



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

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*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God." — Philippians 4:6*



Live the
Gospel of *Life*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2020

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Please join us in the battle to end the injustice of abortion here in Baton Rouge. **Forty Days for Life** will form a vigil outside of Delta Women's Clinic (756 Colonial Drive 70808) from September 23 until November 1. The Knights of Columbus Council #2807 along with the parishioners of St. Alphonsus Parish will unite in prayer, fasting, and community outreach on:
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM

You can sign up after Masses on the weekends of October 3-4 and October 10-11, or email susan@alphonsus.org.

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WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - Oct. 5 - 11

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

Family Adoration & Benediction

On Saturday, October 3, we will resume our monthly Adoration & Benediction at 8:30 AM in the Church. Everyone over age 2 should wear a mask for the duration of their time in the church building. Please practice social distancing between families. All parishioners are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will resume our monthly Divine Mercy Chaplet on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 PM in the church. We appreciate you praying from your homes during these last 6 months. So many of you have been praying for us to meet again for this beautiful devotion. Well, prayers have been answered. We will certainly be practicing all the recommendations, wearing masks, and social distancing. At this time, we will not have the intention box, but will lift up all your intentions at the devotion.

In the Diary of St. Faustina, Our Lord said, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy" (Diary #300). Come join us in lifting up our prayers and placing our trust in Our Merciful Lord! For those who can come early, we will be praying the Rosary at 5:20 PM.



Coast to Coast Rosary

The Knights and Ladies of K.C. Council #2807 invite you to join in praying the Rosary Coast to Coast on **Sunday, October 11 at 3 PM** at St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church. Today our battle is spiritual! We continue to live in peace-less times with laws and court rulings in conflict with God's laws, especially the disregard for the rights of the unborn, the elderly, and weak in our society. Please join with hundreds of Catholics across the country to pray together on this 103rd anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to call upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary to heal our country and return it to Holiness.

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

James Clyde Gremillion

Virginia Territo - Mother of Janet Phillips.

Ronald Alford - Father of Jimmy (Cheryl) Alford.

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.

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Blood Drive at K.C. Hall

The Knights of Columbus #2807 will be hosting a Blood Drive with Our Lady of the Lake on Sunday, October 18 from 8 AM to 2 PM at the K.C. Hall (6923 Oak Cluster Dr, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739).

Pray for the Sick

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

Linda Landry, Alan Bourgeois, Patrick Bourgeois, Joseph & Lou Ballard, Ashley Nix, David McMillan, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Liam Thistlewaite, Al Felps, Nicholas LaCroix, P.H. Zito, Patsy Sagona, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, John Nicosia, Susan Menesses, Kaitlyn McFarland, Alan Cayer, Angie Welsh, Donna Hebert, Charles Russo, Bruce Jenny, Bruce Haik, Billy Stears, Luke Allen, Betty Castor, Blanche Hoover, Carolyn Watts, Marlene Ortego, Patsy Messina, Blake Ashford, Gwen Moore, Wick Samson, Jeanette Felps, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Betty BeJeaux, James & Carole Thomas, Jimmy Smith, Olivia Thomas, Josie Thompson, Bill Yeager, Kelli Campo LaCroix, Lou Gabriel, Mizi Madere, Pat Matthews, Joy Lonibos, Sharon Loeb, Laurence LeSage, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Darrell Firmin, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Gertrude LeBlanc, 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, Patricia Turner, John Fabre, Tina Vincent, Bruce Melancon

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 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



with a well-formed conscience

A Message from Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond

As we approach the upcoming local, state, and national elections, I have received many emails, calls, and letters with questions from Catholics and other people of faith regarding how to vote. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some important points, particularly for Catholics.

Let me start off by saying that no member of the Catholic bishops, priests, deacons, religious, or laity in church leadership may endorse or oppose any candidate for office. The US Catholic Bishops document “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship” prohibits any endorsement of a candidate by church leadership but challenges Catholics to vote with a properly formed conscience... A well-formed conscience is formed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer, scripture, and reflecting and informing oneself about the moral teachings of the Catholic Church as guided by “Faithful Citizenship.” It is our responsibility as disciples of Jesus to look carefully at the platform of each candidate and compare these principles to the teaching of Christ and the Church.

