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The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." – Galatians 6:14

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Fr. Jason's Wishful Thinking: The First Year

As I get older, it seems that time passes more quickly. I find it hard to believe that it's been a full year since my arrival at St. Alphonsus... Where has this year gone? I wanted to take a minute or two to recap a few highlights in my mind: (1) the installation of the new altar furnishings in January, (2) working the high ball table at your fair in May for the first time, and (3) visiting with the students in the cafeteria throughout the year. Some of the other highlights included introducing you to the world of fireworks sales as a fundraiser, journeying to Eastern Europe to obtain our parish relic of St. Faustina, beginning new traditions at St. Alphonsus with the Good Friday walk and Divine Mercy Sunday liturgy, teaching you about the Shroud of Turin on Ash Wednesday, and watching basketball games and volleyball games played on a new floor in the gymnasium. I have been impressed with the "can do" attitude and the spirit of volunteerism here at St. Alphonsus. This "can do" attitude was certainly demonstrated as we raised \$113,000 towards a new St. Vincent de Paul building. I am working with the City of Central right now on the initial permits, and the "when and how to proceed next" with the building.

July 1st begins a new fiscal year at St. Alphonsus. I would like to thank all of you [parishioners] who made the last year a financial success on many fronts. In a few weeks, I will give the annual financial report, and I feel a little more confident doing that duty after seeing how the parish operates for a full year. Thanks to a stellar auction and fair, we made approximately \$330,000; and we contributed over \$82,000 of that profit to our parochial school. The remainder of the profit when directly to the diocesan loan. When I arrived in July 2024, the PAC construction debt was at \$1,742,000. I am very happy to report that the balance is now \$1,300,475 as of June 13th!

As we look ahead, there are a few challenges that I must discuss with you. The three-year capital campaign for the PAC ends in September. This generated \$170,000 of income last year, and it will disappear in September. Meanwhile, we are faced with increased property and flood insurance costs, as well as higher utility costs, and our parish had to increase staff salaries by a modest 4% to keep up with cost of living increases. Frankly, I would have loved to increase our dedicated staff's salaries even more, but as I write this column, we are looking at a budget shortfall of approximately \$140,000 for this upcoming year. We still have a few more years before we pay off the construction debt. To put the budget deficit in perspective, our monthly loan payment is \$15,700 per month, or \$188,400 per year. If the loan were paid off, we would operate with a yearly \$48,000 surplus.

At this point, I simply ask that you prayerfully consider your tithe to the church and whether you have increased it in the last few years. We have 3,000 registered families here at St. Alphonsus Church. About one-third of those families are regular contributors to our parish. Imagine what we could do around here if another third contributed regularly! That is a lofty dream, but just think about the good that we could do, the additional programs that we could offer, and how soon the debt could be paid off! But I think that the more realistic solution is for the 33% who are already good stewards to the parish to simply ask if we could afford an additional \$10-\$15 per month, so that St. Alphonsus can get through this difficult year. Please know that we are doing our part in the church office to cut costs where appropriate. For instance, we will be mailing less items from the office and modifying some of our events involving food/ catering this year. Finally, we are hoping that our new columbarium (burial niches) will help to eliminate some of the debt, too, while providing a much-needed service to our parishioners. I am slowly but surely making my way down the list and calling those of you who expressed interest.

Thank you again for making this first year memorable! I look forward to the future years ahead.

Fr Jason Palerno

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: JULY 5-13, 2025

Saturday	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	First Saturday Mass, followed by Family Adoration - Church Vigil Mass
Sunday	The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses	
Monday	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Scouts Parents - PAC Office Scouts - PAC St. Matthew
Tuesday	8:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass & Novena Men's Scripture - C.R. Women of Faith - S.F. Grief Support - S.C.
Wednesday	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	SVDP Recertification - S.F. Daily Mass SVDP Meeting - S.F. Cub Scouts Comm St. Mark King's Men Retreat Prep - St. Matthew
Thursday	8:30 AM 5:30 PM	Daily Mass & Rosary Adult Formation - E.H. A
Friday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass
Saturday	9:30 AMCorpus Christi Prayer - S.F.4:00 PMVigil MassCatholic Daughters Court - ChurchKing's Men Retreat Sign-up - G.S.	
Sunday	The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses 8 AM - 2 PM Blood Drive - S.F. King's Men Retreat Sign-up - G.S.	

