



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 16, 2020 - Volume 12, Issue 33

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

80+ Years of Wisdom, Love, & Stewardship

On Sunday, August 16, 2020, St. Alphonsus will recognize parishioners born in 1940 or before with a special drive-thru celebration in the back church parking lot at 2 PM. Thank you to all who participated and to all those that helped us honor our special octogenarians. At press time (August 10, 2020), those who planned to celebrate with us are:

100 Years Old

Lita Serio (8/27/1920)

96 Years Old

Joseph Ballard

93 Years Old

Weber Mansur

92 Years Old

Rosa Daigle

Irma Laird

91 Years Old

Louvenia Ballard

90 Years Old

Suzie Calvaruso

Josie Gulino

88 Years Old

Marie Bergeron

Allen Crochet

87 Years Old

Joseph Bergeron

Goldie Eisworth

86 Years Old

Leon Clouatre

John Hood

George Leteff

Camilia Lorio

Norris Marchand

85 Years Old

Peggy Boeneke

Marvin Garrene

Mary Garrene

Emma Marchand

Michael Sagona

Silvia Samson

84 years old

Barbara Crochet

Eric Kidder

Joseph Samson

83 Years Old

Vincent Arnone

Rayne Lorio

Rita McKee

Robert McKee

Alice Miguel

Patsy Sagona

Bill Simon

82 Years Old

Corrine Bezdek

Reda Cockerham

Beverly Heil

Theresa Hood

Shirley LaPorte

Louise Raborn

Corine Sanchez

81 Years Old

Wiley Aymond

Raymond Barnett

Harry Fitzgerald

June Guedry

Ray Heil

Roxie Lippert

Vercie Mansur

Barbara Matherne

Delery Matherne

John Miguel

80 Years Old

Joyclyn Barnett

Beverly Corbett

John Deselle

Hymel Doming

Bruce Gauthier

Soon to Be 80

Sandra Pullam

Nettie Scardina

Mildred Stroder

Happy
Birthday!

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WORSHIP

Welcome! Is this your first visit?

We are delighted to have you join us for worship at St. Alphonsus, and we hope you will return often. If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a parishioner by going to alphonsus.org, selecting WeShare, and filling out our online registration form.

Readings for the Week - Aug. 17 - 23

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-2
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

*Flowers in the church this weekend
are in memory of Sadie Giambrone
by Tommy & Mamie Gerald and Laura Giambrone*

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Patrick Hall - Husband of Jamie Sommers Hall.
Father of Ashlyn and Landon Hall.

Huey Smith - Father of Susan Crochet, Helaine Smith,
Kenny Smith, Bruce Smith, and Carl Smith.

Serving Our Country

If you have a family member serving in the military, please call 261-4650, and let us know the name, rank and branch of military.

ARMY: Major Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Capt. Brian C. Greco, Specialist Sam Lockwood, Specialist E-4 Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere, Capt. Joseph Sherwin (Chaplain), Brian D. Duvic

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Care During COVID-19 (CDC) Ministry

We are living in unprecedented times. The Church is made in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ such that we are made to be in relationship not only with God but with our community, with His creations, with every other human being.

One of the most distressing aspects of the Covid pandemic is the loss of fellowship, the relationships within our community. The people of St. Alphonsus require Eucharistic communion as well as human communion with one another. We understand that many may be fearful of contracting the virus which is understandable. Sheltering in place is safe but loneliness, depression, or anxiety over unemployment are the side effects of our lack of community.

This is why we are launching a special ministry called CDC (CARE DURING COVID-19), not to be confused with the other CDC. Your assistance is needed in helping us locate those who are quarantined and in need of groceries or prescriptions. Please call our office so we can assist running errands, or make a phone call to someone who is experiencing loneliness. So much of our lives are filled with uncertainty but sharing the gifts of Christ's love will bring us into the human communion we all seek.

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after eight weeks. Call the office to put name back on the list.

Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Liam Thistlewaite, Al Felps, Nicholas LaCroix, Kenny Achord, P.H. Zito, Patsy Sagona, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, John Nicosia, Marci Fitzgerald, Billy Stears, Luke Allen, Betty Castor, Blanche Hoover, Carolyn Watts, Marlene Ortego, Laney Borden, Patsy Messina, Sonya Clement, Gwen Moore, Wick Samson, Jeanette Felps, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Betty BeJeaux, Josie Thompson, Denise Eller, Celeste Thibodeaux, Thomas Morgan, Victor Howell, Lucky Ross, Don York, Kelli Campo LaCroix, Suzette Brocato, Pat Matthews, Joy Lonibos, Sharon Loeb, Laurence LeSage, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Darrell Firmin, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Emeterio Guzman, Josh Hall, Stephen Kenaley, Karen Rabalais, Bruce Mayeaux, Vince Dileo, Jr., Daniel Guerin, Janice & Barton Jeansonne, Mark Davis, Curtis Mitchell, Doris Bennett, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Ronnie Collette, Jane Mizell, Marlene LeBlanc, Catherine Willis, Lynette Shaffett, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, John Martone, Jackie Scardina, Fisk Morris, Mollea Hood, Michael Morales, Gloria "Jinkie" Phillips, Theresa Ognibene, John Larkin, Savannah McNair, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Jamie Samson, Louis Lamar Bordelon, Mildred Faul, Kathy Madere, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Barbara Simoneaux, Millie Strickland, Wayne & Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Kenny Miller, Sandra Fromenthal, Marie Fromenthal, Jimmy LeSage, Phil & Betty Chenevert, Mary Guedry, Katherine Turner, Dalton Guidry, Trey Spears, Lorraine Raborn, Pauline Laurent, Linda Landry, Alan Bourgeois, Patrick Bourgeois, Joseph & Lou Ballard, Ashley Nix, David McMillan

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.

