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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed." – Isaiah 56:1

THEOLOGY ON TAP



FR. TODD LLOYD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

DINNER AT 5:30 PM TALK BEGINS AT 6 PM



EMMANUEL HALL CHILD CARE PROVIDED

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: AUGUST 19 - 27, 2023

| Nev. Michael J. Moroney | | | | |
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| fmmoroney@alphonsus.org | Saturday | King's Men Welcome Retreat Weekend | | |
| Robert Kusch | | 8:30 AM | Catechist Training - S.F. | |
| rkusch@diobr.org | | 4:00 PM | Vigil Mass (Baptisms) | |
| Ronnie Hebert | ~ - | | | |
| rhebert@diobr.org | Sunday | The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses (Baptisms) | | |
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| JoAnn Stein | Monday | 8:30 AM | Daily Mass | |
| joann@alphonsus.org | | 6:30 PM | Scouts - Lighthouse | |
| Melissa LeSage | | 6:30 PM | Scouts Parent Meeting - S.J. | |
| melissa@alphonsus.org | Tuesday | 8:30 AM | Daily Mass & Novena | |
| Krystal Armand | | 6:30 PM | Men's Scripture - C.R. | |
| adminassist@alphonsus.org | | 6:30 PM | Grief Support - S.C. | |
| Sara Puissegur | | 6:30 PM | Women of Faith - S.J. | |
| sara@alphonsus.org | Wednesday | 8:30 AM | Communion Service | |
| Robin Debetaz | ··· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • | 6:30 PM | King's Men - S.J. | |
| rdebetaz@alphonsus.org | Thursday | 8:30 AM | Daily Mass & Rosary | |
| t Donna Lambert | 1 mar stang | 6:00 PM | Men's Club - S.F. | |
| donna@alphonsus.org | | 6:00 PM | Walking with Moms in Need | |
| | | | Adoration Hour-Adoration Chapel | |
| Olga Johnson | | 6:30 PM | RCIA Inquiry - S.C. | |
| dre@alphonsus.org | | 6:30 PM | Scouts Committee - Lighthouse | |
| 1 Colby Novo | Friday | 8:30 AM | Daily Mass | |
| adff@alphonsus.org | | 7:00 PM | SAS Middle School Dance - | |
| Cindi Schlatre | | | F.C. | |
| cindi@alphonsus.org | Saturday | 9:30 AM | Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. | |
| | Saturuay | 4:00 PM | Vigil Mass | |
| Mark Mitchell | | -1.UU I 1VI | v 1g11 1v1a55 | |
| maintenance@alphonsus.org | Sunday | The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses | | |
| Michelle Morgan | | | | |

WORSHIP

Vocation View: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you wish to follow Him, Jesus said you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him. Are you courageous enough to follow Jesus as a priest, brother, or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778 or email jjohnson@diobr.org.

> Flowers in the church on August 19-20 are in honor of Frances Messina's Birthday by Connie Messina and Family

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 20 - 27

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

- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40; 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12 Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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.

Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Adoration

St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941) Feast: August 14

Maximilian Kolbe, Knight of the Immaculata and martyr of Auschwitz, was born Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894. In 1907, he entered the Franciscan minor



seminary. Here some professors predicted a career as a military strategist. And he proved to be a genius in spiritual combat.

Undeterred by incurable tuberculosis, Kolbe established the Militia Immaculatae, an "army" dedicated to Our Lady. He built Franciscan monasteries that doubled as publishing houses in the service of evangelization and vocations. Years later the Polish bishops officially credited Kolbe's publications with preparing the Polish people to spiritually survive World War II.

Kolbe's friars ran a newsletter, newspaper, and radio station, yet Kolbe saw Adoration as the most important activity of all. He would build the chapel on a new campus before building housing. "Eucharistic adoration is the greatest power in the universe, capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world." His words proved true, for in a concentration camp, he became an icon of the Eucharist, a source of strength and joy for his fellow prisoners, despite all appearances. He made a starvation bunker into a sanctuary, and he offered his life there, dying by lethal injections in 1941.

Eucharistic Lord, may love for you and your most holy Mother make us truly men for others.

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> 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

<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> 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.

<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 Robin Debetaz 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 Heil225-772-4278Gloria Jones225-337-8929



OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Glenn Lumpkin, Sr. - Father of Steven Lumpkin. Grandfather of Lakelyn & Madison Lumpkin.

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, PFC Quillan McMillan

LA NATIONAL GUARD: Spec4 Terrell Vidrine, First Lt. Jacob Haynes, PVT Joshua T. Marchand, Leah Gil

<u>AIR FORCE</u>: Senior Airman Madison T. Polk, Senior Airman Kristin A. Nijoka, Capt. Kyle Holifield, Major Vincent "Trey" Levraea, SSG Daniel Carter

NAVY: Com. Glenn P. Lumpkin, Jr., Chad Domm, AD3 Tyler Comeaux, MMA3 Daniel Wesley, GM3 (SW/AW) Seth Minard, Seaman E4 3rd Class PE Evan Hayes, HN Bret Burns, HN3 Jacques Bourgeois

U.S. MARINE CORPS: Major Blaine Ballard, Tyler Datz, Eric Vlahos **U.S. COAST GUARD**: EM2 Dylan Lirette, MK3 Kobe Naquin

Pray for the Sick

<u>Please note</u>: 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, Jill Bueche, Madden Brown, Aubrey Gautreau, Christopher Moreau

COMMUNITY LIFE

Coffee Break

CoffeeBreak invites all women of the parish to join us on **Friday, September 8** in the St. Francis Room. Our Study this season is Acts - The Good News of the Holy Spirit.



