## St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church One Family United in Christ

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The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." – Matthew 18:19



# Happy Grandparents' Day!

A story time, A nursery rhyme, The time you spend with me Fills me up with happiness, You're everything to me.

A heart so full of love and care, I thank the world that you are there To always be the one for me That fills my hearts with memories.

Grandparents, grandparents, They are the greatest people in the world. Near of far, wherever you are, always be my shining star.

A smiling face, A warm embrace, A hand to hold, when I am cold, Two arms that hold me oh so tight And wish good dreams to me at night.





Blessing of all

at all Masses September 9-10

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## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 9 - 17, 2023

Saturday	9:30 AM <b>4:00 PM</b>	Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. Vigil Mass		
	4.001101	Blessing of Grandparents		
Sunday	The 23rd Sun			
Sunuay		The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Grandparents Day - <i>Blessing at all Masses</i>		
	8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses			
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Monday	Labor Day	, Church Office Closed		
Wionday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass		
	9:00 AM	Mark Bible Study - S.F.		
	6:00 PM	Festival of Two Rivers - S.G.		
	6:30 PM	Peter Bible Study - S.C.		
	6:30 PM	Scouts Troop / Game Night -		
		PAC, MPB		
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts Den - Blessed Seelos		
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Novena		
v	9:00 AM	Wisdom Bible Study - S.C.		
	11:00 AM	Ladies Altar Society Luncheon		
		Cottage Cafe and Tea Room		
	6:30 PM	Women of Faith - S.J.		
	6:30 PM	Men's Scripture - C.R.		
	6:30 PM	Grief Support - S.C.		
Wednesday	8:30 AM	<b>Communion Service</b>		
-	9:00 AM	What We Believe Study - S.F.		
	9:00 AM	Acts Bible Study - S.G.		
	11:00 AM	John Bible Study - S.G.		
	12:00 PM	SVDP Meeting - S.F.		
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir - C.R.		
	6:00 PM	Knights of Columbus - K.C. Hal		
	6:00 PM	Epic Bible Study - S.C.		
	6:00 PM	Timeline #1 Bible Study - S.G.		
	6:30 PM	King's Men - S.J.		
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir - C.R.		
Thursday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Rosary		
	8:30 AM	Pastoral Advisory Retreat - S.F.		
	10:00 AM	Revelation Bible Study - S.C.		
	11:00 AM	Timeline #2 Bible Study - S.G.		
	11:30 AM 1:30 PM	Organ Tuning - Church		
	6:00 PM	Piano Tuning - C.R. WWMIN Adoration-Ador.Chape		
	6:30 PM	RCIA Inquiry - S.F.		
Friday	8:30 AM	School Mass		
Friday	7:00 PM	Hive Booster Adult Dance - PAC		
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Saturday	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass (Baptisms)		
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Sunday		The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses (Baptisms) Catechetical Sunday - Blessing of all Cate				
	10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy - S.F.		
	10:15 AM	Learning Group - All Classrooms		
	10:15 AM 10:15 AM	RCIC - S.J.		
	3:00 PM	Scouts Court of Honor - S.F.		
	5:30 PM	Theology on Tap - S.F.		
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## WORSHIP

## Readings for the Week - September 10 - 17

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9: Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 - 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

#### Vocation View: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life in service of the Lord is never dull, and often challenging. Consider life 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.

#### **Diocese Sensory-Friendly Mass**

On Sunday, September 17, at 2 PM, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be holding their monthly Sensory-Friendly Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Denham Springs, LA, for individuals with special needs and their families.

#### Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Adoration

St. Agnes of Montepulciano (1268-1317) Feast: April 20

St. Agnes of Montepulciano was born in 1268 into an Italian noble family. There was no doubt that she was destined for heavenly



glory. By the age of six, she already wanted to join a convent because of her love of God. To appease Agnes, her mother would frequently take her to visit convents in the vicinity.

At age nine, Agnes actually joined the Franciscans at Montepulciano, which was considered quite an anomaly. She was happiest when in contemplative prayer and when she was in ecstasy during her many visions of the Blessed Virgin.

St. Agnes lived on bread and water for 15 years and slept on a stone pillow. She actually received Holy Communion from the angels. Her dedication to the Blessed Sacrament was unmatched.

Our Lord appeared to St. Agnes and told her she was to leave the Franciscans to establish a Dominican community. Shortly thereafter, Our Lady presented her with three stones (denoting the Holy Trinity) and showed her the location where the community was to be built.

