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The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

- John 6:51



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
Thursday, August 15

MASS TIMES:

6:00 AM

8:30 AM

6:00 PM

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Fr. Jason's Wishful Thinking: **Progress & Reverence**



Since my arrival on July 1, many of you have asked how my transition to St. Alphonsus is going. While the first two weeks seemed to be somewhat rough on several fronts, I have enjoyed meeting new people and listening to your ideas, suggestions, and vision for the future. I definitely sense the Holy Spirit saying things to me through repeated comments and suggestions. That is one of the reasons that I wanted several listening sessions, instead of just one or two of them. I can also sense some of your excitement and anticipation of what may be some of the first changes that you expect me to make around St. Alphonsus. Well, if hiring a new principal and a new school facilities manager and two new organists, changing out lighting, having listening sessions, visiting with many of the different groups that meet on campus, and presenting some ideas to the diocesan Liturgy, Art and Music Board (LAMB) is not enough change from you in the first month, then just you wait... Certain other changes will be coming, but more slowly.

One of the first things that I will address in the coming months is a greater sense of reverence for the Eucharist in church and during the Mass. I am not saying that we are totally irreverent, but I am saying that the Gospel readings for the next few weeks from John 6-the Bread of Life discourse-will set the tone for this discussion and some modifications to the church sanctuary. I am working with Bishop Duca and LAMB, as well as some interested parishioners/ donors, woodworkers and contractors/builders to make these changes, which will affect the placement of the baptismal font, the presiders' chairs, and the tabernacle. Bishop Duca and LAMB have approved two of the three proposed changes.

I also think that part of reverence comes with knowledge, which brings me to a little bit of education this week. Since learning about my assignment at St. Alphonsus, I have sought out the answer to a burning question in my mind: What is the significance of the stained glass window in the middle of the sanctuary? I was surprised to get many different answers but nothing definitive. I even called the diocesan archives office to see if any information could be found from the church construction documents in 1978. So I wonder if any of you have ever pondered that question as well... And I'm happy to give you some answers today.

Milton Pounds of Slidell, a student of Paul Dufour in Baton Rouge, designed and manufactured these windows in the French "dalle de verre" style. I say windows because there are two additional windows (hidden from the congregation's view) that complete the story of the center window. These three windows together represent the Holy Trinity. Basically, it is like having a contemporary Russian icon triptych, just made out of stained glass panels.

The center window (that everyone sees) is an abstract vision of God the Father creating the world and particularly Adam out of earth at the base of the window.

When you are looking at the sanctuary, the window in the right corner is dedicated to Jesus the Son, with the top part of the window demonstrating the incarnation and light breaking through the darkness. The middle pane shows Jesus on the cross as the "new Adam," whose blood pouring down and redeeming

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Adam at the base of the window. Adam is in the tomb, shrouded in white burial cloth. This is significant to the Redemptorist history of St. Alphonsus. The Redemptorists always wore a crucifix that portrayed Adam's skull and bones under the sacrifice of Christ. It is a long-standing tradition of the Church that Adam was buried on Mount Moriah (for us, Golgotha or Calvary), under the same location where Jesus died on the cross. Today in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, one can descend to the cave of Adam and see a fissure in the rock (created by the earthquake mentioned in the Gospel) at the time of Jesus' death, where the blood of Christ poured over the tomb of Adam. The second window portrays this redemptive action of Jesus.

And finally, on the left side of the sanctuary, we have the third window dedicated to God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is in the form of a dove at the top of the window, And there are tongues of fire descending upon an apostle at the base of the window, who is looking upwards with his hand raised to receive the grace of the Holy Spirit. This is God sanctifying humanity and calling the Church to action and evangelization. And considering the time period of 1978 when St. Alphonsus Church was built and dedicated, there was a lot of theological emphasis and writing on God being creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. There was so much discussion on the roles of God that clergy were even baptizing people using these titles/attributes, instead of "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The Church had to clarify later that these baptisms were invalid; and the clergy, religious and laity needed to refer to God as revealed in the Bible by Jesus, instead of limiting God the Father as the "creator," Jesus the Son as the "redeemer," and the God the Holy Spirit as the "sanctifier." The reason being that all three persons create, all three redeem, and all three sanctify. God is one, yet distinct as three persons, but God is perfect Communion and Will. All create together, redeem together, and sanctify together. So when you look at those three windows, I hope it all makes a little more sense to you now, and this knowledge will help facilitate a deeper sense of prayer and reverence when you are in the church.

