



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022 - Volume 14, Issue 51

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." - Matthew 1:23



The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Chancel Choir Concert at 3 PM

Vigil Masses at 4 PM, 6 PM & 8 PM

Bell Choir Concert at 5:30 PM



We will live stream
the 4 PM Vigil Mass
on Christmas Eve.

There will be
no live stream on
Christmas Day.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Masses at 8 AM & 10 AM

*"For there is born to you this day
in the city of David
a Savior who is Christ the Lord."*



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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: DECEMBER 17-25, 2022

Saturday	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass <i>Vote on K.C. Christmas Poster Contest Entries</i> <i>After Mass - F.C.</i>
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses <i>Vote on K.C. Christmas Poster Contest Entries</i> <i>After All Masses - F.C.</i>	12:00 PM Giving Tree Gifts Due 1:00 PM Youth Christmas Party - F.C.
Monday	8:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass Scouts - F.C., S.J., Blessed See. School Board - S.G.
Tuesday	8:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass Confirmation Mentors-Conf. Rm. Grief Support - S.C. Men's Scripture - C.R.
Wednesday	5:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Bell Choir - C.R., Church Auction Committee - S.F. C King's Men - S.J. Chancel Choir - C.R., Church
Thursday	8:30 AM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass Scouts Committee - Blessed See.
Friday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Saturday	Christmas Eve 3:30 PM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Chancel Choir Concert Vigil Mass (live stream) Bell Choir Concert Vigil Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Mass Mass

LET US
ADORE HIM
Christ the Lord

WORSHIP

Vocation View: Fourth Sunday of Advent

God sent His Son Jesus to teach people of the Father's love and plan for salvation. Jesus continues to send priests, sisters, deacons, and brothers to the world to continue His work of salvation. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

Readings for the Week - December 19-25

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Christmas Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Sunday: Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Decor Committee: Christmas Schedule

Fri., Dec. 16 at 9:15 AM: Christmas tree delivery.

Need help placing trees in church and erecting poinsettia tree frame. We will place poinsettias in pots and refresh wreaths at this time and stage the area for the manger. All garland and lights can be hung.

Sun., Dec. 18 after 12 PM Mass: Finish decorating.

Need help to move poinsettia tree frame into church and fill with poinsettias. Finish altar decor and outside decor. We will also move manger figures into place and decorate gather space tree.

Christmas Flowers In Memory Of...

Christmas Flowers envelopes that were received by Thursday, December 15, 2022, will have their In Memory Of names listed in the December 25, 2022, church bulletin. Any names listed on Christmas Flowers envelopes received between December 16-January 1 will run in the bulletin on January 8, 2023.

OUTREACH

Capital Area CASA Needs Volunteers

Make a life-changing impact. Help us shorten the waitlist of children who need a Court Appointed Special Advocate. Sign up for a Zoom orientation today! There will be many training dates in January, February, and March 2023. Go to casabr.org to learn more!



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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

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 and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway with our parish access code- 9R9K3M.

Prayer Line

Beverly Heil 225-772-4278

Gloria Jones 225-337-8929

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Party

Members of St. Vincent de Paul Conference gathered to celebrated "Christmas in Hawaii" at their annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 5, 2022. SVDP President Debbie Johnson thanks the wonderful team of volunteers who help run the Food Pantry and help those in need throughout the year. *Photos submitted by Debbie Johnson. See additional photos on the church Facebook page.*



Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after eight weeks.

David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Theresa Bourgeois, Jan Bankston, Mary Bridges, 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, Millie Strickland, Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Angie Welsh, Kenny Miller, Lynette Lemoine, Chris Hobkirk, Carolyn Miller, Rick Mock, Patrick Bourgeois, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Liam Thistlewaite, 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, Betty BeJeaux, Ashley Nix, Kelli Campo LaCroix, Donna Hebert, Alex Menesses, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Joan McIntyre, Charlotte St. Romain, Gary Whittington, Brenda Lovett, Christine Cobb, Kenny Kuykendall, Karen Rabalais, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Parker Coker, Cohen Coker, Corey Coker, Lucky Ross, Kersten Swiger, Kelly Williber, Mary Killet, Kevin Nicosia, Charles Cowart

Living Giving Tree

Thank you to all of our parishioners who took ornaments from the Living Giving Tree this year. Many families and individuals in need will be blessed by your generosity. **Please remember to return all gifts with tags to the Gather Space by Sunday, December 18 at Noon.**

Serving Our Country

If you have a family member serving in the military, please call 261-4650, and let us know their information.