Ministry currently on hold until further notice.

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](https://www.formed.org) and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway with our parish access code- 9R9K3M.

Prayer Lines

Mary Frederick 225-261-5145

Adam Landry 225-938-8000

Homebound & Need Holy Communion?

Are you, or an immediate member of your family, unable to attend Mass due to illness, frailty or other problems and wish to receive Holy Communion at home?

St. Alphonsus has Eucharistic ministers who bring the comfort of Christ in the form of the Eucharist to those who cannot physically come to Mass. In this way, the sick and homebound are united to the Body of Christ present in our community. We continue the healing and compassionate ministry of Jesus, as members of His Body. It is always in Jesus' Name that we visit.

Our call as Ministers to the Sick is to be present to those attempting to find God in their life situation, by praying with and listening to them. Christian presence is the gift we bring to the sick. Confidentiality, respect of the patient, and acceptance of them for whom and where they are, are the gifts inherent in this ministry. This ministry fulfills Christ's command to visit the sick and to be concerned about their bodily and spiritual welfare.

Please contact Deacon George Hooper at the Church Office at 261-4650 to arrange these visits.

Are You Prepared?

Our hurricane season has officially begun. Now is the time to prepare your family for what may come. FEMA has a great plan on their website. The form is: **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**. If you consider volunteering in case of an emergency, having your personal plan in place will make your family secure and make you better available to serve others in times of need. There is great merit in praying for the best, but there is no harm in preparing for the worst!

COMMUNITY LIFE

Retrouvaille Retreat

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next Retrouvaille Weekend in the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be September 11-13, 2020. (All COVID-19 precautions will be in place). For more information, contact: Bill and Missie @ 985-232-5963 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org.

Expectant Parents

Pray for expectant families who have been entrusted with a new life to nurture and love: **Jay & Maria LeBlanc, and Ryan & Ashley Boyle**.

If you or someone you know is expecting a new addition, please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650 and let us know their names and the month they are due.

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 8-9, 2020**, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	19,457.20
Unidentified	\$	559.00
WeShare	\$	5,386.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	1,150.00
WeShare	\$	695.00

Children's Collection	\$	20.00
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<u>Catholic Charities</u>	\$	80.00
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<u>Assumption of Mary</u>	\$	95.00
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<u>Total Received</u>	\$	27,442.20
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FORMATION

Registration for PSR & Sacraments

St. Alphonsus offers two opportunities for Faith Formation: **At-Home** and **Learning Groups**. These options are designed to help the children in our parish grow in their understanding of our Catholic Faith. **Registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office, or online at alphonsus.org.** *We request that you stay with the option chosen for the entire academic year.* Due to the pandemic, if adjustments need to be made parents will be notified via **FLOCKNOTES** (see website to sign up). Safety guidelines will be consistent with St. Alphonsus School as prescribed by the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

AT HOME – Religion classes for Students in K - 12 grade in public or private school.

At Home sessions scheduled Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Mandatory Parent Meeting: October 7, 2020

At Home sessions: 10/7, 11/18, 1/20, 3/3 and 4/14

LEARNING GROUPS – Religion classes for Students in K –12 grade in public or private school.

Learning Group sessions scheduled Sundays from 5:30 - 7:00 PM.

Mandatory Parent Meeting: September 13, 2020

Learning Group sessions: 8/16, 8/30, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6, 1/3, 1/17, 1/31, 2/7, 2/28, 3/7, 3/21 and 4/18

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – A copy of child's Baptismal Certificate is required at the time of registration.

Faith Formation Volunteers Needed!

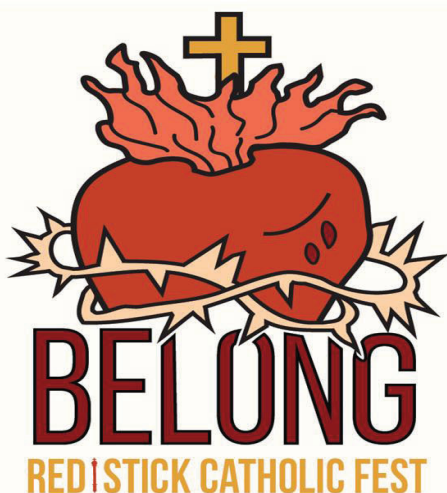
Are you being called to help bring the Gospel message to children in our parish?

Some great opportunities to get involved in our faith community:

Learning Group Catechist Aide - Assist a class

Parking Lot Security - Help monitor students and carpool

Contact Elizabeth at 261-4644 or elizabeth@alphonsus.org



ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH INVITED:

Join us for Red Stick Catholic Fest 2020, as we dive into why the desire to belong is written on our hearts.

Participants will enjoy talks from Fr. Josh Johnson, Avera Santo and more.

We will also have a Diocesan-wide, LIVE trivia competition hosted by Fr. Brad Doyle, The Quizzical Papist, also other games and activities.

The day will end with a live-streamed adoration and praise and worship.

Saturday, August 29

2:00 - 8:30 PM ~ St. Francis Room

Attending 4 PM Mass and Dinner Provided

Contact Elizabeth if interested in attending.

261-4644 or elizabeth@alphonsus.org

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