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The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

— James 3:18



Join the Prime Timers for a

CASINO TRIP

to the Silver Slipper in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi on Friday, October 4, 2024



Leave St. Alphonsus at 8 AM.
Arrive at Silver Slipper at 10 AM.
Arrive back at St. Alphonsus for 5 PM.

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 21–29, 2024

Saturday	4:00 PM Holy Land Gif	Vigil Mass fts for Sale - G.S.		
Sunday	8 AM, 10 AM Coffee & Doni	The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10 AM Masses - S.F. Holy Land Gifts for Sale - G.S.		
	10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Children's Liturgy - S.F. Learning Group & RCIC - SAS Classrooms		
	1:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Scouts Court of Honor - E.H. Middle School Youth Night Theology on Tap - PAC High School Youth Night		
Monday	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass Genesis to James Study - S.F.C Scouts - PAC St. Matthew Cub Scouts - PAC St. Rms.		
Tuesday	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass & Novena Epic Bible Study - S.C. Women of Faith - St. Matthew Grief Support - S.C. Men's Scripture - C.R.		
Wednesday	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Communion Service ACTS Study - S.F. C Revelation Study - S.G. Peter Bible Study - S.C. Bible & Sacraments Study - S.G. Bell Choir - C.R. Romans Bible Study - S.G. Mary Bible Study - S.C. King's Men - K.C. Hall Chancel Choir - C.R.		
Thursday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass & Respect Life Rosary Psalms Bible Study - S.C. Matthew Bible Study - S.G. Men's Club - PAC E.H. OCIA Inquiry - S.F. What We Believe Study- S.G. Scouts Troop Committee- PAC St. Matthew		
Friday	SAS Girls Bask 8:30 AM	ketball Tournament - Gym School Mass		
Saturday	SAS Girls Bask	ketball Tournament - Gym ketball Tournament - Gym Year 1 Retreat - Off-site Corpus Christi Prayer - St. Luke Vigil Mass		
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The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Year 1 Retreat - Off-site

SAS Girls Basketball Tournament - Gym

Children's Liturgy - S.F.

Middle School Youth Night

High School Youth Night

8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses

10:00 AM

4:30 PM

6:00 PM

WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - Sept. 22-29

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8; Jas 3:16-4:3;

Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 8:16-18 **Tuesday**: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21 **Wednesday**: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22 **Saturday**: Eccl 11:9 —12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6;

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Featured Saints of the Week

St. Peter Claver (1580-1654) Feast Day: September 9

Peter Claver was born into a Catholic family. He entered the Jesuit monastery receiving his novitiate vows in 1604. During his philosophy studies, he was influenced by St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, who encouraged him to travel to the Indies to "save millions of perishing souls."



It was 1610 when he landed in modern day Columbia, the principle slave market of the New World. After his priestly ordination in 1616 he made a personal vow to the care and service of African slaves; work he endured for 33 years. "I must dedicate myself to the service of God until death on the understanding that I am like a slave." (Fr. Peter Claver)

Fr. Claver decided to meet the incoming slave ships at the dock to treat and/or minister to the terrified human cargo. He continued by accompanying them to the yards where they were "show-cased" for purchase. He kept in touch with as many as possible to assure they were receiving medical and humane treatment.

Unfortunately, in 1654 he contracted the plague and died at the age of 74. Posthumously St. Claver was credited with catechizing and baptizing over 300,000 slaves as well as hearing innumerable confessions.

He was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1888, saying "No life, except the life of Christ has moved me so deeply as that of Peter Claver. The Holy Spirit's might and power are manifested in the striking decisions and bold actions of Peter Claver."

It is of note that his mission continues today through a world-wide organization known as Apostleship of the Sea. (AoS) The group's focus is providing for the specific pastoral needs of mariners, their families, and all who travel by water. In addition to providing Mass and the Sacraments, they also work to ensure safe environments on ships, in mariner hospitals, help centers, and retirement homes.

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.

Prayer Line

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

Holy Land Gifts - Sept. 21-22

Holy Land Gifts will be visiting our Parish on Sept. 21-22 to sell their olive wood gifts to help relieve the dire Christian situation in the Holy Land. Olive wood carvings are made in home workshops by Catholic families in the city of Bethlehem who rely on their sales to pilgrims and tourists as their main source of income.

The recent war halted tourism to the Holy Land, all souvenir shops and Hotels are now closed resulting in 70% unemployment among the carvers. The Catholics of the Holy Land ask for the support of your prayers and the purchase of these handcrafted artworks. Proceeds from sales generate much-needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for 600 Catholic families in Bethlehem. Cards, cash and apple pay will be accepted. Please consider these Gifts for your family, friends, and yourself and be as generous as God is to you.

Corpus Christi Prayer Group

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30 – 11:30 AM in the St. Luke Room in 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 the Faith Formation Office 225-261-4644.

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.

