPEAKER MIKE PATIN

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## ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH OFFICE

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 Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:30 AM–4:30 PM  
 Friday 8:30 AM–1:30 PM

Faith Formation Office Phone – 225-261-4644  
 Faith Formation Office Hours: Tues.- Fri. 8:30 AM–4:30 PM

Church Website: [www.alphonsus.org](http://www.alphonsus.org)

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## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 21–MARCH 1, 2026

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <i>Auction \$10K tickets for sale - G.S.</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>8 AM, 10 AM &amp; 12 PM Masses</b> <i>Auction \$10K tickets for sale - G.S.</i>	
	10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy - S.F.
	10:00 AM	Adapted PSR - S.C.
	10:15 AM	Learning Group - Classrooms
	10:15 AM	OCIC - S.C.
	12:00 PM	Rite of Sending - Church
	12:00 PM	Confirmation - Church, E.H.
	4:00 PM	Mass & Healing Service with Fr. Mumfries - Church
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 AM	Epic B.S. - S.F. C
	9:00 AM	Timeline B.S. - S.G.
	6:00 PM	Scout Troop 322 - St. Luke
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts - E.H.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Daily Mass &amp; Novena</b>
	9:00 AM	Jesus W.T.L. B.S. - S.C.
	2:00 PM	SAS Finance Committee - S.G.
	6:00 PM	Women of Faith Retreat Team Meeting - S.F.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b>
	9:00 AM	First Corinthians B.S. - S.G.
	9:00 AM	New Bible Study - S.F.
	11:00 AM	Genesis to Jesus B.S. - S.G.
	2:00 PM	School Board - S.G.
	5:00 PM	Divine Mercy - Church
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir - C.R.
	6:00 PM	Ephesians B.S. - S.G.
	6:00 PM	Fulfilled II B.S. - S.C.
	6:00 PM	Young Adults B.S. - S.F. A/B
	6:30 PM	Learning Group - Classrooms
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir - C.R.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Daily Mass &amp; Rosary</b>
	10:00 AM	Galatians B.S. - S.C.
	11:00 AM	ACTS 2 B.S. - S.G.
	6:00 PM	Men's Club - E.H. B
	6:00 PM	OCIA Scrutinies - S.F.
	6:00 PM	Troop Committee - St. Mark
	6:30 PM	ACTS 1 B.S. - S.G.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>School Mass</b>
	12:00 PM	Stations of the Cross - Church
	4-6 PM	Men's Club Fish Fry Sale - Front Parking Lot
	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross - Church
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Women of Faith Retreat Weekend - PAC</b>	
	9:30 AM	Corpus Christi Prayer - St. Matt.
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
	<i>Girl Scout Cookie Sale</i>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b> <b>8 AM, 10 AM &amp; 12 PM Masses</b> <i>Girl Scout Cookie Sale</i>	
	10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy - S.F.
	2:00 PM	Scouting Patch Event - S.F.
	5:00 PM	Youth Group - Lighthouse

## WORSHIP

### Readings for the Week - Feb. 22-March 1

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:** Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

### Featured Saint of the Week

#### St. Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad

(6/4/1870 – 4/24/1957)

Feast Day: 6/4



Hasselblad was born in Sweden, the fifth of thirteen children, into a family that were practicing Lutherans. At 16, she chose to find a job to help family finances. She eventually moved to the United States, settling in New York City studying nursing.

After the death of a patient, she decided to begin practicing in home nursing. She was hired as a nurse/companion for two teenage daughters of a wealthy Catholic family, the Cisneros. Here, she developed a keen interest in the Catholic faith which led to her ultimate conversion.

Her spiritual director, Fr. Johann Hagen, helped her in receiving both the Sacrament of Baptism and First Communion. She then wanted to be received into the Church at once; she got her wish and in the same year her brother Thor also converted to Catholicism.

Hesselblad went to Rome, where she was Confirmed; she also wanted to visit the house of Swedish St. Bridget, the founder of the Bridgettines. After the visit, she dedicated her life toward Christian unity.

She petitioned the Holy See to be able to take vows under the Rule of the Order, the Bridgettines. Once Pope Pius X gave his approval, she donned the habit. The habit was unusual in that over the veil, a simple symbolic crown was worn to remind of Jesus' crucifixion and death. Her final vows were professed to Fr. Hagen in 1906.