As Christians, we believe in the values handed on to us by Jesus and our tradition. I invite the faithful and all people of good will to study carefully the information from the bishops’ conference and, through prayer, make a responsible decision based on a well-formed conscience in the upcoming election.

Let us together pray for our country and for peace in our world.

Issues of Public Policy Concern for Catholics:

- Address the preeminent requirement to protect human life
- Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as a life-long commitment between a man and a woman
- Achieve comprehensive immigration reform
- Help families and children overcome poverty and ensure access to education
- Ensure full conscience protection and religious freedom
- Provide healthcare that respects human life and dignity
- Oppose unjust discrimination
- Establish and comply with moral limits on military force
- Pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation.

To find other helpful resources, visit <https://nolacatholic.org/vote>

40 Days for Life: Take Action Now!

A rising threat to the lives of unborn babies is the chemical abortion pill. The number of chemical abortions in the US has gone up dramatically, while the overall number of abortions has decreased. COVID-19 is expected to only make the problem worse, with more women (and teen girls) seeking chemical abortions at home—even illegally, by mail and without a doctor's prescription. This is especially scary because chemical abortion can be more painful, traumatic, and risky for women than surgical abortion. But there is hope: a new bill has been introduced that could help protect mothers and babies from chemical abortion.

The Support and Value Expectant (SAVE) Moms & Babies Act (H.R. 4399 / S. 3072) could help improve regulation of chemical abortion pills. The SAVE Moms & Babies Act would codify current FDA (Food and Drug Administration) safety regulations requiring physicians to dispense the pills, prevent providers from dispensing these drugs remotely, by mail, or via tele-medicine, and prevent the (FDA) from approving new chemical abortion drugs or from making labeling changes to existing abortion drugs.

Please TAKE ACTION NOW to urge your Senators and Representative to co-sponsor and work to enact S. 3072 or H.R. 4399 or to thank them if they have already done so.

Go to www.votervoice.net/USCCB/campaigns/77315/respond.



Note on the Love Life Amendment

Bishop Duca and the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops have given their support to the Love Life Amendment. Churches are able and encouraged to advocate in favor of this state constitutional amendment.

For more information on lobbying activities and churches, please visit the USCCB's page on guidelines during election season.

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AND OTHER LOCAL PRO-LIFE CAUSES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
GO TO WWW.YOUTHMARCHFORLIFE.ORG

FORMATION

Youth Ministry

High School IMPACT Nights are Tuesdays at 7PM in the Lighthouse. Youth participate in activities designed to help them grow and share their faith. Middle School IMPACT nights are Thursdays 7-8:15 PM in the Lighthouse. Youth come together in a fellowship environment to help them grow in their faith.

To get reminders or schedule changes about these meetings, sign up for Flocknote through the parish website www.alphonsus.org.

St. Alphonsus Youth Ministry

IMPACT NIGHTS

Time: 7:00 - 8:15 PM

Journey with fellow youth as we help each other on our paths of spiritual growth, faith discovery, and community building through fun activities and faith based discussions.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Halloween Party - 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Costume Contest, Games, and Music

Thanksgiving Party - Begins with noon Mass until 3 PM. Turkey Games and Food

Christmas Party - Begins with noon Mass until 4 PM. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange.

GET CONNECTED

Flocknote Messaging System :

Text stalphonsus to 84576

Instagram: @alphonsusyouth

CONTACT US

Elizabeth Norwood

elizabeth@alphonsus.org

225-261-4644

Fall Calendar 2020

October 2020

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December 2020

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October

10/06/20 (Tue)	HS IMPACT Night - Faith
10/08/20 (Thu)	6th Grade IMPACT Night
10/13/20 (Tue)	HS IMPACT Night - Hope
10/15/20 (Thu)	7th and 8th Grade IMPACT Night
10/20/20 (Tue)	HS IMPACT Night - Love
10/22/20 (Thu)	All Middle School IMPACT Night
10/24/20 (Sat)	Halloween Party
10/27/20 (Tue)	Mentor Meeting

November

11/03/20 (Tue)	HS IMPACT Night - Faith
11/05/20 (Thu)	6th Grade IMPACT Night
11/10/20 (Tue)	HS IMPACT Night - Hope
11/12/20 (Thu)	7th and 8th Grade IMPACT Night
11/17/20 (Tue)	HS IMPACT Night - Love
11/19/20 (Thu)	All Middle School IMPACT Night
11/22/20 (Sun)	Thanksgiving Party
11/24/20 (Tue)	Mentor Meeting

