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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied." — Luke 6:20–21a



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THE BLESSING OF THE ALTAR AFTER THE 4 PM MASS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

FEEDING OF THE HOLY FAMILY
WITH MEALS TO BE SERVED TO THE PUBLIC
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025
AFTER THE 10 AM AND 12 PM MASSES

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 15-23, 2025

| Saturday | 9:00 AM 4:00 PM | St. Joseph's Altar Baking - PAC Vigil Mass | | | |
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| | 6:00 PM | Auction Raffle Ticket Sale - G.S. SAS Daddy Daughter Dance-PAC | | | |
| Sunday | | nday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| y | | 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses | | | |
| | Auction \$10K Raffle Ticket Sale - G.S. | | | | |
| | 10:00 AM | Children's Liturgy - S.F. | | | |
| | 6:00 PM | Theology on Tap - PAC | | | |
| Monday | 9:00 AM | Wisdom Bible Study - S.F. C | | | |
| | 5:30 PM | Festival Committee - Conf. Rm. | | | |
| | 6:30 PM | Scouts Troop - St. Matthew | | | |
| | 6:30 PM | Scouts Parents - PAC Office | | | |
| | 6:30 PM | Cub Scouts Den - Sts. Luke, John & Mark | | | |
| Tuesday | 8:30 AM | Daily Mass & Novena | | | |
| Tuesuay | 9:00 AM | Epic Bible Study - S.C. | | | |
| | 2:00 PM | SAS Finance Comm S.G. | | | |
| | 6:00 PM | Women of Faith - St. Matthew | | | |
| | 6:30 PM | Grief Support - S.C. | | | |
| | 6:30 PM | Men's Scripture - C.R. | | | |
| | 6:30 PM | School Board - S.G. | | | |
| Wednesday | 9:00 AM | ACTS Bible Study - S.F. C | | | |
| - | 9:00 AM | James Bible Study - S.G. | | | |
| | 11:00 AM | Hebrews Bible Study - S.C. | | | |
| | 11:00 AM | Mark Bible Study - S.G. | | | |
| | 5:30 PM | Bell Choir - C.R. | | | |
| | 6:00 PM | Jesus the Way, the Truth & the Life Bible Study - S.G. | | | |
| | 6:00 PM | Prophets Bible Study - S.C. | | | |
| | 6:00 PM | King's Men - K.C. Hall | | | |
| | 6:30 PM | Family Catechesis 7-11 - E.H. | | | |
| | 6:30 PM | Auction Committee- St. Matthew | | | |
| | 7:00 PM | Chancel Choir - C.R. | | | |
| Thursday | 10:00 AM | First Corinthians Study - S.C. | | | |
| | 11:00 AM | Matthew Bible Study - S.G. | | | |
| | 6:30 PM | OCIA Catechesis - S.F. C | | | |
| | 6:30 PM | Bible & Church Fathers - S.G. | | | |
| Friday | 8:30 AM 6:00 PM | School Mass | | | |
| C-4 | | Cub Scouts Movie Night - S.F. | | | |
| Saturday Women's Welcome Retreat - PAC | | | | | |
| | 9:30 AM 4:00 PM | Corpus Christi Prayer - C.R. Vigil Mass | | | |
| Sunday | | Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| J | | & 12 PM Masses | | | |
| | Women's Welcome Retreat - PAC Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10 AM - S.F. | | | | |
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| | 10:00 AM | Children's Liturgy - S.F. | | | |
| | 10:15 AM | OCIC, Learning Group, | | | |

12:00 PM

Adaptive PSR

Confirmation - S.F.

WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - Feb. 16-23

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;

Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gen 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;

Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gen 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18; 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mk 8:27-33 **Friday**: Gen 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34 - 9:1

Saturday: 1 Pet 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;

1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Featured Saint of the Week St. Joseph Calasanz (1557–1648) Feast: 8/25

This well-educated Spanish born priest was originally ordained in 1583. He worked for the local bishop's office in the diocese of Albarracin, in his native parish. The bishop was transferred to a new diocese in Rome, Italy. Joseph followed the bishop to his new appointment, but within two years the bishop had died. Staying in Rome, Fr. Joseph found himself working with Cardinal Colonna.

The Cardinal chose Joseph as his theologian, plus asked him to take on the spiritual direction of the household. Rome offered many opportunities for works of charity, specifically for the instruction of neglected or homeless children; many of whom had lost their parents. Fr. Joseph joined the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and began gathering boys from the streets for schooling. Though he gathered far too many boys to be added and taught in the existing schools.