Hesselblad worked fervently to revive interest in the Order and its founder in both Rome and Sweden. She was able to form a new congregation after 3 young women joined. The Swedish branch of the Order was established in 1923 to pray and work toward the conversion of the Scandinavian people to the Catholic Church. With homes now in Rome, Sweden, and India, the Order received canonical approval in 1940. Her apostolic zeal was most evident when she contributed to the conversion of both a Baptist minister and the Chief Rabbi of Rome in 1946.

By 1957, Hesselblad's health was declining. She received the Sacrament Extreme Unction (Anointing of the Sick). She died in the early morning hours of April 24, 1957, at the age of 86.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM



### Live Stream

Sunday 10:00 AM on Facebook & YouTube

### Daily Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

Respect Life Rosary on Thursday after Daily Mass

### Holy Day Masses

As Announced

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children in kindergarten through second grade.

## SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

### Baptism

Contact Margaret Garza at the Parish Office in the early months of pregnancy for dates and preparation requirements.

### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 PM and by appointment

### Christian Initiation of Adults

If interested in becoming Catholic and want more information on the process, call the Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

### Marriage

Contact Sara Puissegur at the Parish Office six months to one year prior to projected wedding date for information concerning preparation programs.

### Anointing of the Sick

You can receive this sacrament during a serious illness, before a major surgery, or for spiritual and mental healing. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

### Funerals

Contact Margaret Garza at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

### Formed

Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), find St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

### Prayer Line

Christine Barbay 225-955-2380

Gloria Jones 225-337-8929

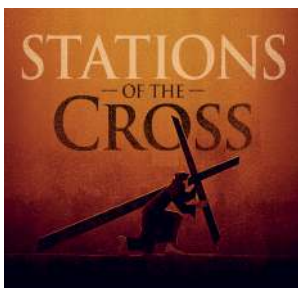
### Divine Mercy Novena

Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena each Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the church during the Lenten season. Our Lord said, "Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with my will." The rosary will be recited before the Novena at 5:20 PM.



### Stations of the Cross Friday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 PM

Why not remember Christ's sacrifice by joining us this Friday for the Stations of the Cross? This week's Stations are dedicated to our country, our community, military, law enforcement, and first responders. Please come join us as we journey with Christ and raise our voices in prayer and sing "Were You There?"



**HEALING MASS**  
at  
St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

Come celebrate with us  
God's faithfulness and blessings.  
Doors open at 3 PM  
Please be seated and enjoy music.  
Mass to begin at 4 PM.  
Healing service to follow the Mass

**Special Guest Celebrant:**  
Fr. William Mumphries

14040 Greenwell Springs Rd.  
Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish celebrates the living waters of Christ by nourishing our Catholic community spiritually and academically so that Christ may be known in our world.

## FORMATION

### Learning Group Dates

Next Sunday Learning Group dates: February 22.  
Next Wednesday Learning Group dates: February 25.

### The King's Men

The King's Men exists to create and develop a thriving community of Catholic men in our parish. We meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until 8:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Oak Cluster Dr. We participate in a wide variety of compelling programs such as "That Man is You", "Welcome Retreat" men's retreat, The Men of Immaculata Men's Conference and retreats at Manresa. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

### Confirmation

The next Confirmation session will be on Sunday, February 22, 2026. If you have missed a Confirmation session, please contact the Faith Formation Office to schedule a time to do a make-up session. If you need to complete Confirmation forms, most forms are located on the parish website [www.alphonsus.org](http://www.alphonsus.org).

### Pray for Welcome Retreat Attendees

Please keep the women attending the Welcome Retreat the weekend of February 28 through March 1 in your prayers.

LIGHT KEEPER'S YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

# BE THE LIGHT

All 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders Invited!!

**March - Lent**

**Small Group Discussions about Lent, Sins, Confession**

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Mens Club Cooking Dinner, Messy Sin Night, and Kickball

March 8<sup>th</sup> - CDA Cooking Dinner & Mike Patin after Noon Mass (No youth at night)

March 15<sup>th</sup> - 4M Day (10:00 AM Mass, Movie, Mall, and Meal)  
We will be taking the bus for this outing

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Pizza, Small Group Discussion & Adoration

**Everyone in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades are invited to join the Light Keeper's Youth Ministry every Sunday evening 5-8 PM. Come and experience good food and games while making new friends and enjoying your old friends.**

## ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR



WITH HUMILITY AND COMPASSION, WE INVITE YOU  
TO BREAK BREAD WITH OUR VOLUNTEERS  
WHO LOVINGLY PREPARED  
OUR PARISH'S ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR  
IN THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER.

