



# St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

One Family United in Christ

August 13, 2023

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The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven."*

— Psalm 85:12



## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

# *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Tuesday, August 15, 2023



### MASS TIMES:

6:00 AM

8:30 AM (School)

6:00 PM

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with you.*

## STAFF DIRECTORY

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## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: AUGUST 12 – 20, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 AM 4:00 PM	Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. <b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses 5:30 PM Theology on Tap - S.F.	
<b>Monday</b>	8:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Daily Mass</b> Scouts - Lighthouse Scouts Parent Meeting - S.J. Cub Scouts Den - Bl. Seelos
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 6:00 AM <b>Mass</b> 8:30 AM <b>School Mass</b> 6:00 PM <b>Mass</b> 6:30 PM Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:30 PM Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 PM Women of Faith - S.J.	
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 AM 11:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Communion Service</b> SVDP - Conf. Rm. King's Men - S.J. Auction Comm. - S.M. (PAC)
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Daily Mass &amp; Rosary</b> Church Finance - S.G. SAS Finance - S.G. Walking with Moms in Need Adoration Hour-Adoration Chapel RCIA Inquiry - S.C.
<b>Friday</b>	8:30 AM	<b>Daily Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>King's Men Welcome Retreat Weekend</b> 8:30 AM Catechist Training - S.F. 4:00 PM <b>Vigil Mass (Baptisms)</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses (Baptisms)	

## WORSHIP

### Vocation View: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peter received his special call when He acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior also receive a special call, especially if we are called to the priesthood or religious life. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778 or email [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).

## MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*

## Readings for the Week - August 13 - 20

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14;  
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16;  
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24; Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;  
Mt 15:21-28

## Diocese Sensory-Friendly Mass

On **Sunday, August 20, at 2 PM**, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be holding their monthly Sensory-Friendly Mass at **Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Baton Rouge, LA**, for individuals with special needs and their families. All are welcome. These Masses include lower lighting, softer music, and shorter, more literal homilies. However, the biggest difference is that they offer an environment free of stigma. Families and individuals are encouraged to get up and move if needed, to bring alternative seating, fidgets, or noise cancelling headphones, and to participate in the liturgy just as they are. For questions, please contact Deacon Randall Waguespack at 225-387-0562 x 1185 or email [rwaguespack@diobr.org](mailto:rwaguespack@diobr.org).

## Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Adoration

### St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

**Feast: January 28**

One of the most intelligent and well-known Catholic saints is Thomas Aquinas. He was a Dominican friar and priest who was ultimately designated a Doctor of the Church.

He is possibly the greatest Catholic philosopher and theologian whose impact on our faith was and remains invaluable.

He was a life-long supreme advocate of Eucharistic devotion, and was a scholar who recognized the importance of teaching both the scholarly as well as the simple Catholic worshiper. Aquinas played a major role initiating the feast of The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). It was Aquinas who wrote the initial liturgy in 1264.

Early in his career he began writing what would be called his Supreme Doctrine in which one of the first things he addressed was the Eucharist. His Eucharistic doctrine continues to be totally embraced by the Church.

To date, much has been written about Saint Thomas, as he led quite an interesting life. He impacted many aspects of our faith in addition to Eucharistic Adoration, as his writings continue to be an integral part of our faith and are readily available.

“The Blessed Eucharist is the perfect Sacrament of the Lord’s Passion, since it contains Christ Himself and his Passion. The proper effect of the Eucharist is the transformation of man into God.”  
- Saint Thomas Aquinas



## 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 Robin Debetaz 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 Robin Debetaz at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

### Formed

Go to [formed.org](http://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



## Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

The Magnificat ministry for Catholic women invites you to join us on Saturday, August 26, 2023, for a Prayer Breakfast from 9 AM to Noon at the Oak Lodge Reception Center in Baton Rouge.

Our guest speaker will be Joshua B. Zelden, a seminarian at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He is the beloved son of Magnificat pillars Judy and Mike Zelden. A semester in Rome awakened his love for the beauty and splendor of the Catholic Church. He graduated from LSU Law School, was married briefly, and has a daughter. After divorcing and receiving an annulment, Joshua entered Notre Dame Seminary in the fall of 2020. As he begins his priestly formation, he has felt an overwhelming sense of peace and liberation. He will be giving his personal testimony. The music ministry of Mercy Beaucoup will lead us in praise and worship as well.