December

12/01/20 (Tue)	HS IMPACT Night - Faith
12/03/20 (Thu)	6th Grade IMPACT Night
12/08/20 (Tue)	HS IMPACT Night - Love
12/10/20 (Thu)	7th and 8th Grade IMPACT Night
12/15/20 (Tue)	Mentor Meeting
12/20/20 (Sun)	Christmas Party - Living Giving Tree

A Minute with the Deacon

Why does the pope wear white?

The pope's daily dress includes a white cassock and zucchetto (skull cap), a white short shoulder cape and a white sash embroidered with his pontifical coat of arms. This is accompanied by a pectoral cross of his choosing. Depending upon circumstances and weather conditions, papal dress may be supplemented by a hat and full-length red cape (although I don't think Pope Francis wears the red cape). Popes also used to wear red shoes, but the color of shoes is up to the pope; there is no rule that defines the color of shoes. Pope Francis has shunned wearing red shoes; he wears black shoes. The pope's all white wardrobe makes him immediately recognized worldwide.

Guillaume Durand, in his 1286 treatise on liturgy *Rationale divinorum officiorum*, offers what some consider the fullest interpretation of the color of the papal robes: the white robe refers to the purity and holiness of life, while the red accessories symbolize the blood of Christ and his sacrifice for us.

Tradition has the wearing of white going back to at least the papacy of Pope Pius V, who was elected pope in 1566. He was a Dominican friar who did not want to give up the distinctive white robes of his Dominican order. Another tradition reflects that the white robes of the popes comes from the appearance of a white dove at the time of the martyrdom of Pope St. Fabiano in the year 250.

Besides the pope, there are several religious orders that wear mainly white habits: the Carthusians, the Canons Regular of Premontre, the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans), the Camaldolese, the Trappists, the White Fathers and the Marians of The Immaculate Conception.

RCIA Inquiry

Are you interested or know of someone else interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith???

Inquiry sessions take place every Thursday of the month, at 6:30 PM in the Blessed Seelos Room of the Multi-purpose building behind the Family Center. Call the Faith Formation Office for more details 261-4644.

At Home Faith Formation

The first session for At-Home will held on Wednesday, **October 7, 2020 at 7 PM** at St. Alphonsus in the Church. You will receive books and materials needed, and participate in activities. Parents and children need to attend. Please wear a mask.

1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are separate from Faith Formation classes (religion classes). Children are required to have completed one year of Faith Formation classes or attend a Catholic school for one year prior to entering Sacramental preparation.

Registration for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist sacramental preparation will take place at the Parent Meeting on **Tuesday, October 27, 2020** at St. Alphonsus at 7:00 PM in the Church. This meeting is for parents only.

If your child is in the third grade or above, or your child is in second grade at another Catholic elementary, and would like them to receive these Sacraments please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644.

COME FIND OUT WHAT SCOUTS IS ALL ABOUT!

Join us Sunday, October 4th, 2-5 PM at

Camp Istrouma, 25975 Greenwell Springs Rd., Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

Fishing, Rock Climbing, Gaga Ball

Fun for All!

For more information about SCOUTS or to RSVP for this event,

you can contact Cindy Neal at cindy_neal@cox.net

or text your name and number to 225-921-8028



COMMUNITY LIFE

Expectant Parents

Pray for expectant families who have been entrusted with a new life to nurture and love: **Jay & Maria LeBlanc**, **Eric & Rae Ann Antoon**, **Ryan & Ashley Boyle**, and **Caleb & Sara Puissegur**. If someone you know is expecting, please call 225-261-4650 and let us know their names and when they are due.

Thank you to all the
parishioners who
helped keep
St. Alphonsus safe
during the pandemic.

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers, but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

For **September 18-19, 2020**, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$ 17,294.00
Unidentified	\$ 776.00
WeShare	\$ 6,586.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$ 1,578.00
WeShare	\$ 1,120.00

Children's Collection	\$ 23.00
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Hurricane Laura Relief	\$ 5,052.72
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Catholic University	\$ 114.00
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