WORSHIP

Baptisms - June 2025

Declan Don Dartez - Child of Nicholas & Jessica Dartez.
Jett Paul Mouton - Child of John Paul & Kaylee Mouton.
Benjamin Lawrence Otillio - Child of Christopher & Julia Otillio.
Sophia James Smiley - Child of Justin & Carlee Smiley.

MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Weekend Masses</u> Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Live Stream Sunday 10:00 AM on Facebook & YouTube

<u>Daily Masses</u> 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

<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> For children in kindergarten through second grade.

SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

<u>Baptism</u>

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.

<u>Marriage</u>

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

Readings for the Week - July 6-13

Sunday: Is 66: 10-14c; Ps 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; Gal 6: 14-18; Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Gn 28: 10-22a; Ps 91: 1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15; Mt 9: 32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33: 2-3, 10-11, 18-19, Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10: 16-23 **Saturday**: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33 **Sunday**: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Featured Saint of the Week St. Marie Nicholas Antoine Daveluy (1818-1866) Feast: May 30

Antoine Daveluy was born on March 16, 1818 in Amiens, France to a devoutly Catholic family. He had two older brothers that were priests; Antoine too, entered the seminary and was ordained in 1841.



His first assignment was as an assistant priest and lasted two years. Despite poor health, he joined the Paris Foreign Missions Society. He left heading for Japan; the ship made a stop in Korea, where the Apostolic Vicar of Korea convinced Fr. Daveluy to do his missionary work there. Fr. Daveluy became fluent in the language, and wrote books that included one covering the Catholic Church's history in Korea, as well as a Korean/French dictionary.

In 1855, Pope Pius IX appointed him coadjutor to Bishop Berneux. Unfortunately, Bishop Berneux was executed by the Korean government in one of their anti-Christian campaigns. Bishop Duveluy was immediately arrested, imprisoned, and tortured, but still staunchly defended his Catholic faith.

When he was sentenced to death, he asked to be executed on Good Friday. He was beheaded on Good Friday, at a Korean naval base along with two French priests, and two lay catechists. All five were canonized on May 6, 1984, by Pope St. John Paul II, along with 98 other Korean martyrs.

France sent a punitive expedition, reinforcing the Korean policy of isolation.

OUTREACH

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.

Serving Our Country

If you know someone serving in the military, please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650, 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 Quillan McMillan, SPC Nathan Casselberry, Sgt. Natalie Arceneaux, Nick Hood, Camelia Hood,

LA NATIONAL GUARD: Captain Jacob Haynes, PVT Joshua T. Marchand, Leah Gil, SPC Cody M. Talbot

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U.S. COAST GUARD: EM4 Kobe Naquin

Are You Prepared for Hurricane Season?

Hurricane season began on Sunday, June 1, and now is the time to prepare your family for what may come.

FEMA has a plan on their website: **FEMA P-1094.** Just enter the above form number in your search engine. This form is available for print and will guide you through the process to create and practice your *Family Emergency Communications Plan*. Having your personal plan in place will make your family secure and make you better available to serve others in time of need.

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen. - Fr. Al Volpe, Cameron Parish, LA

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks. Please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650 to add a name to this list.

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 **Bill Witt** Priscilla Perez Charlotte St. Romain Brenda Lovett Rachel Capone Carrie & Chris Hebert Lucky Ross Melise Efferson Angelo Silvio Christopher Silvio Mona Miller Mildred Stroderd Kevin McCarroll Janet Messina Krysta Brown

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Kasey Bourgeois Shirley LaPorte 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 Jackson Holley Velba Kidder Caleb Eisworth

FORMATION

PSR Registration

Public and private school student's $K - 8^{th}$ are required to register for PSR each year. If your child is in public, private or a Catholic high school in 9^{th} , 10^{th} or 11^{th} grade, they will need to register for Confirmation classes. Registration for the 2025-2026 year began June 1, 2025. Look for registration forms on our website, in the back of the church and in the Faith Formation Office.

