



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2019 - Volume 11, Issue 51

"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

— Matthew 1:23

December 25, 2019

Christmas

A SAVIOR IS BORN



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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 22-29, 2019

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses <i>Coffee & Donuts after 8 AM and 10 AM Masses</i> <i>Knights of Columbus Poster Contest Display & Voting</i> 10:00 AM JAM- SAS103
Monday	8:30 AM Mass
Tuesday	Christmas Eve Church Office Closed 3:00 PM Chancel Choir Concert- Church 4:00 PM Vigil Mass 5:30 PM Bell Choir Concert- Church 6:00 PM Vigil Mass 8:00 PM Vigil Mass



Wednesday	Christmas Day Church Office Closed 8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Mass
Thursday	Church Office Closed 8:30 AM Mass
Friday	8:30 AM Mass
Saturday	4:00 PM Mass
Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses

S.C.- St. Clare S.F.- St. Francis C.R.- Choir Room
MPB-Multi-Purpose Building F.C.-Family Center G.S.-Gather Space

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

The Solemnity of Mary

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020 -- 8 AM & 10 AM



WORSHIP

Welcome! Is this your first visit here?

We are delighted to have you join us for worship at St. Alphonsus, and we hope you will return often. If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a parishioner by going to alphonsus.org, selecting WeShare, and filling out our online registration form.

Readings for the Week - Dec. 23- 29

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: **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]
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Adoration Chapel

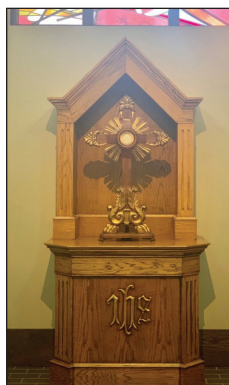
St. Alphonsus would like to thank all of you who stopped by our tables last week to learn more about our Adoration Chapel.

If you made a commitment to spend some time in our Chapel, your generosity will not be outdone. Our Lord will shower you with many graces. If you missed us last week, it is not too late to join this Worship Ministry. You may contact me at 261-4650 or e-mail me at ghooper@alphonsus.org.

If you are unable to commit to one hour a week, please pray for our seminarians. Twenty-five years ago, our Adoration Chapel was started to help foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please consider praying this Prayer for Seminarians:

Lord, bless those preparing for the priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge. May their hearts overflow with love and generosity, as they grow in wisdom and faith. May their example inspire others to hear and answer Your call. Guide them as they prepare for a life of service to Your people. Sanctify our seminarians and fill them with Your peace and joy as they prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Orders. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God bless you all,
Deacon George



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

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Prayer Lines

Mary Frederick 225-261-5145
 Adam Landry 225-261-8854

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.*

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Francis Beckers - *Mother of Thomas Beckers.*

Mary Beth Browning - *Wife of Dr. Scott Browning.
Mother of Ashley Milton and Scott Browning, Jr.*

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 Eucharist to those who cannot physically come to Mass. Contact Deacon George Hooper at 261-4650 to arrange these visits.

Christmas Flowers In Memory Of

Thank you to all who have contributed to the cost of Christmas flowers this year.

If your envelope was received by December 8th, the "In Memory Of" from your envelope can be found below.

If your envelope was received after Dec. 8th, any names on your envelope will appear in a later bulletin.

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Lee & Mary Cifreo	Lily Mae Hubbs	Barbara Anderson Ourso	
Judy Cockerham	Ron Huey	Brian Perry	

**See future bulletins for
names received after Dec. 8th.*

Serving Our Country

If you have a family member serving in the military, please call 261-4650, and let us know the name, rank and branch of military.

ARMY: Capt. Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Capt. Brian C. Greco, Specialist Sam Lockwood, Specialist E-4 Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere, Capt. Joseph Sherwin (Chaplain)

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Church Christmas Decor

The Decor Committee is requesting help setting up Christmas decorations in the church on the following dates:

Friday, December 20th - 9 AM - Putting lights on trees

Sunday, December 22nd - after 12 PM Mass - Adding the rest of the Christmas decor in the church

Anyone who is willing to help is welcome!