The study is paramount in every meeting and we have no homework. Keep in mind that CoffeeBreak ministry is more than just a bible study. CoffeeBreak is an opportunity to meet and re-connect with women in our parish. We all are on a journey in deepening our faith, and what better way to foster that than with our sisters in Christ. We begin at 9:15 AM with a social, refreshments, and coffee. We start with prayer, a decade of the rosary, music for reflection, and a viewing of a biblical short video in preparation to our study. Our reflection leader will give us a short lecture about the particular chapter and then we break off in small groups to discuss the questions guided by our reflection leader. We love the sisterhood that we share as we deepen our journey of faith. We also, throughout the year, enjoy a Christmas Luncheon, Spiritual Sisters, Ash Wednesday Retreat, and a in-house service project helping another ministry in our parish. \$25.00 Registration Fee made payable to St. Alphonsus Church. We hope if you are considering CoffeeBreak that you will join us. You will receive a warm welcome.

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 Cherryl at 225-235-0198.

RSVP for 80th Birthday Celebration

If you were born in or before 1943, please call the Church Office at 261-4650 to RSVP for our annual 80th Birthday Party, on **Saturday**, **September 16, 2023, at 4 PM Mass. A reception will follow Mass for all birthday celebrants.** *Please RSVP by Friday, September 1.* If you were born in or before 1943 and did not receive a personal invitation, please call the Church Office at 261-4650 and let us know.



St. Alphonsus Altar Server Pool Party

All St. Alphonsus Altar Servers were invited to a pool party at Deacon Robert and Carla Kusch's home on Monday, July 31, 2023, which included a water slide, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Everyone had a great time! *Photos submitted by Carla Kusch*.



FORMATION

PSR & 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 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 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 Confirmation Candidates Reminder** - Sponsors are required to attend all meetings in your second year. Sponsor Forms can also 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 at 261-4644.

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

Catechist Training

Catechist Training will be **Sat., 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.

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.

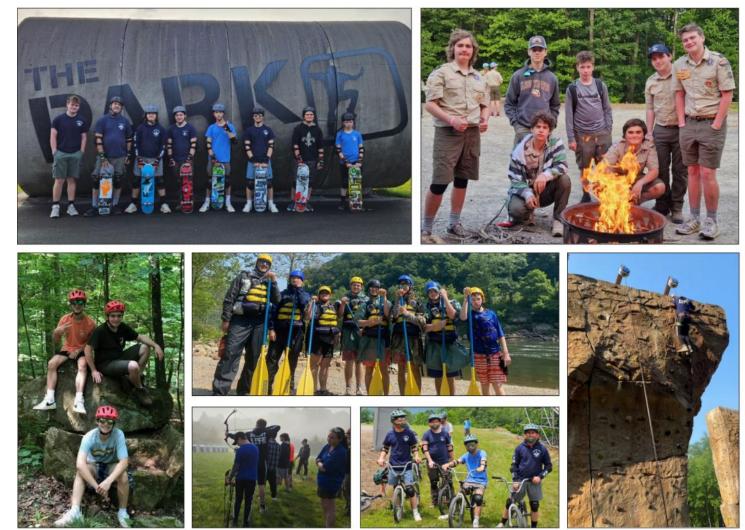
Sign up for a Bible Study Today!

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.

St. Alphonsus Scout Troop 322 Summer Camp

Our St. Alphonsus Scout Troop 322 enjoyed a week full of adventure at The Summit Bechtel Reserve located in West Virginia this summer! This adventure is called the Summit Experience and included a little of everything. These young men were able to test all of their outdoor skills by participating in rock climbing, zip lining, BMX riding, skateboarding, white water rafting, shooting, archery, and so much more! Thanks to all parishioners that continuously support this very important ministry for young men at St. Alphonsus through our annual jambalaya sales, wreath sales, and candy sales. Special thanks to our leaders, Dr. Ashley Alberty and Scott Truett, who accompanied these young men on their adventure. *Photos submitted by Cindy Neal*.



King's Men - That Man is You

Two weeks after the Men's Welcome Retreat, the King's Men will start year seven of That Man is You on Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30 PM in the St. Joseph Room (Multi-Purpose Building behind the Family Center). That Man is You is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. To register, go here: https://programs.paradisusdei.org/ join/80FACD or find the link on the St. Alphonsus church website.



Inquiry - What Do Catholics Believe?

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

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share? *See Romans 11:29*

For August 5-6, 2023, your Stewardship resulted in:

Weekly Collection

| Envelopes | \$ 17,206.00 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Unidentified | \$ 1,566.00 |
| Parish Soft | \$ 10,294.50 |
| Bank Draft | \$ 4,434.00 |
| Building/Maintenance Fund | |
| Envelopes | \$ 2,975.00 |
| Parish Soft | \$ 1,310.00 |
| Bank Draft | \$ 1,260.00 |
| New Parish Activity Center Fund | |
| Envelopes | \$ 2,625.00 |
| Parish Soft | \$ 1,253.57 |
| Bank Draft | \$ 550.00 |
| New Building Maint. | \$ 5.00 |
| Children | \$ 41.00 |
| Total Received | \$ 37,276.07 |





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