In Christ, Fr. Jason



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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM Communion Service on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children 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.

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: AUGUST 10-18, 2024

Saturday 9:30 AM Corpus Christi Prayer - St. Luke

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses

Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10 AM Masses - S.F.

Youth Night-Lighthouse

Monday 8:30 AM Daily Mass

6:00 PM Scouts & Parents - PAC 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Den - PAC

Tuesday NO Mass or C.S.

6:30 PM Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 PM Men's Scripture - C.R.

6:30 PM Women of Faith - St. Matthew

Wednesday 8:30 AM Communion Service

12:00 PM SVDP Meeting - S.F. 6:00 PM King's Men - PAC E.H.

Thursday The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass & Respect Life Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

6:00 PM O.C.I.A. Inquiry- S.C.

Friday NO Mass or C.S.

Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses

Youth Night-Lighthouse

WORSHIP

Fete Dieu Du Mississippi

The 10th Annual Eucharistic Boat Procession, born on the bayou, this year will jump ship to the river! The extraordinary procession will begin on Wednesday, Aug.14 at 8 AM at a Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist by Bishop Duca at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge. Following the Mass, there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Mississippi River, where the 130-mile procession and blessing will commence. At 10:30 AM, the flotilla will depart. It is slated to arrive in Convent, LA, at about 5:40 PM, where there will be a procession to the historic St. Michael Church for all-night Adoration.

On August 15, they will process back and depart for New Orleans. The flotilla will arrive at about 4:25 PM in the French Quarter, and there will be a great Benediction on the levee at 5:15 PM in front of Jackson Square, followed by a procession into St. Louis Cathedral for a final blessing and a Solemn Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Archbishop Gregory Aymond, D.D. All are encouraged to "come down to the river" for this historic event!

Readings for the Week - Aug. 11-18

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16;

1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;

Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Adorers Needed

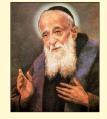
If you are willing to commit to one hour every week to spend with the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration, we are in need of Adorers for Saturday evening between 6-10 PM and Sunday between 12 PM-3 PM. Please contact Margaret in the church office to sign up.

Featured Saint of the Week

St. Leopold Mandic (1866-1942) Feast Day: May 12

Leopold was born in Croatia; his parents owned an Adriatic fishing fleet.

He entered into the seminary of the Capuchin Franciscans at age 16, and professed his perpetual vows as friar at



20. A few years later he was ordained a priest. But due to his disabling medical conditions, Leopold's main priestly vocation was as a confessor, which he did for up to 15 hours a day. In the confessional he was known for his compassion, understanding, and empathy for all who came to him.

Leopold heard the voice of God speak to him about the return of the Orthodox Christians to Catholic unity. This experience affected St. Leopold his entire life. And because of this, Leopold very much wanted to become a missionary to be a part of the unification.

Being small in stature (4'5") and suffering with numerous disabilities, his work as a priest was limited. Although by outward standards he would be viewed as a powerless and ineffective man, St. Leopold developed exceptional virtue and became widely known for his wisdom and unparalleled spiritual advice.

As do many other Capuchins, Leopold had a deep devotion to the Virgin Mary who he referred to as his "holy boss". He prayed the rosary often and celebrated the Eucharist daily.

He correctly predicted that the church and friary where he lived would be bombed during WWI, but his cell and his confessional would escape destruction.

Subsequently it was esophageal cancer that took his life at age 76.

At his canonization Pope St. John Paul II hailed St. Leopold as the Apostle of Unity.

Corpus Christi Prayer

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30–11 AM in the St. Luke Room at 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.

Flowers for the Church

Want to place flowers in the church in memory/honor of a loved one? Contact Margaret at 225-261-4650 to schedule a weekend.

OUTREACH

St. Vincent de Paul

Our Food Pantry needs donations. Items most needed: peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, dry cereal, flour, sugar, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, canned ravioli/pasta. Please bring donations to the SVDP containers in the Gather Space at the church. Thank you for your continued support!



Pray for the Sick

<u>Please note</u>: Names are removed after eight weeks.

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, Kenny Miller, Lynette Lemoine, Chris Hobkirk, Patrick Bourgeois, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Nicholas LaCroix, Patsy Sagona, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, Stevie Calverley, Luke Allen, Blanche Hoover, Marlene Ortego, Gwen Moore, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Ashley Nix, Kelli Campo LaCroix, Donna Hebert, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Charlotte St. Romain, Brenda Lovett, Nettie Scardina, Jim & Tracey Anderson, Ruth Riddle, James Argrave, Lyndsey Quirk Neyland, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Marilyn Oufnac, Jennifer McMillan, Jason Lasseigne, Glenn Tate, Leslie Smith, Thomas Laborie, Feltus Templet, J.E. Smith, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Amanda Puissegur, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Glenda Bringol, Jill Bueche, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Cathey Chustz, John Nicosia, Homer Brown, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Andy Juneau, Wallace Aymond, Jackson Holley, Jan Cobb, Rita Neck

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.