Tickets are \$27 per person and will be sold through August 23. No tickets will be available at the door. Register online or mail attendee name(s) and check (made out to BR Magnificat) to:

BR Magnificat, 8825 Wakefield Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
Call (225) 272-7607 with questions.

## OUTREACH

### Pray for the Sick

**Please note:** Names are removed after eight weeks.

Kelly Williber, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Theresa Bourgeois, Jan Bankston, Terry Laurent, Tammy Laurent, Harrison Simpson, Matthew Chambers, Horace "Sonny" McLin, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Pete Carmona, Jan Clary, Pam Cox, Judee Super, Ken Ray Family, Ryan Babin, Avery Donaldson, Freida Scallan, Logan Nguyen, Pat Matthews, Sharon Leod, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Daniel Guerin, Janice Jeansonne, 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, Louis Lamar Bordelon, 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, John Nicosia, Keira Boone, Stevie Calverley, Billy Stears, Luke Allen, Blanche Hoover, Marlene Ortego, Gwen Moore, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Ashley Nix, Kelli Campo LaCroix, Donna Hebert, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Joan McIntyre, Charlotte St. Romain, Gary Whittington, Brenda Lovett, Janice Shaffett Hurst, Audie Miller, Vince Serio, Lucky Ross, Karen Rabalais, Lyndsey Quirk Neyland, Carole Thomas, Peggy Lafleur, Mary Catherine Guidry, AJ & Susan Dugas, Melise Efferson, Fran DeFelice, Cathey Chustz, Laurie Bernard, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Amanda Puissegur, Mary Lillie Martinez

## Rest in Peace

**Joseph Cazes, Jr. & Vivian Cazes** - Parents of Jody (Stacey) Cazes.  
Grandparents of Hunter & Cody Cazes.

## Retrouvaille - Marriage Help

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For more information about the **September 15-17, 2023**, program in Baton Rouge, please call 225-271-4092 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Expectant Parents

The following couples have been blessed with new life:

**Barrett & Kayla Dixon**

**Drew & Bailey Dileo**

**Josh & Katy Hindrichs**

**Reeve & Elena Legendre**

If you or someone you know is expecting, call 225-261-4650 and let us know their names and their baby's due date.

### Ladies Altar Society

Our first luncheon/meeting of 2023-2024 will be a Tea Party on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023**, at the Cottage Café and Tea Room (10443 Joor Road, Baton Rouge) at 11 AM. The cost will be \$20 per person and must be paid to the Church Office by September 1. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. If you have any questions, contact Dianne at 225-921-8356 or Cheryl at 225-235-0198.



## FORMATION

### Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation Registration

Now accepting registration forms for 2023-2024 Faith Formation (PSR/CCD) and Sacramental Preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation. Forms are available online at the parish website [www.alphonsus.org](http://www.alphonsus.org) in the back of church, the parish office, the Faith Formation Offices. Be sure to register before classes begin so materials can be ordered for your child. For more information, call the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644.

### Confirmation

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open now for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Forms may be found on the parish website [www.alphonsus.org](http://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](http://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 at 261-4644.

## Catechist Training

Catechist Training will be **Saturday, August 19** from 8:30 AM to 1 PM in the St. Francis Room. All Faith Formation catechist and catechist aids are required to attend this training. Catechists will receive teacher manuals and instructions, Diocesan Training, teaching resources and information about the events planned for the upcoming year.

## Mandatory PSR Parent Meetings

### Grades K- 9th

Thursday, August 31, 2023  
6:30 PM in the St. Francis Room

### Grades 10th - 11th

Thursday, September 7, 2023  
6:30 PM in the St. Francis Room

## Learning Group

Learning Group begins **Sunday, September 17, 2023**, at 10:15 AM. Class will end at 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.

## Family Catechesis

Family Catechesis begins:

Wednesday, September 27, 2023, for K – 6th Grade students, and Wednesday, October 11, 2023 for 7th to 11th Grade students.

## Adult Confirmation

This program is for baptized Catholics, ages 18 or older, who are practicing their faith but have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church. This annual program begins with a one-on-one interview for catechist to learn more about the candidate. Candidates are given the opportunity to (re)discover the essentials of our Catholic Faith. Sessions begin in December and candidates receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 to register or for more information.

