



# *St. Alphonso Liguori Catholic Church*

**The First Sunday of Advent- December 2, 2018 - Volume 10, Issue 48**

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— Revelation 1:5*

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### Advent: A Time to Focus

*By Fr. Mike Moroney*

It may be difficult to believe that Thanksgiving has past, and the Advent season is here with Christmas fast-approaching. Yes, we all wonder: Where does time go, and how come I never seem to have enough time? In a sense, we have become slaves to our lifestyles, to technology and the many wonderful things it can afford to us for our business or personal lives. Just recently I read an article on how many new gadgets are available to us, yet we are constantly trying to find more time for family and friends.

Life can get caught up in a circle that we don't know how to escape. We feel that we have to always be available, always in contact, and in some ways, we have given up our privacy. We are all familiar with people saying they called or sent a text and didn't hear from you. Such statements can make us feel guilty, and we feel we must apologize for not being available. I like modern technology as much as anyone else, but some people have become slaves to technology. Few times in life are the messages we receive life-threatening or things that cannot be taken care of later, so why do people feel so much stress about communication being so immediate? Maybe we all need to U-turn, and take a look at how we deal with this reality.

Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas, could be just that for each of us. However, if we are not careful, it will come and go, and Christmas morning could just leave us tired and stressed. During this time of year, many struggle trying to find balance in their lives, and can find themselves overwhelmed.

During this time, many people use candles, wreaths, ornaments with spiritual symbols and other devotional guides to keep the Advent spirit alive in their homes. Many families make their own Advent wreath, which can be a profound way to celebrate as a family. The wreath consists of evergreen branches wrapped in a circle representing God's eternal and everlasting love. The wreath has four or five candles. The first, second and fourth candles are purple, while the third candle is pink. The first represents hope, the second represents peace, the third joy, and the fourth love. The fifth, in the center, is white. On Christmas Eve, many replace all of the candles with white candles.

In whatever way you plan for Christmas, the important thing for us all is balance. It is also a time to think of others, especially those in need. During this special time of year, we will have many programs in our parish to help others in our community. Please check them out and participate in them.

To truly celebrate Advent, we must begin to participate in what God is sharing with us. He invites us to not be afraid of our fears and anxieties, but rather to look anew at how he can and will be reborn in our lives. May God bless you, and have a great Advent.

*Fr. Mike*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a faith-filled community who,  
through prayerful discernment,  
call forth the gifts of the Spirit given to each individual,  
that Christ may be known in our community  
and in our world.*

# PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*December 2-9, 2018*

## Sunday



### First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Children's Liturgy- S.F.  
10:00 AM Jesus and Me- S.J., Nursery  
12:00 PM Mass

**7:00 PM**

**Advent Mission- Church**

## Monday

8:30 AM Mass  
7:00 PM Liturgy Committee- S.G.

**7:00 PM**

**Advent Mission- Church**

## Tuesday

8:30 AM Mass  
4:00 PM Timeline Study- Blessed See.  
6:00 PM High School Youth- Lighthouse  
6:30 PM Men's Scripture Study- C.R.  
6:30 PM Balanced Women- SAS 115

**7:00 PM**

**Advent Mission- Church**

## Wednesday

8:30 AM Communion Service  
9:00 AM Wisdom Bible Study- S.F. (C)  
11:00 AM ACTS Bible Study- S.G.  
5:00 PM Hospitality- S.C.  
5:30 PM Bell Choir- C.R.  
6:00 PM Remembering Our Children  
Rehearsal Dinner- S.F., Church  
6:00 PM Matthew Bible Study- Library  
6:00 PM Mass Bible Study- S.G.  
6:30 PM Timeline Study- SAS 213  
6:30 PM TMIY- S.J.  
6:30 PM Young Adults- Blessed Seelos  
6:45 PM KC Officer Meeting- KC Hall  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir- C.R.

