

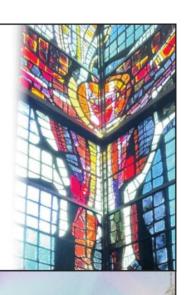
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### The Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race."

— Revelation 21:3







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# PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: MAY 17-25, 2025

Saturday	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass Troop 322 Fundraiser - G.S.		
Sunday	The Fifth Sunday of Easter			
·		8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses		
	Troop 322 Fundraiser - G.S.			
	12:00 PM	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Meeting - PAC E.H.		
Monday	6:00 PM	Scouts Troop - St. Matthew		
•	6:00 PM	Scouts Troop Parents - PAC Office		
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts Den - Sts. Luke, John & Mark		
	6:30 PM	School Board - S.G.		
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Novena		
	SAS 6th & 7th Grade Dismissal at Noon			
	2:00 PM	SAS Finance Council - 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.		
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass		
SAS 6th &		Grade Dismissal at Noon		
	12:00 PM	HIVE Meeting - S.F.		
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir - C.R.		
	6:00 PM	King's Men - K.C. Hall		
	6:00 PM	Fulfilled I & II Study - St. Mark		
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir - C.R.		
Thursday	8:30 AM	Mass & Rosary		
	SAS 6th & 7th Grade Dismissal at Noon			
	6:00 PM	Men's Club Meeting - PAC E.H.		
Friday	8:30 AM	Mass		
	SAS Last Day of School Dismissal at 1 PM			
Saturday	9:30 PM	Corpus Christi Prayer - St. Luke		
•	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass		
Sunday	The Sixth Sund 8 AM, 10 AM	day of Easter & 12 PM Masses		

## **WORSHIP**

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

## Readings for the Week - May 18-25

**Sunday**: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday**: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23;

Jn 14:23-29

Flowers in the church on May 17-18 are in memory of Elizabeth Blake by Francine Blake.

## Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Throughout our faith history, the Catholic Church has provided clarification of our dogmatic principles, authoritatively defining these incontrovertible truths. There are four Marian dogmas:

- 1) Mary's divine motherhood was discussed during the Council of Ephesus in 431AD. The debate was whether Mary could be called God-bearer (Theotokos) or should she be called Christ-bearer (Christotokos). St. Cyril of Alexandria sided with the belief that Mary should be called Theotokos. After much discussion/debate, the Council issued a decree declaring that Mary was in fact to be addressed as the Mother of God. Pope Celestin I ratified that decree.
- 2) Mary's perpetual virginity was one of the topics discussed at the Council of Constantinople in 553AD. Rooted in early Christian writings, her virginity is seen as symbol of her holiness and her role in salvation history. The Council officially decreed Mary as "ever-virgin." In 649AD Pope Martin I clarified the decree's meaning as Mary was a virgin before, during, and after Christ's birth. His ratification of the decree also stated that a denial of this truth is considered heresy.
- 3) The subject of Mary's Immaculate Conception for quite some time was the subject of debate. On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX issued an apostolic constitution titled Ineffabiles Deus as a papal bull making Mary's Immaculate Conception from that point forward Church dogma.
- 4) Mary's assumption into heaven became Church dogma when Pope Pius the XII, on 11/1/1950 issued an apostolic constitution, titled Munificentissimus Deus stating Mary was actually assumed into heaven.

In the Catholic Church we celebrate the month of May as the month of Mary, Our Mother. As our spiritual mother, Mary has much to teach us, and immeasurable love to bestow. We know that Mary was born without the stain of Original Sin, but we also know that she experienced unfathomable pain and suffering while witnessing her only son being scourged and crucified.

May is a time for special Marian devotions; whether it be a May Crowning, praying the rosary daily, praying a novena or other devotion to honor Mary.

# **OUTREACH**

#### **Rest in Peace**

Alvin Hebert - Husband of Carlin Hebert.

## **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**

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## **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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## **Pray for the Sick**

Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks.