ARMY: Major Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Capt. Brian C. Greco, Specialist E-4 Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere, Brian D. Duvic, Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Martin, Specialist E-4 Ethan Russell, PFC Jacob Fontenot, PFC Kory A. Nijoka, PFC Quillan McMillan

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U.S. MARINE CORPS: Major Blaine Ballard, Tyler Datz, Eric Vlahos

U.S. COAST GUARD: EM2 Dylan Lirette

COMMUNITY LIFE

Keep Christ in Christmas View & Vote

Knights of Columbus Council #2807 invites the entire parish to view the 2022 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest entries on **December 17-18** in the Family Center after all weekend Mass times. Come by and vote on your favorites. We will have coffee and donuts on Sunday morning.

Expectant Parents

The following couples have been blessed with new life:

Jonathan & Taylor Sicard

Barrett & Alex Bailey

Ken & Shannon Brown

Jacques & Morgan Barrick

Russel & Dena Landry

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

Generation
to
Generation

CAMPAIGN FOR TOMORROW

To view the latest Pledge Drive total, go to www.alphonsus.org or the St. Alphonsus Church Facebook page. If you have not turned in your pledge card yet, please fill it out and place it in the weekend collection.

Auction, Taste Fair & \$10,000 Raffle

Thank you to our Generous 2023 Sponsors!



This year we received \$38,000 in Auction sponsorships!
That is the most we have EVER received,
surpassing our 2022 Auction sponsorships by \$5,000.
Thank you to all of our 2023 Sponsors:

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Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 4, 2023.
\$10,000 Raffle Tickets will go on sale in January!

Ladies Altar Society December Luncheon

Members of the Ladies Altar Society attended their December Luncheon Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. The tables were decorated festively for the holiday season, and everyone had a great time. *Photos submitted by Carolyn Daigle.*



FORMATION

Learning Group

Learning Group classes resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Family Catechesis

Our next Family Catechesis for 7th -11th will be:
Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

The next Family Catechesis for K-6th will be:
Tuesday, January 24, 2023.



YOUTH

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18

**Sort Giving Tree Gifts
after Noon Mass**

**Lunch and Games in gym
afterwards till 3:30 PM**

Youth 6th-12th Grade

RSVP on Parish Website





ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, March 12, 2023, in the Family Center after the 10 AM & 12 PM Masses

If you would like to help bake cookies our dates are: 1/14, 1/16 & 1/21.

We are also in need of the following ingredients to make enough cookies for the altar:

170 Pounds of Flour	2 cases of Dried Figs
50 Pounds of Sugar	50 Pounds of Pecans
592 oz. Maraschino Cherry	80 oz. of Dates
22 Dozen Eggs	384 oz. of Raisins
150 Pounds of Powder Sugar	15 lbs. of Fresh Navel Oranges
24 Pints of Fig Preserves	

Please go to Flocknote to sign up to bring an ingredient to the Formation Office the first week of January. These ingredients are needed by January 6, 2023.

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For December 3-4 2022,
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$ 24,226.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,654.00
Parish Soft	\$ 9,180.50
Bank Draft	\$ 2,624.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$ 3,697.00
Unidentified	\$ 504.00
Parish Soft	\$ 1,210.00
Bank Draft	\$ 1,536.00

New Parish Activity Center Fund

Envelopes	\$ 5,441.34
Parish Soft	\$ 1,897.87

Children

	\$ 103.00
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Campaign for Human Development

	\$ 1.00
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Christmas Flowers

	\$ 1,332.00
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Total Received

	\$ 53,406.71
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