THE BLESSING OF THE ALTAR AFTER THE 4 PM MASS  
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

FEEDING OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
WITH MEALS TO BE SERVED TO THE PUBLIC  
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026  
AFTER THE 10 AM AND 12 PM MASSES

## Scout Sunday

Members of our parish who are involved with Scouting America gathered for Scout Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at the 12 PM Mass.

**Back Row** Left to right: Andy Hunsucker, Trey Arnold, Jonathan Sicard, Corey Summerell, Chris Newsom and Darryl Beard (Troop 322). **2<sup>nd</sup> Row** Left to right: Heidi Hunsucker, Benjamin Perere, Landon Sicard,



Harrison Newsom, Jackson Summerell, Helena Hunsucker, Elliott Beard (Troop 322), John Lato, Mike Calhoun (Troop 13) and Luke Calhoun (Troop 13). **3<sup>rd</sup> Row** Left to right: Samuel Arnold, Frank Arnold, Quentin Newsom, Lane Waggenspack and John Robert Rousseve. *Photo submitted.*

## Mass Intentions March 2026

\* Mass Intentions listed as  
of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

<b>Mar. 1</b>	8:00 AM	Warren & Ethel Guedry, Melanie Alario, O'Neil Lonibos, Van Guarino, The Cashio Family, John Daigle, Laura Quinn, J.L. & Jason Juneau, Linda Jarreau, Donna Hebert			
	10:00 AM	Everett & Lillian Mayeaux			
	12:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased			
<b>Mar. 2</b>		<i>No Mass or C.S.</i>			
<b>Mar. 3</b>	8:30 AM	Kevin Vidaurre, Victor Vidaurre, Thad Bridges, Patti Guedry, Clayton Lemoine, Jade McCleskey, Pete Langlois, Donald Vicknair, Bruce Gauthier, Mona & Ellen Gauthier, Rita Doucet, The Mahl Family, John Daigle, Verlaine D'Antoni			
<b>Mar. 4</b>	8:30 AM	Albert Blache, Jr.			
<b>Mar. 5</b>	8:30 AM	Ogere Jeansonne			
<b>Mar. 6</b>	8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Phil Peck			
<b>Mar. 7</b>	8:00 AM	Rita Doucet			
	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased			
<b>Mar. 8</b>	8:00 AM	Ethel Guedry			
	10:00 AM	Sammy Covington, Stetson Blake Huval, Rose Ann Dileo, Toni Pizzalato, Weber Mansur, Betty & Rodney LaBauve, Gary Whittington, The Landry Family, Donald Vicknair, Patti Guedry, Vincent Vaccaro, Richard White, Bobby Miller, Henry & Lena Moore, Maurice & Barbara Whitcomb			
	12:00 PM	Lynette Harelson			
<b>Mar. 9</b>		<i>No Mass or C.S.</i>			
<b>Mar. 10</b>	8:30 AM	Brenda & Roland Robertson, Jerry Duncan, Cassie Sheehan, Louise Serio, Charles & Rita Serio, Carey Lowe, Theresa Bourgeois, Lam Thanh Ta, Elmer & Irma Laird, Fr. Kenny Laird, Dianne Arnould Smith, Huval & Breaux Family, Van Guarino, Rita Doucet, John Daigle, Ann & Mario Marretta			
<b>Mar. 11</b>	8:30 AM	Jocelyn Gerard			
<b>Mar. 12</b>	8:30 AM	Jeffrey P. LeBlanc			
<b>Mar. 13</b>	8:30 AM	Steve Speeg			
<b>Mar. 14</b>	4:00 PM	JoAnn Mancuso			
<b>Mar. 15</b>	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased			
	10:00 AM	Bill Poche			
	12:00 PM	Robert Reines, James & Jean Turnley, Michael Pecoraro, Rosemary Silvio, Vincent Dileo, Jr., Gloria Phillips, Brent Leonard, Verlaine D'Antoni			
		<i>No Mass or C.S.</i>			
		Lori LeSage Gautreaux, Dana Rodgers, Kenlie Jackson, Breaux & Huval Families, Thad Bridges, Joseph Thad Bridges, Steve Speeg, John Scarbrough, Leo & Sallie Nijoka, Andy & Jewel Buller, Van Guarino, Vincent Vaccaro, Donald Vicknair, John Daigle, The Riles Family, The Clements Family, Becklyn Ann Tregre			
		Virginia Terito			
		Melanie Alario			
		James Blankinship			
		Carol Bordelon, Brenda Guerin, Stacey Silvio, Joseph Bergeron, Kristie Rabalais, Jessie Beard, Frank & Susie Calvaruso, Bernadette Dupuy, Stetson Blake Huval & Family, Rose Ann Dileo, Charles Entremont Jr., Victor & Kevin Vidaurre, Buck Frederick, Jim Sartwell, Mike J. Vince, Pete Langlois, Robert Stewart			
		Lori LeSage Gautreaux			
		Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased			
		Curtis Hutchinson Family			
		<i>No Mass or C.S.</i>			
		Breaux & Huval Families, Toni Pizzalato, Betty & Rodney LaBauve, Anthony Pecoraro, John Daigle, Carolyn Necaie, Donna Hebert, Paolo Corradini, Juan Paredes, Open			
		Open			
		Ann & Mario Marretta			
		Rose Ann Dileo			
		Bill Simon Sr.			
		Ivan & Ruby Shows, Dale Felps, The Vicaro Family, Diana Graham, John Daigle, Linda Jarreau, Open			
		Shelby Guillory Jr.			
		Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased			
		<i>No Mass or C.S.</i>			
		Paul Arnone, Lynette Harelson, John Nathan Carmena, Rita Doucet, John Daigle, Becklyn Ann Tregre, Open			
		Open			
		Open			
		Ann & Mario Marretta			
		Rose Ann Dileo			
		Bill Simon Sr.			
		Ivan & Ruby Shows, Dale Felps, The Vicaro Family, Diana Graham, John Daigle, Linda Jarreau, Open			
		Shelby Guillory Jr.			
		Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased			
		<i>No Mass or C.S.</i>			
		Paul Arnone, Lynette Harelson, John Nathan Carmena, Rita Doucet, John Daigle, Becklyn Ann Tregre, Open			
		Open			

