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*"God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him." — John 3:17*

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EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

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SUNDAY, MARCH 28
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Games and Crafts
Easter Bunny Pictures
Egg Hunt
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Seeking the Good in Others *By Fr. Mike Moroney*

Today it seems that there is a greater tendency to look for the faults in others rather than to seek out what is good. Certainly you and I have faults – and sometimes, many. Yet the good in all of us is far greater, and that is what makes each of us unique. St. Paul says we are God's gift. What you and I do with it is our gift back to God.

It is so easy today with our electronic world, media, and newspapers to take the opportunity to discredit or to take some person's character or dignity away. Many times this is based on jealousy, competition, and the desire to get ahead, regardless of the cost to others. Henry Ford once said, "Don't find fault; find a remedy." Sounds simple, but for us human beings, it is not always that way. We sure love to listen to gossip, especially if it is not good and certainly when it not about ourselves. Many times we put tremendous energy into the negative side of life, and we make excuses as to why we should. Usually with the statement, "It was better in the good old days." I have heard from so many that the good old day are the days that you and I have to make the best of what God has given us.

This is where we all become equal as God's gift to the world. Each of us have many opportunities to make a difference, and one of those is to encourage one another rather than finding ways to pull one another down. Much is spoken about success, and surely in its proper context, such is important. However, it is much more important for each of us to become a person of value in all dimensions of life. Larry Bird, the great basketball player for the Boston Celtics, once said, "Give yourself 100 percent in what you do, and all the rest will work out."

In life, we all have said it: "If it were not for this person or this situation, my life would be so much better and happier." Yes, we all encounter obstacles in life, but we should not allow the negatives to bring us down. Another basketball player we all have heard of, Michael Jordan, had this to say: "You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them. It is not who you are that holds you back. It is who you think that you are." All of us have been blessed by people that make a difference. Just a couple of Sundays ago, I suggested that we take a moment in prayer to thank those who have inspired us, especially those who may no longer be with us. These people were truly gifts to us from God, challenging us to do greater things – not necessarily big things, but those that help us touch the lives of others in a better way. Now, it is our duty to be an example by showing gratefulness for others and treating others with kindness.

Fr. Mike



WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - March 15-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13: 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Worship Guide for Mass

To help you follow along during Mass, we are offering a Worship Guide on our website. On a computer or smart phone, go to www.alphonsus.org and click on the teaser that says **Live Stream & Worship Guide**. We encourage everyone to follow along.

Divine Mercy Novena

Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena **each Wednesday at 6 PM** in the church during this Lenten Season. Social distancing and masks are required. The Novena will also be streamed live on the St. Alphonsus website, Facebook, and YouTube. Our Lord said, "Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with my will."



Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 19, 2021
6:30 PM in the Church

If you are attending in person and would like to follow along, go to alphonsus.org under **Latest News** to find a link to the complete Stations text. The stations will also be live-streamed.



An Evening of Prayer

Friday, March 26, 2021

Stations of the Cross — 6:30 pm
 Welcome-Rosary — 7:15 pm
 Praise & Worship — 7:45 pm
 Divine Mercy — 8:15 pm
 Scriptures/Prayer Requests — 8:30 pm
 Benediction Silent Prayer — 8:50 pm
 Please come at any time and leave at any time.

Homebound? Need Holy Communion?

Do you know someone who is unable to attend Mass due to illness, frailty or other problems and wants to receive Holy Communion at home? St. Alphonsus has Eucharistic ministers who bring the comfort of Christ in the form of the Eucharist to those who cannot physically come to Mass. Contact Susan Hankel at the Church Office at 261-4650 to arrange these visits.

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Marlene LeBlanc - Mother of Greg (Kenta) LeBlanc.

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM
 Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children kindergarten through second grade.
Ministry currently on hold until further notice.

SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

Baptism

Contact Robin Debetaz 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 Robin Debetaz at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

Formed

Go to formed.org and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway with our parish access code- 9R9K3M.

Prayer Lines

Mary Frederick 225-261-5145
 Adam Landry 225-938-8000

Grief Support

Meetings will resume in person at St. Alphonsus on Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 PM in St. Francis Room A & B. Virtual meetings will also continue during this time.

FORMATION

Ask the Deacons

Got questions about the Catholic Faith or think you could stump them with a Catholic question? Send questions to dre@alphonsus.org. Join us **Thursday, March 18th at 6:30 PM** in the Church. In person seating limited. Contact the Formation Office to R.S.V.P. View live stream on our parish website, Facebook or YouTube.

First Eucharist Retreat

Children receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time must attend this retreat with their parent. The only date offered is: **Saturday, March 13, 2021**, in the Church from 9 AM - 12 PM.

Kids in Ministry Easter Eggstravaganza

Kids in Ministry will be hosting our annual Spring Eggstravaganza Event on **Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021**, beginning at 1 PM in the Family Center. Please join us for food, crafts, games, and an Easter Egg Run. Visit the parish website to register for a time slot. Space is limited. For more information, call 261-4644.

Confirmation Year 2

Candidates will meet on Sunday, March 21, in the Church from 5:30–7:30 PM. This is the final session before Confirmation on Thursday, April 22. Confirmation Rehearsal is Tuesday, April 13. Sponsor and candidates are required to attend. Please inform your sponsor of these dates.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Knights Donate to Woman's New Life Clinic

St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus #2807 presented a check for \$600 to the Woman's New Life Clinic to help stop abortions and help mothers. Pictured from left to right: Ladies Auxiliary President Tammy McGuire, Grand Knight Russell Ruh, CEO of Clinic Allison Millet, and Respect Life Chairs Randy and Carmen Damen. *Photo submitted by Knights of Columbus.*



Expectant Parents

Pray for expectant families who have been entrusted with a new life to nurture and love: **Caleb & Sara Puissegur, Michael & Mackenzie Yarbrough, and Austin & Korie Hunt**. If someone you know is expecting, call 225-261-4650 and let us know.

New Members

Gail Melancon
Chad, Heather, Lena, Natalie, Louis and Katherine Duplessis
John Wesley
Mark Prosperie

Walk to Jerusalem Stops & Reflections

Our path from St. Alphonsus to Jerusalem is a total of 6,885 miles. Any fitness or cardio activity lasting 20 minutes will count as 1 mile on this journey. **Submit your name and mileage on the church website or call the Church Office and let us know your name and mileage each week.**

This week, check out the following cathedrals on our path to Jerusalem (*see Lent page at alphonsus.org for links*):

New York, NY- St. Patrick's Cathedral - Founded in 1810

Hartford, CT - Cathedral of St. Joseph - Founded in 1872

Providence, RI - Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul - Founded in 1838

Boston, MA - Cathedral of the Holy Cross

Weekly Scriptures/Meditations: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Scripture: "For by grace you have been saved through faith...for we are his handy work created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them." *Ephesians 2:4-10*

Reflection: Lord, you saved me out of sheer grace and mercy, not because of my own merit. Being made in your image and likeness, I am called to be instrument of that grace and mercy. I pray that I may always act as your instrument wherever I go, and always remind others of your love and compassion.

Health message: Fad diets can be tempting. They offer quick fixes and overnight results. But how realistic are they to follow for the rest of your life? Look at what is realistic for you. The best option is moderation – include all food groups in your diet because each food group contains important nutrients for your body. Challenge—Reassess your outlook on nutrition/diet; do what is best for you instead of what other people say is best.

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