



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

One Family United in Christ

March 2, 2025

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The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles." – Luke 6:44



The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Masses with Ashes: 8:30 AM & 6 PM

Communion Services with Ashes: 6 AM & 12 PM



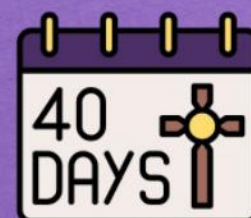
Shroud of Turin Presentation by Fr. Jason Palermo

Wednesday, March 5 after both Masses

Stations of the Cross

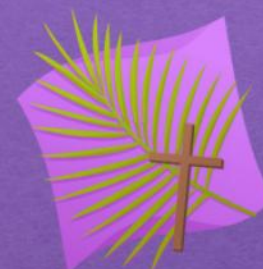
Fridays at Noon: Traditional Stations

Fridays at 6:30 PM: Themed Stations by various ministries



Lenten Penance Service

Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 PM in the Church



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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: MARCH 1-9, 2025

Saturday	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Mass, Family Adoration - Church Pictorial Photography - PAC Cub Scouts Planning - St. Mark Vigil Mass
Sunday	The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses 12:00 PM Confirmation - S.F.	
Monday		Church Offices Closed
Tuesday	Mardi Gras 8:30 AM 6:30 PM	Church Offices Closed Daily Mass & Novena Grief Support - S.C.
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday 6:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Communion Service & Ashes Mass & Ashes Shroud of Turin Talk - Church Communion Service & Ashes Divine Mercy Novena - Church Mass & Ashes Shroud of Turin Talk - Church
Thursday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass & Rosary First Corinthians Study - S.C. Matthew Bible Study - S.G. Bible & Church Fathers - S.G.
Friday	8:30 AM 9:30 PM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	School Mass SJA Bread Baking - PAC E.H. Traditional Stations - Church Men's Club Cooking - S.F. Men's Club Fried Fish Dinner Pick-up - Front Parking Lot Themed Stations - Church
Saturday	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 12:00 PM 4:00 PM	OCIA Retreat - S.F. C Corpus Christi Prayer - St. Luke Prayer Line Luncheon - E.H. Vigil Mass
		Auction \$10K Raffle Ticket Sale - G.S.
Sunday	The First Sunday of Lent 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses Auction \$10K Raffle Ticket Sale - G.S. Girl Scout Cookie Sale - G.S. 10:15 AM OCIC, Learning Group, Adaptive PSR 12:00 PM Confirmation - E.H.	

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*St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish celebrates
the living waters of Christ by nourishing our
Catholic community spiritually and academically
so that Christ may be known in our world.*

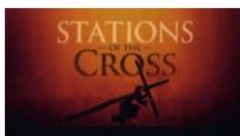
WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - March 2-9

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;
 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13;
 Lk 4:1-13

Stations of the Cross Friday, March 7 at 6:30 PM

Why not remember Christ's sacrifice by joining us this Friday for the Stations of the Cross? This week's Stations are dedicated to our country, our community, military, law enforcement, and first responders. Please come join us as we journey with Christ and raise our voices in prayer and sing "Were You There?"



Holy Water

In the Catholic Church, holy water is a sacramental (holy sign) that reminds us of our initial baptism; becoming a member of the family of God.

Wearing the vestment stole, in conjunction with the authority of Christ, a bishop, priest, or deacon can bestow blessings to make holy water.

When you dip your finger into the holy water, and make the sign of the cross, whether upon entering or exiting the Church, you are touching your forehead (mind) and your shoulders (crossing your heart) with a sacramental. If this simple action is performed in faith, it imparts grace to the believer.

Our church fonts contain holy water comprised of both water and salt each blessed, then combined. Holy water may be kept in a font at home (recommended), and like that in the church, by signing ourselves and/or our children, we can make use of the means of grace to help us lead a pious Christian life.

Lent is a particularly solemn time for Catholics. During the Triduum, we see the holy water fonts emptied from just after the Mass on Holy Thursday, until the Saturday Easter Vigil Mass. By doing this we are acknowledging our spiritual emptiness without Christ in our lives; from his death until his resurrection.

It is important to note, that since holy water is a sacramental (holy sign) it should be disposed of with reverence. It can be poured directly into the soil. Another option is to pour it into the sacrarium (sink) in the sacristy, which has a drain pipe that empties directly into the soil. It should NEVER be put into or through a public water/sewage system.

As a side note, although the process and/or usages may not be exactly the same, other faiths also use holy water. They are: Lutheranism, Anglicanism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Oriental Orthodoxy.

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, Wednesday, 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

Saturday Morning Mass & Adoration

Join us on the first Saturday of each month for Mass at 8 AM in the Church, followed by Family Adoration & Benediction at 8:30 AM. Next date: **March 1**. We will have coffee and donuts in the St. Francis Rm. following Adoration.



Divine Mercy Novena

The second week of our Divine Mercy Novena will be on ****MARCH 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY at 5 PM**** due to 6 PM Mass. Please note the time change. The remaining weeks will be at 6 PM. Jesus said to St. Faustina, "I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my mercy."



Baptisms - February 2025

Emma Elizabeth Moore - *Child of Caleb & Madison Moore.*

Sacrament of Marriage - February 2025

The following couple was married in the church:
Brandi Quebedeaux & Richard Thiberville, Jr.

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Leda Belle Celestin- *Grandmother of Ashley & Kyle Celestin.*
Trevor Harrison

Fasting & Abstinence during *Lent*

In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, all Catholics are bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence during Lent.

Catholics aged 18 through 59 are obligated to follow the law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meatless meal a day. Taking two other small meals that together do not equal a full meal is permitted. Food and drink "between meals" (except water) is not permitted.