Rita Neck, Lex Verbois, Jackson Holley, Vickie Calamia, Mike Danna, Norman Schlatre III, Brian Cashio, Beverly Rivera, AJ Aymond, Sue LeBlanc, Dolores Lassard, Helen Balzli, 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, Joey & Erin DeFreitas, Jessalyn Olsen, Ty Guilbeau, Lari Seguin, Janet Tate, Joseph Reed, 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, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Charlotte St. Romain, Brenda Lovett, Rachel Capone, Carrie and Chris Hebert, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mona Miller, Mildred Stroderd, Kevin McCarroll, Janet Messina, Krysta Brown, Catherine Tulli, Tina Badeaux, Heidi Anderson, Joseph Bossier, Ashley Coker, Harrison Simpson, David Kees, Gertrude Buhler, Jennifer McMillan, Jason Lasseigne, Feltus & Linda Templet, Brenda & Cindy Vavasseur, Charles & Dayna Ellis

## **Baby Bottle Fundraiser for New Life Clinic**

Bottles will be available in the Gather Space on May 10-11. Please return bottles with your donation to the Woman's New Life Clinic to the Gather Space or Church Office by May 18.



# **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**

# **Pray for Expectant Parents**

The following parents have been blessed with new life. Please keep them in your prayers: Caleb & Sara Puissegur.

If you would like to be added to this prayer list, please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650 and let them know the parents' names and when their baby is due.

## **Festival of Two Rivers**

On May 2-4, 2025, the St. Alphonsus Liguori community came together for our annual Festival of Two Rivers. It was a great weekend full of entertainment, great food, live music, and fun games. Thanks again to all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and those who attended. *Photos submitted by parishioners*.



## **Ministry Appreciation Crawfish Boil**

On Friday, May 9, 2025, Fr. Jason, our deacons, and the St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church and School staff served our devoted volunteers at our annual Ministry Appreciation Crawfish Boil as a thank you for all they do for our parish. *Photos by Sara Puissegur*.



















# **FORMATION**

#### **Scouts Fundraiser**

BSA Scout Troop 322 will be selling World's Finest Chocolate before and after each Mass this weekend, May 17-18. Funds from the sale will help the boys with the expenses of summer camp and other troop activities! As always, thank you for your support of our troop!

## We Need Catechists, Aides & Mentors

Who helped you to grow in your faith? All of us have someone to thank for passing on their faith. We know the importance of our faith and how it has helped us throughout our lives, but who will make sure our Catholic beliefs and traditions will be passed on to the future? Volunteers are needed to share our faith. Catechist, catechist aides and mentors help the youth of our parish come to know the Holy Trinity and our sacred traditions. We aren't asking for you to have a degree in Theology or any degree, just a willingness to share what you have been given. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information 261-4644. We need Catechists, Catechist Aides, and Mentors.

## **VBS Needs Your Help**

VBS is in need of your help. We are planning a wonderful week of fun and excitement. This year's theme is "True North." We are hoping to borrow items from the community for some of our décor. We need a canoe, paddles, camping equipment like a small tent, fishing poles, hiking boots, camp chairs, cooking equipment. If you have some of these items and would allow us to use them, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for details.

We also need help making decorations. If you can cut paper, you and your scissors are needed. We have the supplies and directions in the Faith Formation office. Please contact us and we will get you started. Items are due back in the Faith Formation Office by Friday, May 23, 2025.



#### **Confirmation Year 1**

Confirmation Year 1 will be preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June of 2025. The next session will be on Sunday, May 18, 2025. We will begin with Noon Mass and move to Emmanuel Hall at the Parish Activity Center for our session. Candidates your sponsor needs to attend this session. Lunch will be provided.

#### **Share Your Faith**

Our faith is not something that should be take for granted. Here at St. Alphonsus we have a responsibility to continue the good work begun here over a century ago. Who will pass on our traditions, our Sacraments, and our faith? You are invited to come join us as we work together to share what we have been given with our parish. You only need the willingness to take the first step. God's plan to grow His Kingdom is simple, one person sharing Jesus Christ with another person.

### **PSR Registration**

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

## **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Gifts of Stewardship**

For **May 3-4, 2025**, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

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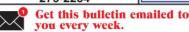
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