## Inquiry - What Do Catholics Believe?

Interested or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in hopes of becoming Catholic? Inquiry will begin August 10<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are held Thursday evenings in the St. Clare Room at 6:30 PM. The classes will transition to RCIA sessions in December. Candidates will be received into the Church at Easter. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644.

## Unexpected Benefits of Bible Study Groups

1. Bible Study groups follow Jesus' example. This is called the Discipleship model. Acts 2/42 tells us that first generation believers met in home and "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship."

2. Accountability, we all have good intentions to stick with Bible study plans at home, yet distractions provide one reason after another to postpone or stop. Group members help to encourage and motivate each other.

3. Sometimes life is difficult. We can begin to think no one cares or understands what we are going through. Group members are there to listen and offer friendship and prayer.

4. By growing in understanding and knowledge of God, we can grow in love for one another and serve the body of Christ which will grow community.

5. A Bible Study group can be a place to transform our families, workplace and community.

Bible Studies begin in September. Consider signing up for one. Studies, times, and locations listed below.

## Sign up for a Bible Study Today!

All Bible Study registration forms can be found on the church website. The Bible Studies available for 2023-2024 are:

- **Acts** begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 9 – 11 AM in the St. Gerard Room with Joette Taylor.
- **Epic** begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the St. Clare Room with Margie Huguet.
- **Fulfilled Part One & Two / No Greater Love** begins on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, from 11 AM – 1 PM in the St. Clare Room with Peggy Broussard.
- **The Gospel of John / Ephesians** begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 11 AM to 1 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Joslyn Yeager.
- **Mark / Bible & Sacraments** begins on Monday, September 11, 2023, from 9 – 11 AM in the St. Francis Room with John Fabre.
- **The Bible Timeline #1** begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 6 – 8 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Lindsey Campbell.
- **The Bible Timeline #2** begins on Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 11 AM – 1 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Olga Johnson.
- **Lectio Peter / Hebrews** begins on Monday, September 11, 2023, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the St. Clare Room with Genet Scarbrough.
- **Revelation / James** begins on Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 10 AM – 12 PM in the St. Clare Room with Loretta Martone.
- **Wisdom / Genesis to Jesus** begins on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, from 9 – 11 AM in the St. Clare Room with Ann LeSage.
- **What We Believe / The Bible & Church Fathers** begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 9 – 11 AM in the St. Francis Room with Deanna Burns.

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**AUGUST 19-20, 2023**



# THEOLOGY ON TAP

Deacon Tim Messenger serves as Associate Director in the Office of the Diaconate, as Deacon Assistant at St. Margaret in Albany, and as Chaplain with the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW), where he is the Diocesan Prison Ministry Coordinator.

He is a proud father of four children and grandfather to ten grandchildren. Both he and his wife, Gloria, are very involved at St. Margaret's church in Albany.

Beyond the Barbed Wire is a mentoring program and collaborative effort between the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge. Deacon Messenger uses this program to help former incarcerated persons to live a life beyond the prison walls.



## Beyond the Barbed Wire

**DEACON TIMOTHY T.  
MESSENGER, SR.**

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**CHILD CARE  
PROVIDED**

**DINNER AT 5:30 PM  
TALK BEGINS AT 6 PM**

**ST. FRANCIS  
ROOM**

**PLEASE RSVP ONLINE AT [WWW.ALPHONSUS.ORG](http://WWW.ALPHONSUS.ORG)**







**JOIN US!!!**

**PACK 125**

**CUB SCOUTS**

**Join the fun!**

**Sign up for Cub Scouts**

**What:** Pack 125 Round Up Night

**Who:** Boys and Girls K- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**When:** Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6 PM

**Where:** St. Alphonsus Multi-Purpose Building behind the gym.

During the year we have outdoor activities, earn Belt Loops, receive awards for achievements, and build and race your own Pinewood Derby race car. Come make new friends.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Gifts of Stewardship

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

For July 29-30, 2023, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

#### Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	13,359.54
Unidentified	\$	1,422.00
Parish Soft	\$	5,501.29

#### Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	720.00
Parish Soft	\$	1.00

#### New Parish Activity Center Fund

Envelopes	\$	510.00
Parish Soft	\$	214.29

#### Children

Peter's Pence	\$	145.00
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<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,923.12</b>
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