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The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God."

— Hebrews 12:22a



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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On Saturday, August 30, 2025, St. Alphonsus will recognize parishioners born in 1945 or before. Thank you to all who participated and to all those who helped us honor our special octogenarians. At press time, those who plan to celebrate with us are:

<u>99</u>	Yea	rs	Old
Pau	line	Laı	ırent

96 Years Old Donald Kenaley

91 Years Old Jane Kinchen

90 Years Old Peggy Boeneke Fay Fugler Omer Lassard

89 Years Old Dolores Lassard

88 Years Old

Colleen Stanton Richard Watson

87 Years Old Beverly Heil Corine Sanchez

86 Years Old Harry Fitzgerald Ray Heil Vercie Mansur Talbot Delery Matherne Donald Vicknair

85 Years Old

Mary Blue Larry Buhler June Guedry Sammy Rispone

84 Years Old

Don Blue Frankie Rispone John Sanchez Mildred Stroderd Joy Vicknair Lenore Watson

83 Years Old

Janet DeFreitas
Joseph DiGerolamo
Peggy Doming
Jeanette Eisworth
Artina Guarino
Clarence Harrison
Albert Langlois
Carolyn Mayeux
Emilie Soileau

82 Years Old

Jerry Camus
John Culmone
Margie Fitzgerald
Lawrence Guerin
Wayne Leader
Tonita Poche
Joseph Price
Joseph Soileau

81 Years Old

Richard Brassette
Dorothy Harrison
Barton Jeansonne
Joe Moock
Milly Morgan
Donald Sides
Olivia Thomas
Vance Thomas

80 Years Old

James Bueche
Barbara Culmone
Ronnie Deaton
Marlyn Eddy
Thomas Gerald
Barbara Guerin
Brenda Harris
Diane Leader
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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: AUGUST 30-SEPT 6, 2025

Saturday	4:00 PM 80 th Birthday	Vigil Mass Celebration w/ refreshments after		
Sunday		The 22 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses		
Monday	SCHOOL & OFFICE CLOSED-Labor Day			
	6:30 PM	CDA Meeting-S.F.		
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Novena		
	6:00 PM	Liturgy Comm. Mtg-S.G.		
	6:00 PM	Men's Scripture Study-C.R.		
	6:00 PM	Women of Faith - St. Matthew, St. Mark		
	6:30 PM	Grief Support - S.C.		
Wednesday	8:00 AM	SVDP Recertification - S.F.		
-	8:30 AM	Daily Mass		
	12:00 PM	Hospitality Mtg-S.F.(All)		
	3:00 PM	Youth Grp- L.H.		
	5:00 PM	Divine Mercy/Rosary-Church		
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir - C.R.		
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir - C.R.		
Thursday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Rosary		
	3:30 PM	Cheer Practice-PAC		
		EH A & B		
	6:30 PM	OCIA-Inquiry-S.C.		
Friday	8:30 AM	School Mass & Adoration		
Saturday	8:00 AM	1st Saturday Mass/Family		
		Adoration		
	10:00 AM	Abad Memorial Mass		
	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass		
Sunday	The 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses			
	Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10AM Masses			
	10:00 AM	Adapted PSR-S.C.		
	10:00 AM	Childrens Liturgy - S.F.		
	10:15 AM	OCIC-S.G.		
	10:15 AM	PSR Learning Grp-Elem/MS Classrooms		
	3:00 PM	Girls Scouts Mtg/Cooking Merit Badge- St. Mark (PAC)		
	5:00 PM	Light Keepers Youth- L.H.		

WORSHIP

Family Adoration

"God awaits us in the Eucharist. As long as we never tire of seeking Him there, we will find exactly what our souls need." *Matthew Kelly*

Join us for Mass, Family Adoration & Benediction on the first Saturday of each month. The next date for Family Adoration is September 6, 2025 at 8AM in the Church.

Readings for the Week - Aug 31-Sept 7th

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19,

22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39 Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10,

12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Featured Saint of the Week

St. Anna Schaffer 2/18/1882-10/5/1925 Feast: 10/5

Anna's father died at the age of 40. His death put a tremendous financial strain on the family. Anna quit school, to help the family financially. Anna's own life plan was to eventually join a religious order; but due to her family situation, her plans had to be put on the back burner.



In 1898 Anna had a vision of Christ, who told her that she was destined to endure long and painful suffering.

In 1901, while working at a laundry, Anna slipped and fell, basically boiling her legs in the washing machine. At the hospital, little could be done about the painful burns. She underwent more than 30 operations; her pain persisted. The skin grafts did not succeed, and Anna became completely bed-ridden and immobile.

Anna was eventually sent home; she never lost her optimism though, despite her constant pain and suffering. To help herself, she became even more devoted to her faith.

On the many nights when she couldn't sleep, she continued to express her adoration of Christ and her veneration of Mary. She also felt a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She received the Eucharist daily.