**ccos Spring Patch Event**

# The Good Book

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1  
2-4 P.M.**

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**Lemonades**

Savory slices of shortbread with a refreshingly tangy lemon flavored icing



**Trefoils**

Acidic shortbread cookies inspired by the original Girl Scout recipe



**Thin Mints**

Crispy chocolate wafers dipped in a mint chocolate coating



**Peanut Butter Patties**

Crispy cookies layered with peanut butter and covered with a chocolate coating



**Caramel deLites**

Crispy cookies topped with caramel, toasted coconut, and chocolate stripes



**Peanut Butter Sandwich**

Crisp and crunchy oatmeal cookies with creamy peanut butter filling

**Buy After Masses Feb 28-March 1**



# 2026 HIVE GOLF TOURNAMENT

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11 AM - 2 PM

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MARCH 20TH

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Tickets for our Auction are now available for purchase in the Church Office. Each ticket costs \$100.

\$10,000 Raffle tickets include one raffle entry and entrance for 2 adults (21+) into our Auction on Saturday, March 21 at the Parish Activity Center.

First Pick Raffle tickets do not include entrance to the event.

Upcoming weekends for ticket sales after Masses will be February 21-22, March 7-8, and March 14-15.

Our Online Auction to support the school kicks off on Thursday, February 26.



## Men's Club Fish Fry Fridays

Fish dinners will be available on the Fridays of Lent. Dinners are \$10 each and include fried fish, french fries, coleslaw, and a roll. Take out only from 4 PM until 6 PM (or sold out).

Pick up dinners in the front parking lot on Greenwell Springs Road.

2026 Dates: Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 6, March 13, March 20 & March 27



## ADMINISTRATION

### Gifts of Stewardship

For February 7-8, 2026,  
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

#### Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	19,457.00
Unidentified	\$	2,503.00
Parish Soft	\$	14,141.00

#### Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	1,058.00
Parish Soft	\$	1,646.00

#### New Parish Activity Center

Envelopes	\$	1,070.00
Parish Soft	\$	545.00

Children's	\$	65.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$	80.00
Eastern Europe	\$	68.00

#### Total Received

<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,633.00</b>
Children's Pickle Jar	\$	67.00
SVDP Building Project	\$	60.00
SVDP Food Pantry	\$	573.00
SVDP Ash Wednesday	\$	1,026.00



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