Fr. Joseph then proceeded to organize and systematize a method of educating school pupils through progressive cycles, a system of vocational training, and a system of secondary education. The official name of the new organization was the Order of Poor Clerics Regular of the Mother of God of the Pious Schools. The priests were more commonly called Piorists. This order was responsible for the first free schools in Europe, open to all classes of society without any type of discrimination. This project was probably quite difficult, in part because the Order was one that survived on donations alone. Yet, the students received a moral and Christian education with special emphasis on both math and science for pupils and teachers alike. The boys were also schooled in physical education and personal hygiene. Fr. Joseph was a staunch proponent of utilizing education to change society.

Because of his support of Galileo's life needs after the Inquisition, Pope Innocent X revoked the Order's privileges in 1646. Pope Alexander VIII restored the Order ten years later, but unfortunately, Fr. Joseph did not live to see it. Despite any road blocks he'd experienced, Fr. Joseph remained faithful to the Church until his death in 1648 at the age of 90. St. Joseph Calasanz was canonized by Pope Clement XIII on 7/16/1767.

The Order celebrated their 400^{th} anniversary jubilee year in 2017.

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

Tuesday, Wednesay, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

Respect Life Rosary on Thursday after Daily Mass

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children in kindergarten through second grade.

SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

Baptism

Contact Margaret Garza 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 Margaret Garza at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

Formed

Go to formed.org, find St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

Prayer Line

Beverly Heil 225-772-4278 Gloria Jones 225-337-8929

Mission Speaker for Archdiocese of Tororo Uganda coming Feb. 22-23

The Archdiocese of Tororo, covering an approximate area of 8,500 square miles, serves an estimated population of 4 million people, about 1.6 million of whom are Catholic.

The Archdiocese of Tororo has the following pastoral entities: 47 parishes and 984 missions/sub-parishes (village churches with no resident priest).

In order to bring pastoral services nearer to the people, the Archdiocese plans within the next few years to raise five subparishes (missions) to parish status.

Fr. Deo, a mission priest from Uganda, will be saying all Masses at St. Alphonsus Church on February 22-23, and the second collection will benefit the Archdiocese of Tororo.

OUTREACH

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 comfort of Christ in the form of the Eucharist to those who cannot physically come to Mass. In this way, the sick and homebound are united to the Body of Christ present in our community. Contact Donna Lambert at the Church Office at 225-261-4650 to arrange these visits.

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks.

Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mona Miller, Mark Mitchell, Ruth Riddle, Fr. Tom Duhe, Cindy Vavasseur, Rita Neck, Lex Verbois, Jackson Holley, Vickie Calamia, Ashton Griggs, Bradley Brouillette, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Glenda Bringol, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Cathey Chustz, John Nicosia, Homer Brown, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Andy Juneau, Charles Holland, Janis Donellan, Scott Corrick, Christie Seabolt, Pat Matthews, Sharon Leod, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Daniel Guerin, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Catherine Willis, Lynette Shaffett, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, Jackie Scardina, Fisk Morris, Mollea Hood, Michael Morales, Theresa Ognibene, John Larkin, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Jamie Samson, Kathy Madere, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Angie Welsh, Lynette Lemoine, Chris Hobkirk, Patrick Bourgeois, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Patsy Sagona, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, Stevie Calverley, Luke Allen, Blanche Hoover, Marlene Ortego, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Ashley Nix, Donna Hebert, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Charlotte St. Romain, Brenda Lovett, Krysta Brown, Lucille Dickerson, Janet Messina, Jennifer McMillan, Jason Lasseigne, Feltus Templet

Rest in Peace

Edward "Ed" Mayeaux - *Husband of Patricia Mayeaux.* **Suzanne Dupuy**

Martha's Meals of Mercy

Martha's Meals of Mercy will bring meals to parishioners that are just coming home from the hospital, have just had a new baby, or are going through a traumatic time. The meals will be delivered for a short time- 2-3 times a week for 2-3 weeks.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry OR if you would like to be a Martha and provide meals, please notify the parish office at **225-261-4650**. A representative of the ministry will call back and get information such as the number of people in the family, food allergies, likes and dislikes.

