



# *St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church*

The Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 29, 2020 - Volume 12, Issue 13

*“Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!”*

— Psalm 130:1

**Masses & daily activities at**

*St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish*

**are suspended indefinitely (as of press time).**

**Events that are being canceled/postponed:**

- Stations of the Cross & Lenten Penance Service
- Family Adoration on first Saturday of month
- Bible Studies & other weekly meetings
- KIM Easter Egg-stravaganza
- PSR, Confirmation, First Eucharist, RCIA
- PrimeTimers Balance Presentation & Dance
- Parish Trips

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**St. Alphonsus is Praying for You  
During This Challenging Time**  
*By Fr. Mike Moroney*

Dear Parishioners,

We want to assure everyone in St. Alphonsus Parish that you are in our prayers each and every day as we work through these challenging times together. In a special way, we pray for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials, and leaders who have to make difficult decisions which we may not like. Yet, we have to trust that they are making choices with the common good in mind.

In Louisiana, many of you have endured several challenges over the years including hurricanes, flooding, storms, and health challenges. However, at this time, we know that the present challenge has created much fear, anxiety, and uncertainty in life and has changed the way we live our lives. Over the last few days, it has become very real that the way we live our lives is changing for us in schools, churches, work, and even how we greet one another.

We are dealing with a reality that calls upon us all to make changes to our lives, changes that help us to not contract the virus and changes we can make in order to not put others in danger. Most of us adapt to these knowing that doing so is the right thing and serves us best. As we know challenges bring out the best for most human beings, yet sometimes we see how selfishness gets in the way, leading to actions that we know are not in the best interest of others, like buying an excess of items at the store, etc.

In times such as this, we are all reminded of how precious life is and how important it is to be a good steward with what God has given us. So it can be a time of thankfulness for your gifts, as well as a time for prayer for all who are suffering with the disease and prayers for an end to it. Let us pray for all of our brothers and sisters here and throughout world, especially for those who have lost a loved to this virus. May the Lord bless each of you and keep you safe in His care.

Blessings,

*Fr. Mike*

**The Church Office will be open from 8:30 AM - 1 PM on Mondays - Fridays until further notice.**

**We will not be mailing out bulletins beginning April 4-5. Please go to our website [www.alphonsus.org](http://www.alphonsus.org) and our Facebook page "St. Alphonsus Catholic Church" for the most recent updates.**

**Go to the bottom of our website's home page to subscribe to our email list.**

## WORSHIP

### **Family Adoration & Stations of the Cross**

At this time, the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings and Family Adoration on the first Saturday of each month have been suspended until further notice due to health concerns.

## Readings for the Week - March 30-April 5

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

### Formed Resources

While Masses and other activities are suspended, we encourage everyone with access to a computer or smart phone to utilize **Formed.org** to aid your prayer and reflection during Lent.

### Free Apps

In addition to Formed, the following free Catholic apps for prayer and reflection are available for download on your smart device:

- **Laudate** (daily readings and more)
- **Magnificat**
- **Divine Mercy**

### Divine Mercy Novena

Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena *from your home* on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM during this Lenten season. Our Lord said, "Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with my will."



### Penance Service

Our Lenten Penance Service, which was rescheduled to Wednesday, April 1, 2020, has been **suspended** at this time.

## OUTREACH

### Rest in Peace

**Blaine Pike** - *Son of Phil Pike.*

**William "Bill" Hanegan** - *Husband of Anna Arbour Hanegan.*

### Grief Support Group

Grief Recovery Center has canceled their Bereavement Support Group meetings at St. Alphonsus Church until further notice.

### St. Vincent de Paul

SVDP will not be accepting any more recycled plastic bags until further notice.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a faith-filled community who,  
through prayerful discernment,  
call forth the gifts of the Spirit given to each individual,  
that Christ may be known in our community  
and in our world.*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

### Daily Masses

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

### Communion Services

Wednesday 8:30 AM

### Holy Day Masses

As Announced

### J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

During the school year for preschool ages 3-5 at 10:00 AM Mass.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the school year at the 10:00 AM Mass.  
For children kindergarten through 2nd grade.

## 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](http://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 225-261-8854

**Due to state ordinances, the Diocese of Baton Rouge has suspended all Masses and unnecessary gatherings of parishioners through at least April 13, 2020.**

