

**ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI CATHOLIC CHURCH
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE B – WORSHIP AID
JULY 25, 2021**

PARISH-VOCATIONS PRAYER

Loving God,

In baptism You called us by name, making us members of Your people, the Church.

We praise You for Your goodness. We thank You for the gift of our parish and the wonderful ministries we have to build Your Church.

You have called us, not to set us apart, but to bring us together with others who need our love. May we bring comfort to those who call You, healing to those who need You and openness to all who seek You.

Send Your spirit upon us to open our hearts to serve You in our vocations as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and married and single members of our Church. May our vocations be a reflection of Your light and Your love.

We pray that You watch over us, and bless the people of St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish as we continue to build Your kingdom here on Earth.

Amen.

READINGS & MUSIC FOR ALL MASSES

ENTRANCE HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns #574

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Verse 2, Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893.*

Verse 1

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
All kingdoms of the earth resound
In praise of him alone.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy risen King
For all eternity.

Verse 2

Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who on the third day did arise
And hope to sinners gave.
His glory now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who came eternal life to bring,
Who lives, no more to die.

GLORIA (sung)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

READING I

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God,
twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits,
and fresh grain in the ear.

Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat."

But his servant objected,

"How can I set this before a hundred people?"

Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat."

"For thus says the LORD,

'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'"

And when they had eaten, there was some left over,
as the LORD had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

READING II

Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

I, a prisoner for the Lord,

urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,

with all humility and gentleness, with patience,

bearing with one another through love,

striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace:

one body and one Spirit,

as you were also called to the one hope of your call;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

one God and Father of all,

who is over all and through all and in all.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has risen in our midst.

God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 6:1-5

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee.
A large crowd followed him,
because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick.
Jesus went up on the mountain,
and there he sat down with his disciples.
The Jewish feast of Passover was near.
When Jesus raised his eyes
and saw that a large crowd was coming to him,
he said to Philip,
“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?”
He said this to test him,
because he himself knew what he was going to do.
Philip answered him,
“Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough
for each of them to have a little.”
One of his disciples,
Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,
“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?”
Jesus said, “Have the people recline.”
Now there was a great deal of grass in that place.
So the men reclined, about five thousand in number.
Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,
and distributed them to those who were reclining,
and also as much of the fish as they wanted.
When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples,
“Gather the fragments left over,
so that nothing will be wasted.”
So they collected them,
and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments
from the five barley loaves
that had been more than they could eat.
When the people saw the sign he had done, they said,
“This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.”
Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off
to make him king,
he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, let us turn in prayer to God, who is near to those who call and whose bounty feeds all.

For the Church, united by sharing one Lord, one faith, one baptism may also be gathered into unity and fed by Jesus with the one bread of life, we pray to the Lord...

For those who hunger in body and spirit for life's necessities, may they be fed by the hand of Jesus and by the ministry of Jesus' disciples, the Church, we pray to the Lord...

For all who are ill and for those suffering with COVID, as well as protection of caregivers and frontline staff, may God encourage and restore them, we pray to the Lord...

For the Lord Jesus to be the stronghold of all who serve as first responders and all who are currently serving our country in the armed forces, we pray to the Lord...

For protection from the ravages of storms during this hurricane season, we pray to the Lord...

For all believers, that we, like the prophet Elisha, so trust the Lord that we give everything we have, insufficient though it may seem, so that all will be satisfied, we pray to the Lord...

For those who have died, and those for whom this Mass is offered:

4:00 - Robert Bernard

8:00 - Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, both living and deceased

10:00 - Lee & Dorothy Bourgeois, Linda Jarreau, Nina Varner, Cathy Landry,
Larry Lynch, Henderson/Cifreo Family, Arnaud & Grace Aymond,
Lynn & Mary Ross, Sr., Jay Graham, Rochelle Bodin

12:00 - Michael Pecoraro

may they will know the fullness of salvation in Christ Jesus and celebrate his love forever, we pray to the Lord....

In silence, we pray for our own needs and for the needs of others.....

Celebrant: God of abundance, you lavish on us all good gifts: hear these, our prayers, that one day we might be with you in the fullness of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

On Eagle's Wings #691

Text: Psalm 91; Michael Joncas, b.1951, © 1979, OCP Publications.

Verse 1

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who
abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I
trust!”

Refrain

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Verse 2

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness
your shield.

Verse 3

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the
arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it
shall not come.

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body #932

*Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 12:4, 12–13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4–6; The Didache 9.
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Refrain

**One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Verse 1

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Verse 2

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Verse 3

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

RECESSIONAL Now Thank We, All Our God #636

Text: Nun danket alle Gott; Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Verse 1

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

Verse 2

O may this gracious God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
Preserve us in his grace,
And guide us in distress,
And free us from all harm
Till heaven we possess.