Those receiving the meals will be asked to place a cooler at their door where the food will be placed at a specific day and time. That way they will not be disturbed.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Pictorial Photography Feb. 25-March 1

There are still appointments available to have family photos taken for our church pictorial. If you were unable to take a family photo during the first two weeks of Pictorial Photography, we have makeup dates available on Feb. 25-26.

To schedule an appointment, go to https://schedule.ucdir.com/login.php

To log in, use church code: la155 (must be lowercase) Password: photos

*All photography will take place in the St. Alphonsus Parish Activity Center off Frenchtown Road (across from the school).

Online Auction Opens Thursday, Feb. 20

On Thursday, February 20 at 8 AM, the online portion of our church auction will open. This will include popular school items such as First in Carpool, SAS Spirit Pass, Principal for a Day, Colorful Shoes, Pick Your Teacher, and more! To view items and bid, go to https://auctria.events/alphonsusauction. Bidding will remain open until Thursday, February 27 at 9 PM.



FORMATION



ST. ALPHONSUS THEOLOGY ON TAP PRESENTS

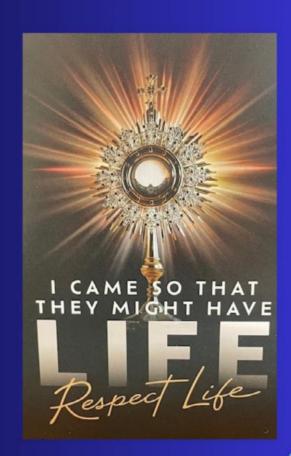
GUEST SPEAKER EMILY FROEBA

PRO LIFE:
WHAT DOES IT
ALL MEAN?

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

In the PAC

6:00 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Talk begins



NURSERY AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST



R.S.V.P. on parish website with Flocknote

Learning Group

Next Learning Group date: February 23rd.

Family Catechesis

The next meeting for Family Catechesis for 7-11th grades will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM in Emmanuel Hall. Bring books and assignments to be checked.

Confirmation

If you have missed a Confirmation session, please contact the Faith Formation Office to schedule a time to do a make-up session. If you need to complete Confirmation forms, most forms are located on the parish website www.alphonsus.org .

Pray for our students

Please continue to pray for all of our candidates that are preparing for Sacraments of 1st Eucharist and Confirmation.

The King's Men

The King's Men exists to create and develop a thriving community of Catholic men in our parish. We meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Oak Cluster Dr.

We participate in a wide variety of compelling programs such as "That Man is You," "Welcome Retreat" men's retreat, The Men of Immaculata Men's Conference and retreats at Manresa. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

Women's Welcome Retreat

Please keep the women attending the Welcome Retreat the weekend of February 22-23 in your prayers.

Join us as we begin our Lenten journey

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

The Shroud of Turin
Presentation by:
Fr. Jason Palermo

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Fr. Jason will give this presentation twice.

After the 8:30 AM Mass and

again after the 6 PM Mass.



19,375.00

1,688.00

4,278.50

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Corpus Christi Prayer Group

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30-11 AM (see bulletin calendar for location). We praise and worship God for an hour, then have talks, teachings or testimonies for twenty minutes. Prayers are offered for anyone who wants or needs them. This is an open invitation for anyone. Are you looking to strengthen or grow in an intimate relationship with the Lord? You can do that here. This will teach you how to walk in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you are interested, please contact Jean LeBlanc.

The Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings in the Choir Room from 6-8 PM. Many of us know the Scripture readings from Mass, but do you know how they apply to your everyday life? Come share time with Scripture from the Sunday readings and fellowship with other men of the parish.

ADMINISTRATION

Online Giving Made Easy

If you would like to give online or set up recurring giving online, scan this QR code to go to our ParishSoft Giving page.



Gifts of Stewardship

For February 1-2, 2025, your Stewardship resulted in:

| Weekly Collection | |
|-------------------|--|
| Envelopes | |
| Unidentified | |

Parish Soft

| Building/Maintenance Fu | nd | |
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| Envelopes | \$ | 6,497.00 |
| Parish Soft | \$ | 50.00 |
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| New Parish Activity Center | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 2,559.00 |
| Parish Soft | \$ 519.28 |
| <u>Children</u> | \$ 28.00 |
| <u>Latin America</u> | \$ 35.00 |
| Total Received | \$ 35,029.78 |

SVDP Building Project

\$ 4,100.00

Special Collections - Parish Soft Giving

Eastern Europe Due March 2 Ash Wednesday Due March 5





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