

**ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI CATHOLIC CHURCH  
18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
CYCLE B – WORSHIP AID  
AUGUST 1, 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 4 PM, 8 AM, & 10 AM MASSES**

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth #633, vs. 1 and 2

*Text: 77 77 77; Lyra Eucharistica, 1864; Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823–1899.*

#### Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to you we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

#### Verse 2

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to you we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

### **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**

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.  
The Israelites said to them,  
“Would that we had died at the LORD’s hand in the land of Egypt,  
as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread!  
But you had to lead us into this desert  
to make the whole community die of famine!”  
Then the LORD said to Moses,  
“I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.  
Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion;  
thus will I test them,  
to see whether they follow my instructions or not.  
“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites.  
Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh,  
and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread,  
so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God.”  
In the evening quail came up and covered the camp.  
In the morning a dew lay all about the camp,  
and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert  
were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground.  
On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, “What is this?”  
for they did not know what it was.  
But Moses told them,  
“This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

## **READING II**

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters:  
I declare and testify in the Lord  
that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do,  
in the futility of their minds;  
that is not how you learned Christ,  
assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him,  
as truth is in Jesus,  
that you should put away the old self of your former way of life,  
corrupted through deceitful desires,  
and be renewed in the spirit of your minds,  
and put on the new self,  
created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

## **ALLELUIA**

### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

One does not live on bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL**

John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there,  
they themselves got into boats  
and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

And when they found him across the sea they said to him,  
“Rabbi, when did you get here?”

Jesus answered them and said,

“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
you are looking for me not because you saw signs  
but because you ate the loaves and were filled.

Do not work for food that perishes  
but for the food that endures for eternal life,  
which the Son of Man will give you.

For on him the Father, God, has set his seal.”

So they said to him,

“What can we do to accomplish the works of God?”

Jesus answered and said to them,

“This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.”

So they said to him,

“What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?

What can you do?

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written:

He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”

So Jesus said to them,

“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven;  
my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.”

So they said to him,

“Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them,

“I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

## **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 join in heartfelt prayer to our good and gracious God who gives us bread from heaven, on behalf of the needs of all...**

That the Church and her members, clothed in God's likeness, may work to feed the hungry and spread the Good News throughout the world, we pray to the Lord...

That Christ will give his consolations to the suffering and bereaved, we pray to the Lord...

That our Savior will give his protection to our first responders and military personnel, so they may return home healthy in body, mind, and spirit, we pray to the Lord...

That God may encourage and restore all who are ill and suffering with COVID, as well as caregivers and frontline staff, we pray to the Lord...

That our Savior will protect us from the ravages of storms during this hurricane season, we pray to the Lord...

That Christ will give his blessings to teachers, administrators, students, and parents, so they may have a successful school year, we pray to the Lord...

That our Savior will give the bread of life to us for our salvation, we pray to the Lord...

That the risen Lord will give everlasting life to those who have died, especially Claire Landry, and those for whom this Mass is offered:

4:00 - Stephanie Rivere, Huey Paul Smith

8:00 - Morris Rabalais

10:00 - Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, both living and deceased

12:00 - Richard Ryder, Sr., Vince Dileo, Jr., Ray Fontenot, Robert Didier, William B. Hanegan, Joseph & Maria Nguyen, Joseph & Van Thanh, Gladys & Vincent Pizzalato, Matilda Harrell, Wickliff Samson

we pray to the Lord....

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

**PRIEST: God of love, you send bread from heaven so that we might have eternal life: give us this bread always so that we may grow in your love. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## **OFFERTORY**

## Lord of All Hopefulness #663

*Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953, © Oxford University Press.*

### Verse 1

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

### Verse 2

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

### Verse 3

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

### Verse 4

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

## **Take and Eat #950**

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Refrain text, Michael Joncas, © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.*

### **Refrain**

**Take and eat; take and eat:  
this is my body given up for you.  
Take and drink; take and drink:  
this is my blood given up for you.**

### Verse 1

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
I am the seed that died to be reborn;  
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;  
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

### Verse 2

I am the way that leads the exile home;  
I am the truth that sets the captive free;  
I am the life that raises up the dead;  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

### Verse 3

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;  
I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;  
You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

### Verse 4

I am the cornerstone that God has laid;  
A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;  
You are God's dwelling place, on me you rest;  
Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.

### Verse 5

I am the light that came into the world;  
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;  
I am the morning star that never sets;  
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.

### Verse 6

I am the first and last, the Living One;  
I am the Lord who died that you might live;  
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;  
You are my bride, come to the marriage feast.



**RECESSIONAL**      O God, Beyond All Praising #598

*Text: Michael Perry, 1942-1996, © 1982, The Jubilate Group (admin. by Hope Publishing Company)*

Verse 1

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word;  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Verse 3

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still,  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in you ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## SONGS FOR 12 PM MASS ONLY

### Gathering - The Summons

Words by John L. Bell and Graham Maule  
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#### Verse 1

Will you come and follow Me  
If I but call your name  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same  
Will you let My love be shown  
Will you let My name be known  
Will you let My life be grown  
In you and you in Me

#### Verse 2

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare  
Will you let Me answer prayer  
In you and you in Me

### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord gave them bread, bread from heaven

### Offertory - Remembrance

Words and Music Matt Maher and Matt Redman  
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Worshiptogether.com songs

#### Verse 1

Oh how could it be  
That my God would welcome me  
Into this mystery  
Say take this bread take this wine  
Now the simple made divine  
For any to receive

#### Pre-Chorus

By Your mercy we come to Your table  
By Your grace You are making us faithful

#### Chorus

Lord we remember You  
And remembrance leads us to worship  
And as we worship You  
Our worship leads to communion  
We respond to Your invitation  
We remember You

#### Verse 2

See His body His blood  
Know that He has overcome  
Ev'ry trial we will face  
And none too lost to be saved  
None too broken or ashamed  
All are welcome in this place

## Communion - Sacred Silence

Words and Music by Tom Booth and Jenny Pixler  
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### Chorus

Sacred silence holy ocean  
Gentle water washing over me  
Help me listen Holy Spirit  
Come and speak to me

### Verse 1

God my Father Christ my brother  
Holy Spirit sanctifying me  
Lord I'm sorry please forgive me  
Come and set me free

### Verse 2

Holy Mary gentle mother  
God's pure vessel praying for me  
Saints and angels all in heaven  
Come and be with me

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## Recessional- As it is in Heaven

Words and Music by Matt Maher and Ed Cash  
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### Verse 1

Our Father Who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Come and let Your glory come  
And let Your glory fall  
Our Father Who art in Heaven  
The rocks cry out Your fame  
Come and let Your glory come  
And let Your glory fall

### Pre-Chorus

I will sing sing a new song  
I will sing sing a new song  
I will sing sing a new song  
To the Lord

### Chorus

Let Your Kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
On earth as it is in Heaven  
Ev'ry heart proclaim  
The mercy of Your name  
On earth as it is in Heaven

### Verse 2

God give us new ev'ry morning  
Mercy as daily bread  
In the name of Jesus  
In the name of Jesus we pray  
And lead us not to temptation  
But deliver us with Your hand  
In the name of Jesus  
In the name of Jesus we pray