Catholics aged 14 and up are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. Abstinence means to abstain from eating meat. Eggs, milk products, or condiments made from animal fat are allowed.

Men's Club Fried Fish Dinners - Fridays 4-6 PM

Cost \$10 each. Includes fried fish, fries, coleslaw and a roll.

Pickup in the front parking lot off Greenwell Springs Rd.

2025 Dates: March 7, 14, 21 and 28, April 4 and 11.



Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat

"A Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat was exactly what we needed to get our marriage back on track. We learned to communicate in ways that were deeper than we ever had shared before. We knew we had a lot of work to do but we knew our marriage was worth it."

Baton Rouge Upcoming Weekend: March 21-23. For information, call 1-800-470-2230 or go to helpourmarriage.org.

Serving Our Country

If you know someone serving in the military, please call the Church Office at 261-4650, and let us know their information.

ARMY: Major Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Capt. Brian C. Greco, Sergeant Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere, Brian D. Duvic, Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Martin, PFC Jacob Fontenot, SPC Kory A. Nijoka, SPC Quillan McMillan, SPC Nathan Casselberry, Sgt. Natalie Arceneaux

LA NATIONAL GUARD: Captain Jacob Haynes, PVT Joshua T. Marchand, Leah Gil

AIR FORCE: Senior Airman Madison T. Polk, SSgt. Kristin A. Nijoka, Capt. Kyle Holifield, Major Vincent "Trey" Levraea, SSG Daniel Carter, TSgt. Danny Hausse

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U.S. MARINE CORPS: Major Blaine Ballard, Tyler Datz, Eric Vlahos, Lance Corp. Mahala Hausse, Lance Corporal Kristian Morris

U.S. COAST GUARD: EM4 Kobe Naquin

Pray for the Sick

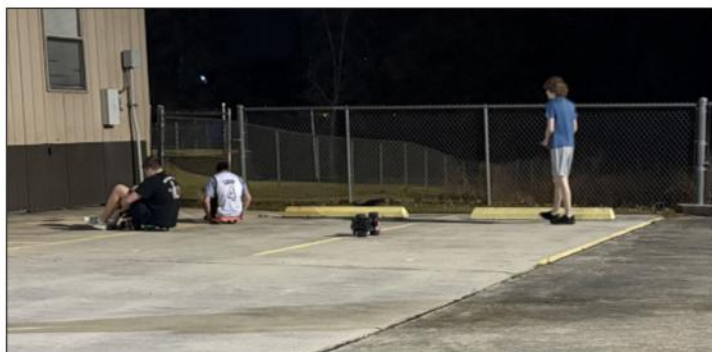
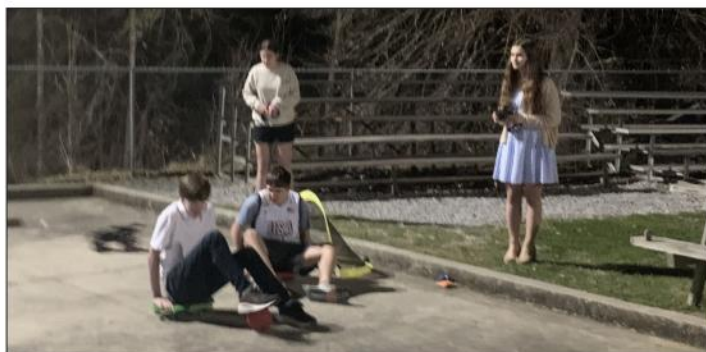
Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks.

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, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mona Miller, Mark Scardina, Calvin Lea Newsom, Mike Graves, Pat Skelton, Stanley Browning

FORMATION

Youth Night

Our St. Alphonsus Youth have been enjoying games, food, and fellowship on Sunday nights in the Lighthouse. Middle schoolers meet from 4-5:30 PM. High schoolers meet from 6-7:30 PM. *Photos submitted by Blaine Baker.*



KIM Collecting Prefilled Eggs

Kids in Ministry is collecting prefilled eggs for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Drop off donations in the container in the Gather Space or the Faith Formation Office by April 4.

Learning Group

Learning Group sessions for March are Sunday, March 9 and March 23, 2025.

Confirmation Year 1

Year 1 Candidates have a meeting on Sunday, March 9. We will begin our session with Mass and move to the Parish Activity Center. The time for this session will be extended because we will be doing Confirmation Interviews.

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 Families

Please keep all of our St. Alphonsus families in your prayers as we continue to grow in our faith and relationship with God.

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.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations again to all couples in our parish who are celebrating Milestone Wedding Anniversaries in 2025. We had a wonderful time celebrating with you on Saturday, February 8. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for the beautiful reception following Mass and to Eric Frank for the photos from this evening.



New Members

Scotty, Carla, Cole & Kelsi Bergeron
 Josette Fuselier
 Stephanie & son Alex LeCoq
 Colleen Malone
 Renee & Michael Montgomery

St. Faustina Relic

On Feb. 20, Fr. Jason received a relic of St. Faustina Kowalska in Krakow, Poland, at the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy. He is pictured with Art and Tina Nijoka and Sr. Mary Norberta, who presented the relic to them at the start of Mass in front of St. Faustina's burial spot. *Photo submitted by Fr. Jason.*



ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For February 15-16 2025,
 your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	13,704.00
Unidentified	\$	1,719.00
Parish Soft	\$	5,218.50
Bank Draft	\$	2,824.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	484.00
Parish Soft	\$	465.00

New Parish Activity Center

Envelopes	\$	530.00
Parish Soft	\$	412.37

Children

	\$	45.00
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Total Received \$ **25,401.87**

SVDP Building Project \$ 10.00

Special Collections - Parish Soft Giving

Eastern Europe
 Ash Wednesday

Due March 2
Due March 5

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