Interested or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith??

Inquiry begins in August. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings in August through November in the St. Clare Room at 6 PM. The classes will transition to OCIA sessions in December. Candidates will be received into the Church at Easter. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office 261-4644.

King's Men's - Welcome Retreat

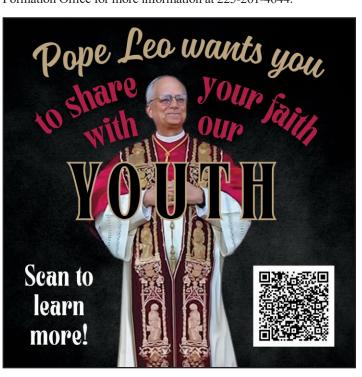
The King's Men will host "Welcome," an incredible retreat experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. "Welcome" is by Dynamic Catholic.

When: August 23-24, 2025

Where: St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish Activity Center How to register: www.alphonsus.org

The King's Men will have sign-ups after Masses on July 12-13. Contact the St. Alphonsus Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for more information. Volunteers are needed... When was the last time you were personally asked to help? Christ asks us to share our faith and build His kingdom. Faith Formation spreads the Gospel message to the families, children, teens and adults of our parish. Come share your time, talents and faith with the people of our parish and grow your spirituality. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information at 225-261-4644.

Volunteers Needed



Confirmation

Don't forget our Confirmation Candidates help the homeless by collecting the items below. As you travel this summer please begin to collect these items. Items may be dropped off in the Faith Formation Office. Thanks for your generosity.

Combs, Band aids, Shampoo Trial Size, Soap, Chap Stick, Lotion Trial Size, Wipes Trial Size, Rain ponchos, T-Shirts, Socks, Used Duffle Bags, Used back packs and Bug Spray

Corpus Christi Prayer Group

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group meets the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Saturday of each month from 9:30–11:00 AM in the St. Matthew Room of the PAC. 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 at 225-261-7168.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Scripture study will continue to meet through the summer. If you would like to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings with other men from the parish. Come join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Choir Room.

Women of Faith

Women of Faith meet Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the St. Matthew Room in the Parish Activity Center. All women are welcome to join us and reflect on the Sunday readings and learn more about our Catholic life.

Faith Formation

Catechist, Catechist Aide and Mentors the Faith Formation Office is looking for volunteers willing to share their faith and time with the youth of our parish. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644. Classes and dates of classes are listed on the registration form (in back of church, Faith Formation Office or church website.)

Vacation Bible School

We had a full house for our Vacation Bible School on June 9-13. Our volunteers enjoyed taking these young people "True North" and teaching them to trust Jesus in a wild world! View full album on the church Facebook page! *Photos submitted by Colby Novo*.



COMMUNITY LIFE

K.C.'s attend Manresa Retreat

Seventeen St Alphonsus' Knights attended this year's Manresa Retreat on June 14-15, 2025. Photo submitted by Mark Legendre.



New Members

Jeannie David **Angela & Gerald Fetters** Ronnie, Happi, Hannah & Henlee Hoffer Blandyn, Hayden & Jace LeBlanc Weaver-LeGrange Family: Clarke, Brittany, Charli, Wesley & William

Hunter & Kristin Ortego **Tyler Sherman**

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For June 21-22, 2025, your Stewardship resulted in:

Weekly Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 16,425.00
Unidentified	\$ 2,650.00
Parish Soft	\$ 8,153.50
Building/Maintenance Fund	
Envelopes	\$ 385.00
Parish Soft	\$ 627.00
New Parish Activity Center	
Envelopes	\$ 715.00
Parish Soft	\$ 703.63
Children	\$ 70.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 50.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 25.00
Total Received	\$ 29,804.13
<u>St. Vincent de Paul Building</u>	\$ 100.00

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Peter's Pence

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