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*"O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted." — Psalm 80:15-16*

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24, 2021

3:00 PM - Chancel Choir Concert

4:00 PM - Vigil Mass

The 4 PM Christmas Vigil Mass will be live-streamed on YouTube & Facebook.

Mass will also be streamed in the St. Francis Room for overflow from the church.

5:30 PM - Bell Choir Concert

6:00 PM - Vigil Mass

8:00 PM - Vigil Mass

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25, 2021

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass

*There will not be a 4 PM Vigil Mass
on Christmas Day.*

*Although Christmas falls on a Saturday,
there is still an obligation to attend Mass
on Sunday, December 26 for the
Feast of the Most Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.*



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Luke 2:10-12

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The Joy of Christmas

By: Fr. Mike Moroney

The beauty of the Christmas Season can remind us of all the beauty in our lives that we take for granted, our family, our friends and our faith. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Alphonsus for the many blessings you share with us, your time, talents, and gifts, your generosity, your prayers, especially the gift of who you are. It is the people of this parish that make St. Alphonsus a very special place for us all. It is easy for us to get caught up in the "business" part of Christmas and the more important things seemed to be put aside. If we keep the beauty of Christmas and God's gift of Himself, we can step back and really enjoy the moment that God wants it to be for us. As we give thanks to God for the blessings He has shared with us, let us never forget how He continues to share His blessings for us in the people we meet and spend time with every day.

During this season God particularly invites us to hear the message of His love for us. It can be difficult to hear God's call and many times we will say "God would never call me like he called Mary and Joseph, St. John the Baptist or St. Paul." It is true that God may not call you and I in such an extraordinary way, yet he calls us each by name to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way. We should never doubt that God speaks to us each day. The difficulty is that it is hard in the midst of the "busyness" of our lives to hear that call. We know that it is not easy to find silence and quiet when you're raising family, working two jobs or the events of life are overwhelming. However, Christmas is the time that the Church invites us to call forth from within ourselves what is important to us. Christmas calls us to be aware of what we are preparing to celebrate. It is not religious nostalgia, but rather a very real awareness that Jesus is continually reborn in hearts and lives.

Christmas can be a time to be reflective and grateful for the many people who touch our lives each and every day, especially children and the blessings they share with us. As a staff, we thank you for the many ways you touch our lives, and I pray that as we move forward together God will continue to pour out his blessings on each of us. Have a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

God bless each of you,

Fr. Mike



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.*

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: DECEMBER 19 - 26, 2021

Sunday	The Fourth Sunday of Advent 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses	
Monday	8:30 AM	Mass
Tuesday	8:30 AM 6:30 PM	Mass Grief Support - S.C.
Wednesday	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Bell Choir - C.R. Chancel Choir - C.R.
Thursday	<i>Church Office Closed</i> 8:30 AM Mass	
Friday	Christmas Eve <i>Church Office Closed</i> 3:00 PM Chancel Choir Concert 4:00 PM Vigil Mass in the Church 5:30 PM Bell Choir Concert 6:00 PM Vigil Mass in the Church 8:00 PM Vigil Mass in the Church	
Saturday	Christmas Day 8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Mass	
Sunday	The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses	

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

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WORSHIP

Ushers

Men and women are invited to join the St. Alphonsus Ushers. All ushers are asked to please sign up for a Christmas Mass time in the ushers closet if you are not on the master list. If you are new to this ministry, please fill out a yellow information form in the ushers closet (enter through the Gather Space).

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.

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 Line

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Christmas Flowers Offering



Thank you to all who have contributed to the cost of Christmas flowers this year. If your envelope was received by December 9th, your "In Memory or Honor Of" is listed below. If received after Dec. 9th, the names on your envelope will appear in a later bulletin.

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Readings for the Week - December 20 - 26

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or
 Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
 Lk 2:41-52

A Vocation View: 4th Sunday of Advent

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Rudolph "Rudy" Charles Boudoin

FORMATION

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation preparation will begin soon. If you or someone you know is interested in Confirming, contact the Faith Formation Office for more information at 261-4644.

St. Joseph Altar - Cookie Baking

We will be baking cookies on the following dates from 9 AM to 2 PM in the St. Alphonsus School Cafeteria.

- Saturday, January 15, 2022
- Monday, January 17, 2022 (tentative)
- Saturday, January 22, 2022
- Saturday, January 29, 2022

All help is welcome. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 if you would like to help on any of these dates.

COMMUNITY LIFE

2022 Church Calendars

Our 2022 Religious Art Calendars are on the way! We hope to distribute these after all Masses on December 18-19, 2021. We will announce the date these are available for pickup on our St. Alphonsus Facebook page.

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