In 1910 a mystical phenomenon developed around her, what could be described as a stigmata, which she tried to conceal from the public.

In 1925, Anna was diagnosed with colon cancer; her paralysis spread to her spine, making it difficult to speak or write.

On October 5, 1925 she received her final Eucharist, and suddenly spoke: "Jesus, I live for you!" before she died. She was 43 years old.

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Ellen Marie Gauthier - Daughter of Carolyn Gauthier Chester Quebedeaux- Father of Allen (Dana) Qebedeaux Sammy Covington- Husband of Diane, Father of Rhett (Tina) Covington

Ann Gubancsik - Mother of Gary (Jackie) Gubancsik

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, Wednesay, 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, find St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

Prayer Line

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FORMATION

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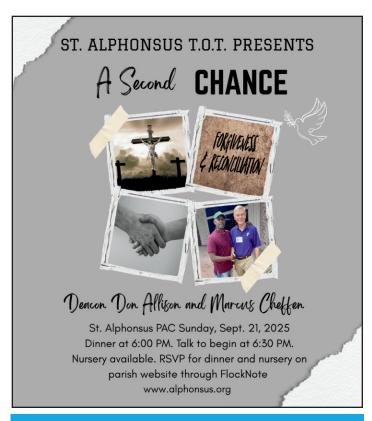
When was the last time you were personally asked to help? Christ asks us to share our faith and build His kingdom. Faith Formation spreads the Gospel message to the families, children, teens and adults of our parish. Come share your time, talents and faith with the people of our parish and grow your spirituality. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information at 225-261-4644.

Inquiry - What Do Catholics Believe?

Interested or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in hopes of becoming Catholic?

Inquiry will begin August 7th. Meetings are held Thursday evenings in the St. Clare Room at 6:00 pm. The classes will transition to OCIA sessions in December. Candidates will be received into the Church at Easter. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office 261-4644.

OCIC is for children age 8 and older. This program helps children to learn more about our faith and become Catholic. Meetings begin on August 24 and are held on Sunday mornings at 10:15 to 11:45 AM. in the St. Gerard room. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.



COMMUNITY LIFE

A Matter of Balance

Do you have concerns about falling? Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. **This program is for people 55 or older.**

You Will Learn to:

- View falls as controllable
- Set goals for increasing activity
- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- Exercise to increase strength and balance

Who Should Attend?

- Anyone concerned about falls
- Anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- Anyone who has fallen in the past
- Anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

Please note that this class is not for anyone with Dementia/ Alzheimer's Disease

This is an eight week course. We will not allow new people to join after the 2nd week.

Classes will be held on Mondays from 9:00Am-10:30AM. The first class will be September 29, 2025 in the PAC. To attend, please register by contacting the parish office at 261-4650.

There is no cost for this class. Space is limited to the first 20 people so sign up today!

Ladies Altar Society

Our September luncheon/meeting for 2025-2026 year will be held on **Tuesday, September 9**th, in the St. Francis Room at 11 AM. The cost of the meal will be \$10. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. If you have any questions, contact Dianne at 225-921-8356 or Cherryl at 225-235-0198.



Sunday Afternoon Bingo

Our Prime Timers ministry hosted an afternoon of Bingo this past Sunday, and it was a great time for all who joined in the fun. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, especially Mark Legendre and Jeff Ward, for providing the Bingo cards, cash prizes, and calling the games. The afternoon was filled with laughter, sweet treats, and exciting prizes. Thank you to everyone who came out and made it such a joyful community event.

Photos submitted by Lisa Lively





Clergy Dinner

This past weekend we gathered for our annual Clergy Dinner, a wonderful evening made possible through the generosity of Wayne and Diane Leader and their company, AA Storage, who provided all of the food and beverages for the evening. A special thank you also goes to our Men's Club, who prepared an unforgettable steak and lobster dinner.

Bishop Michael Duca, Fr. Jason, Deacon Ronnie, Deacon David, Deacon Alec, and four Baton Rouge seminarians served the meal, highlighting the spirit of the evening: our clergy giving back in a unique way. While they already dedicate their lives to serving us in so many ways, we are grateful for their generosity and the example they set by sharing this special night with us.

We are especially grateful to everyone who purchased tickets and supported this event. Your generosity helps make this dinner a true success year after year.



















At St. Alphonsus, we cherish the many traditions that bring our school community together throughout the year. One of the most meaningful is the 8th Graders and their Kindergarten Buddies. Each 8th grader is paired with a kindergartener for the school year, forming a bond through faith, fun, and shared activities. From attending Mass together to





lasting memories. This tradition supports our young students and gives our 8th graders a chance to lead with love and responsibility—a beautiful reflection of our

school community.

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ADMINISTRATION

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Total Received	\$ 42,554.91
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Parish Soft	\$ 1,596.00
Envelopes	\$ 417.00
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EFT -	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 13,033.50
Parish Soft	
Unidentified	\$ 2,641.00
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