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Janis Olivier

Jocelyn Clare Gerard - Mother of Lisa (Ronnie) Deaton.

Anthony Paul Walczak - Father of Dennis (Jolene) Walczak.

Veterans

If you served in the United States Armed Forces, we invite you to our annual Veterans Day Mass on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10 AM.

If you are a veteran and interested in having an active role in the Mass by reading, carrying your military branch or organization's flag, leading the pledge, or some other role, please email donna@ alphonsus.org, call the church office at 225-261-4650, or sign up through the Google form on our website: https://forms.gle/dlwjb5BXdYsZLHNi9.

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

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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: EM2 Dylan Lirette, EM4 Kobe Naquin

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after eight weeks.

Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Andy Juneau, Wallace Aymond, Jackson Holley, Jan Cobb, Rita Neck, 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, Jerry Davidson, Roxie Lippert, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mike Nicosia, Bo & Vicki Jameison, Cheryl Couvillion Howard, Buster Couvillion, Mike Richard, A.J. Aymond, Mona Miller, Adrian Coleman, Nettie Scardina, Jennifer McMillan, Jason Lasseigne, Feltus Templet, Josephine "Phine" Bravata, Ronnie Freeman, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Glenda Bringol, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Cathey Chustz, John Nicosia, Homer Brown, Gray Derrick, Krista Brown

Theology on Tap

Discerning God's Will in our Lives

Facilitated by: Steve Whitlow, a member of St. Alphonsus.

Steve is a husband, father, and attorney who serves
in many ministries in our parish including the
Adult Formation Committee. Steve will help us discern
where and how God is leading us
to be the person we are meant to be.



Where: St. Alphonsus Parish Activity Center

When: Sept. 22, 2024, from 6-7:30 pm

Nursery Available

RSVP: For Dinner and Drinks and Nursery

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FORMATION

Family Catechesis

Registration for the Family Catechesis program is still open. Forms available in the parish office and Faith Formation Office. The first session for Family Catechesis K-6th Grade will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:30 PM at St. Alphonsus Parish Activity Center. You will receive books and materials needed, and participate in activities. Parents and children need to attend.

Inquiry

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

Inquiry sessions take place every Thursday of the month, at 6:30 PM in the St. Francis Room. Call the Faith Formation Office for more details 261-4644.

Kids in Ministry

Kids in Ministry offers a great experience for families with young children from toddler to 5th grade

Mark your calendars to attend: **Fall Fest:** Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024

Christmas Party: Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 Spring Eggstravaganza: Sunday, April 13, 2025

Help is needed to make these events a success, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 for more information.



Confirmation Year 1

Year 1 Confirmation Candidates should have received a packet with information about the upcoming Mandatory over Night Retreat on September 28-29, 2024. If you have not received this packet, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Candidates will meet at 8 AM in the St. Alphonsus Multi-purpose building behind the Family Center they will depart and travel via bus to the Feliciana Retreat Center in Norwood, LA.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Ladies Altar Society

The Ladies Altar Society held their first luncheon/meeting of 2024-2025 on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in the St. Francis Room. *Photos submitted by Juanita Ross.*











Trip to Italy 2025

Some of the parishioners who walked the Camino de Santiago this year plan to walk the Saint Francis Way located in Italy, which is a 300-mile walk. They will fly out on Tuesday, April 22, two days after Easter. The walk begins in Florence, Italy, and will go through the towns of Siena, Perugia, Assisi, and Rome, and many other small villages in between. Some side trips include Naples, Pompeii, San Giovanni Rotondo (where St. Padre Pio spent most of his life), Loreto (where the house of Mary is located), Turin (where the Shroud of Turin is located), Cascia, Lanciano, Venice, and Padua. Several of the towns we will visit are locations of Eucharistic miracles. 2025 is a Jubilee year; therefore, we hope many other sites will allow tours.

It would be great to have to have a priest join us on the pilgrimmage. If not the whole time, maybe for part of it. If anyone knows of a priest who may be interested, please reach out to them.

You have the option to walk every day, or if needed, arrange transportation to the next destination. English speaking tours are included in many of the major cities. Luggage will be transported daily to the next location. Ground transportation and hotels are all arranged. The length of the trip is approximately 27 days, and an approximate cost is around \$5200 per person, plus air fare. For a firm price, we need to get a count of the total number of people who want to walk the Saint Francis Way. If interested, or if more information is needed, please call or text Chris Casselberry at 225-413-5444, or send an email to chrissr@corporategreen.us.

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

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Weekly Collection

Total Received	\$ 39,946.28
Assumption of Mary	\$ 982.50
Catholic University	\$ 276.00
<u>Children</u>	\$ 110.00
Parish Soft	\$ 1,135.28
Envelopes	\$ 886.00
New Parish Activity Center Fund	
Parish Soft	\$ 1,966.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,459.00
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Parish Soft	\$ 12,769.50
Unidentified	\$ 2,091.00
Envelopes	\$ 18,271.00
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