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FORMATION

The King's Men

The King's Men will be hosting "Welcome," an incredible retreat experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it on August 24-25, 2024. "Welcome" is by Dynamic Catholic. Register at www.alphonsus.org. Call the St. Alphonsus Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for more information.

Registration Open for Bible Studies

Bible Studies will begin soon. Registration can be found on the church website at www.alphonsus.org.

The 2024-2025 Bible Studies available are:

- Acts begins Wednesday, September 25, 2024 in the St. Francis Room C from 9:00–11:00 AM with Deanna Burns.
- **Epic** begins Tuesday, September 10, 2024 in the St. Clare Room from 9:00–11:00 AM with Ann LeSage.
- **Bible and Sacraments** begins on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 in the St. Gerard Room from 11:00–1:00 AM with Joslyn Yeager.
- Mary begins on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM in the St. Clare Room with Lindsey Campbell.
- Matthew begins on Thursday, September 12, 2024 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Olga Johnson.
- Lectio Peter begins Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM in the St. Clare Room with Peggy Broussard.
- **Psalms** begins Thursday, September 12, 2024 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM in the St. Clare Room with Loretta Martone
- **Revelation** begins on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 9:00 AM–11:00 AM in the St. Gerard Room with Joette Taylor.
- **Romans** begins Wednesday, September 18, 2024 from 6:00–8:00 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Connie Lemoine.
- What We Believe begins Thursday, September 12, 2024 from 6:30–8:30 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Genet Scarbrough.
- **Wisdom** begins Monday, September 9, 2024 from 9:00–11:00 AM in St. Francis Room with John Fabre.

Inquiry - What Do Catholics Believe?

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

Inquiry begins in August. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings August through November in the St. Clare Room at 6 PM. The classes will transition to OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions in December. Candidates will be received into the Church at Easter. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

PSR & Sacrament Preparation Registration

Public and private school student's K-11 are required to register for Faith Formation Parish School of Religion (P.S.R.) classes each year. If your child is in 10th or 11th Grade they will need to also register for Confirmation sessions. Registration for these programs for the 2024-2025 year has begun. Online registration is available on our website, or forms available in the back of the church and in the Faith Formation Office.

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 children and teens of our parish. Come share your time, talents and faith with the young people of our parish and grow your spirituality. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information 261-4644.

Family Catechesis

Family Catechesis begins Wednesday, October 2 for $K-6^{th}$ Grade students, and Wednesday, October 16 for 7^{th} to 11^{th} Grade students.



Cub Scout Pack 125

Location:

PAC (Parish Activity Center) St. Alphonsus Catholic Church Greenwell Springs Road Join Now!

When: Monday August 12th 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Meetings are Mondays at 6:30 p.m.



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Cubmaster - Corey Summerall

Contact: Cindi Schlatre - 225-261-4644 Contact: Tina Truett - 225-202-3943 Register Online with QR Code Call, Email, or Come By For More Information



Confirmation

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open now for 10th and 11th Grade students. Forms may be found on the parish website www.alphonsus.org or in the back of church, the parish office or Faith Formation Office.

Year 2 Candidates remember Sponsors are required to attend all meetings in your second year. Sponsor Forms and other Confirmation forms can be found on the parish website www. alphonsus.org. If you have missed any sessions contact the Faith Formation Office to schedule time to make up that session. Questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office 261-4644.

Mandatory Parent Meetings

Learning Groups K-11th Parent Meeting

Thursday, August 22, 2024 6:30 PM in Emmanuel Hall

Confirmation Year 1 - 10th Grade & Year 2 - 11th Grade (Parents Only)

Thursday, September 5, 2024 6:30 PM in Emmanuel Hall

Family Catechesis K-11th Parent Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 2024 6:30 PM in Emmanuel Hall

Learning Group

Learning Group begins Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 10:15 AM, and will last until 11:45 AM. Parents drop off children at the bus port of S.A.S. Students and parents will attend 12:00 PM Mass together.



Location:
PAC (Parish Activity Center)

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Ages 10 - 18

Grades 6 +

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