Pray for the Sick

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

Pat Matthews, Joy Lonibos, Sharon Loeb, Laurence LeSage, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Darrell Firmin, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Allan Eddy, Bart Crochet, Monica Kelly, Don Schlatre, Don York, Emil & Carol Johansen, Betty Thibodeaux, Shelia Lacour, Ed Fagot, Curtis Barbay, Charlotte Langlois, Tina Baker, Johnny Mayeux, Donna Hebert, Buddy Doucet, Bruce Mayeaux, Vince Dileo, Jr., Fannie Schittone, Daniel Guerin, Janice & Barton Jeansonne, Brenda Guerin, 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, Anna Kirby, Jamie Samson, Louis Lamar Bordelon, John LeGrange, Mildred Faul, Charlie Firmin, Kathy Madere, Paden Mouton, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Barbara Simoneaux, Millie Strickland, Wayne & Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Kenny Miller, Mark Strickland, Melinda McCarty, Sue Averette, Gina Adams, Naomi Messina, Sara Gauteaux, 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, Sonya Clement, Joseph Cazes, Jr., Billy Stears, Luke Allen, Dr. Stephen Speeg, Betty Castor, Blanche Hoover, Hope Broadus, Hewes Family, Lesta Lumpkin, Ashley Usie, Sharon Spiller, John Roberts, Carolyn Watts, Gwen Moore, Wick Samson, Jeanette Felps, Claudia Mouton, Roy Ortego, Jackie Pina, Violet Efferson, Chris Bringol, Hank Ognibene, Karen Rabalais

Living Giving Tree

Special thanks to all volunteers who purchased gifts for our Living Giving Tree. Thank you all for your generosity.



FORMATION

Learning Group

Learning Group classes resume on Sunday, January 14, 2020.

First Reconciliation

1st Reconciliation books are due the week of January 10, 2020.

The date for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is:

Thursday, January 23, 2020 at St. Alphonsus Church at 7:00 PM

THEOLOGY ON TAP at St. Alphonsus Church PRESENTS STACI GULINO

"LIVIN' ON A PRAYER:

STRIVING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS AND MARY
IN AN ADAM AND EVE WORLD"

Staci Gulino is a board-certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. She has been working in Catholic media since 2012. She is the producer of the Faith & Good Counsel Show, and additionally, hosts the Monday Morning edition of the live Wake UP! Morning Show on Catholic Community Radio.

**JANUARY 5, 2020 | DINNER SERVED AT 6PM
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Childcare available upon request.

Call 261-4644 to RSVP.

www.alphonsus.org and click on WESHARE to reserve your spot for dinner

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 261-4644.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus Council #2807 "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entries will be displayed in the St. Francis Room following all Masses on December 21st-22nd. Parishioners are invited to vote on their favorite entry in each age group. Winners will advance to district and regional contests. Awards will be presented to winners at each level.

St. Alphonsus to Honor Couples Celebrating Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

On Saturday, February 1 at the 4 PM Vigil Mass, we will be honoring couples who were married in the Catholic Church and are celebrating special wedding anniversaries, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and above, in 2020. A reception will follow for the honorees, their family and friends. Couples celebrating are asked to RSVP to the church office at 261-4650 by Tuesday, January 7, 2020. If you are celebrating one of the above milestone anniversaries and have not received an invitation letter, please call the church office to request one.



Prime Timers Palace Casino Trip

Thursday, February 20th, 2020

7:00 AM — Depart St. Alphonsus on Hotard Bus

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2:30 PM — Leave Palace Casino

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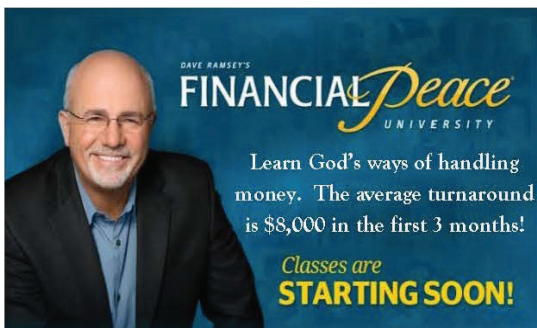


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Sign Up in Parish Office



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Nine weekly classes begin @ 6:30 pm January 14, 2020 at St. Alphonsus School in the Middle School Building

Expectant Families

Pray for expectant families who have been entrusted with a new life to nurture and love: **Taylor & Courtney Legier, Christopher & Jennifer Capone, Kelly & Lacey Ball, and Ben & Kristen Phillips Richard.** If you or someone you know is expecting a child, please call the Church Office at 261-4650 and let us know when they are due.

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God, grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

For December 7-8, 2019, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$ 16,619.00
Unidentified	\$ 18,606.37
WeShare	\$ 3,841.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$ 1,242.00
WeShare	\$ 585.00

Children's Collection

Children's Collection	\$ 27.00
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Campaign for Human Development

Campaign for Human Development	\$ 5.00
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Christmas Flowers

Christmas Flowers	\$ 924.00
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Christmas Offering

Christmas Offering	\$ 116.00
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Retirement Fund for Religious

Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 3,987.00
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Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Conception	\$ 3,701.00
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St. Joseph Abbey/Seminary Flood Relief

St. Joseph Abbey/Seminary Flood Relief	\$ 30.00
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Total Received

Total Received	\$ 49,683.37
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