When her health diminished, the Sisters took her to the healing baths at Chianciano in hopes of a cure. Although Agnes was not cured, she performed a miracle on site. A young boy had fallen into the waters and drowned. His body was retrieved, so St. Agnes prayed over him, bringing him back to life. To this day, the baths are still known as the waters of St. Agnes.

## **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 Heil 225-772-4278 Gloria Jones 225-337-8929



## **OUTREACH**

## 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

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**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.

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, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Theresa Bourgeois, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Carl & Barbara Guidry, Chad Price, Michael Zeringue, Francine Blake, Robbie David

## Are You Prepared for Hurricane Season?

Hurricane season has begun, and now is the time to prepare your family for what may come. FEMA has a plan on their website: **FEMA P-1094.** Just enter the above form number in your search engine. This form is available for print and will guide you through the process to create and practice your *Family Emergency Communications Plan*. Having your personal plan in place will make your family secure and make you better available to serve others in time of need. If you have special needs, please contact Donna at 225-261-4650.

*There is great merit in praying for the best, but there is no harm in preparing for the worst!* 

## **Rest in Peace**

**JoAnn Keller -** *Mother of Karen Keller.* **Vernon Blanchard** 

## FORMATION

## 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 PM Mass together to receive a blessing.

## **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, September 27, 2023,** at 6:30 PM at St. Alphonsus in the Church. You will receive books and materials needed, and participate in activities. Parents and children need to attend.

## Scouts Jambalaya Sale

Scout Troop 322 will be selling jambalaya tickets after all Masses on September 16-17, 2023, for \$8 each. Pick-up lunches on Sunday, September 24, 2023, between 11 AM - 2 PM under the SAS Bus Port. Money raised helps to defray the cost of Winter Camp. Thank you for supporting the St. Alphonsus Scout Troop 322.

## Inquiry - What Do Catholics Believe?

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

## **Rite of Christian Initiation for Children**

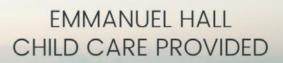
Rite of Christian Initiation for Children is the process for children age 8 and above interested in joining the Roman Catholic faith. The R.C.I.C. process has five periods of formation: Inquiry, Catechumenate, Purification, Enlightenment, & Mystagogia. Meetings are held on Sunday mornings at 10:15-11:45 AM in the Multi-Purpose Building behind the Family Center. The first meeting is on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information at 225-261-4644.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Holy Communion: FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

## FR. TODD LLOYD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

DINNER AT 5:30 PM TALK BEGINS AT 6 PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.ALPHONSUS.ORG

## **Bible Studies**

All Bible Studies begin this week are you registered? Come join a Bible Study and see the difference it will make in your relationship with God.

### **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. We begin at 9:15 AM with a social, refreshments, and coffee. \$25.00 Registration Fee made payable to St. Alphonsus Church.

## **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. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 to register or for more information.

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

## 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. If you have any questions, contact Dianne at 225-921-8356 or Cherryl at 225-235-0198.



## **New Members**

Travis, Rustee & Cole Cliburn Charles, Kristie, Zara, Charley, & Jack Granata, & Emma Robertson Joseph, Jazmin, Adison, Giselle, & Daniel Salcedo Daniel, Georgia, & Lilian Marie Weimer Caleb, Madison, Piper, & Baylor Wilson

#### **Expectant Parents**

The following couples have been blessed with new life: Barrett & Kayla Dixon Josh & Katy Hindrichs Reeve & Elena Legendre



All are invited to celebrate the Blessing and Grand Opening of the St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church Parish Activity Center on Friday, September 22, 2023, at 6 PM. A reception will follow in Emmanuel Hall.

This project was made possible through the generosity of many donors. Thank you.



## **ADMINISTRATION**

## **Gifts of Stewardship**

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

For August 26-27, 2023, your Stewardship resulted in:

Weekly Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 12,656.56
Unidentified	\$ 1,700.09
Parish Soft	\$ 4,913.50
<b>Building/Maintenance Fund</b>	
Envelopes	\$ 430.00
Parish Soft	\$ 911.00
<u>New Parish Activity Center Fund</u>	
Envelopes	\$ 1,160.00
Parish Soft	\$ 399.63
Children	\$ 30.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 85.00
Total Received	\$ 22,285.78

## Special Collections on Parish Soft Giving

Catholic University Religious Education Closes September 10, 2023 Closes September 17, 2023





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