**Any Mass intentions that have been missed due to Masses being canceled can be rescheduled on a later date.**

**Please wait to come in to reschedule intentions until after the suspension has been lifted.**

**See our website [alphonsus.org](http://alphonsus.org) and Facebook for the most up-to-date information.**

### ***Pray for the Sick***

**Please note:** *Names are removed after eight weeks. Call the office to put name back on the list.*

Datz Family, Schittone Family, Ronnie Collette, Jane Mizell, Marlene LeBlanc, Catherine Willis, Lynette Shaffett, Tiffany Penton, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, John Martone, Jackie Scardina, Fisk Morris, Jean Firmin, Mollea Hood, Ashlea Hood, Michael Morales, Dana Rogers, Gloria "Jinkie" Phillips, Theresa Ognibene, John Larkin, Savannah McNair, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Jamie Samson, Louis Lamar Bordelon, John LeGrange, Mildred Faul, Kathy Madere, Paden Mouton, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Barbara Simoneaux, Millie Strickland, Wayne & Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Kenny Miller, Cheryl Watson, Suzanne Dupuy, Helen Cass, A.W. Fuller, April Matranga, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Liam Thistlewaite, Al Felps, Nicholas LaCroix, Kenny Achord, P.H. Zito, Patsy Sagona, Theresa Whiteside, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, John Nicosia, Roy LaFleur, Clarence Fruge, Hymel Domingue, Jack Datz, Jr., Frank & Donna Vent, Diane Beck, Charlotte St. Romain, James Rabalais, Billy Stears, Luke Allen, Betty Castor, Blanche Hoover, Hope Broadus, Hewes Family, Carolyn Watts, Marlene Ortego, Dylan Bennett, Gwen Moore, Wick Samson, Jeanette Felps, Claudia Mouton, Roy Ortego, Jackie Pina, Betty BeJeaux, Chris Bringol, Hank Ognibene, Bayley Hubble & Family, Roland Fryoux, Mary Lee Redden, Karen Graves, Amanda Gaines, Donna Hebert, Sonya Clement, Buck Frederick, Robert Swafford, Pat Matthews, Joy Lonibos, Sharon Loeb, Laurence LeSage, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Darrell Firmin, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Allan Eddy, Bart Crochet, Monica Kelly, Diana Holder, Devin Mounce, Marilyn Stroder, Lou Gabriel, Karen Rabalais, Marlene Ortego, Dara David, Susan Hennigen, John Desselle, Beth Orillion, Johnny Long, Lynn Bridges, Bruce Lachney, Grayson Free, Joseph Gipson, Kathy Caruso, Donna Caruso, Rickey Chustz, Patrick Bourgeois, Pierce Savoy, Kathleen Snyder, John Roberts, Ashley Usie, Sharon Spiller, Melinda McCarty, Patsy Messina, James M. Blades, Dusty Champagne, Sandra A. Davis, Bruce Mayeaux, Vince Dileo, Jr., Fannie Schittone, Daniel Guerin, Janice & Barton Jeansonne, Josie Thompson, Donald York, Joyce Payer

### ***Serving Our Country***

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## Prayer & Reflection

*By Archbishop Jose' H. Gomez of Los Angeles*

WASHINGTON- Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,  
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,  
as you did at the wedding in Cana.*

*Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.*

*For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be  
patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our  
hearts.*

*We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.*

*Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

## FORMATION

### Learning Group

Learning Group session on Sunday, March 29, 2020, has been postponed.

### At Home Session

At Home session scheduled on Thursday, April 2, 2020, has been postponed.

### KIM Easter

Kids in Ministry's annual Spring Egg-stravaganza event, which was scheduled on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020, has been suspended at this time. For more information, call 261-4644.

### PSR Early Registration

Registration for classes next year is expected to begin on June 1, 2020. Forms will become available on the parish website, in the back of the church, and in the Faith Formation Office this summer.



### Lenten Mission

Mary Bielski was our guest speaker for the Parish Lenten Mission on March 2-4, 2020. There was excellent attendance at all three evenings of the mission.





## 2020 Auction, Taste Fair & \$10,000 Raffle

St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church and School held their highly successful 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction & Taste Fair on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Thank you again to all of our sponsors, donors, vendors, our 2020 Auction Committee, and all those who attended and supported this fundraiser. This year, our event grossed \$224,000. *Photos by Sara Puissegur.*





## COMMUNITY LIFE

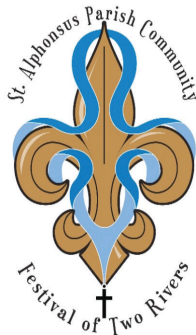
### Men's Club Fried Fish Dinners Canceled

The Lenten fried fish dinners have been canceled until further notice due to health concerns.

### Festival of Two Rivers

Due to COVID-19 and the suspension of all church activities until further notice, we will be postponing the distribution of our Festival of Two Rivers cash raffle tickets and sale of the fair T-shirts due to the school's closure.

We hope your family stays safe and healthy during this time. We will update the parish on the status of the festival as things change.



### Online Giving

Due to the cancellation of Masses, we encourage anyone who is able to continue contributions to mail in your contribution or give online through WeShare. **WeShare can be found on the top right of the home page at [www.alphonsus.org](http://www.alphonsus.org).** We appreciate anyone who is able to give, and we understand if you are unable to at this time.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Gifts of Stewardship

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives - our gifts as well as our sufferings - can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves. See John 11:4

For **March 14-15, 2020**, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

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Envelopes	\$ 10,160.20
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WeShare	\$ 1,165.00
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	\$ 15.00
<b>Catholic Relief</b>	
	\$ 110.00
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	
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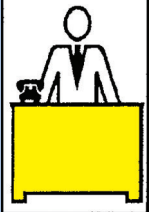
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