## Thursday

8:30 AM Mass  
6:00 PM Men's Club Dinner- S.F.  
6:00 PM Middle School Youth-Lighthouse  
6:30 PM RCIA Catechesis- C.R.  
7:00 PM Corpus Christi Prayer- S..J.  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir- Church

## Friday

8:30 AM School Mass

## Saturday

8:30 AM Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mass-Church  
9:30 AM Breakfast with Santa- MPB  
4:00 PM Mass

## Sunday



### Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Children's  
Liturgy- S.F.  
10:00 AM Jesus and Me- S.J., Nursery  
12:00 PM Mass  
6:00 PM Remembering Our Children  
Candlelight Service- Church

S.C.- St. Clare  
C.R.- Choir Room

S.J.- St. Joseph  
MPB- Multi-Purpose Building

S.F.- St. Francis

# MASS SCHEDULE

## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

## Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM  
Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

## Communion Services

Wednesday 8:30 AM

## Holy Day Masses

As Announced

## J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

During the school year for preschool ages 3-5 at 10:00 AM  
Mass.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the school year at the 10:00 AM Mass.  
For children kindergarten through 2nd 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 Patrick 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](http://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 225-261-8854

## WORSHIP

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### Advent Daily Meditations

Are you interested in a convenient way to incorporate daily prayer and meditation in your life this coming Advent season? Not only do we have pocket-size Advent prayer and meditations booklets in the back of church this year, but there are also free online Advent websites available (listed below) that can fuel your soul this Christmas Season to prepare you and your family for the birth of Jesus Christ!



Online Advent Reflection options:  
<https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections-series>  
<http://www.ewtn.com/advent/reasonsforhope/index.htm>  
<http://www.churchyear.net/adventwreath.html>

These web links will also be provided at alphonsus.org.

### Baptized on November 18, 2018

The following children were baptized during Masses on the weekend of November 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

**Cooper Daniel Kimball**- Child of Eric and Megan Kimball.

**Livia Avery Kujawa**- Child of Avery and Ashley Kujawa.

**Hallie Olivia Neames**- Child of Brice and Morgan Neames.

**Annie Louise Aucoin**- Child of Dustin and Megan Aucoin.

### Married in November 2018

The following couples recently had their marriages blessed at St. Alphonsus:

**Michael and Deanna Dugan**

**Allen and Lauri Williams**

## OUTREACH

### Rest in Peace

**J.K. Malone**- Husband of Rita Malone.

**Jay Alonzo**- Brother of Roxanne Atkinson.

**Edna Ellis**- Mother of Dana and Roger Duvall.

## 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.



### Pray for the Sick

**Please note:** Names are removed after eight weeks. List also on our website. Call the office to put name back on the list.

Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Anthony Rodriguez, Liam Thistlewaite, Al Felps, Ben Crifasi, Jr., Nicholas LaCroix, Kenny Achord, David Aguillard, Fanie G. Schittone, Chris Bringol, Billy Stears, Luke Allen, GiGi Chenevert, Dr. Stephen Speeg, Betty Castor, Blanche Hoover, Rayne Lorio, Shirley Lutz, Eleanor Mitchell, Elizabeth Womack, Miranda Capone, Jennifer Capone, Chris Capone, Pat Matthews, Joy Lonibos, Phyllis Lasserre, Sharon Loeb, Margaret Smith, Laurence LeSage, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Darrell Firmin, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Allan Eddy, Cassie Sheehan, John McGilvary, Bruce Mayeaux, Barbara Flake, Beth Creel, Pat Spiller, Karen Rabalais, Patsy Sagona, Mildred Smith, Hymel "Buddy" Doming, Charlie Crawford, Hope Broadus, Brenda Guerin, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Kenny Achord, Earline Brown, Ronnie Collette, Jane Mizell, Marlene LeBlanc, Catherine Willis, Edna Ellis, Lynette Shaffett, Tiffany Penton, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, James Mercer, Gia Gouchaux, Naomi Messina, Mary Beth Browning, Fisk Morris, Jean Firmin, Lisa Graffeo, Mollea Hood, Ashlea Hood, Michael Morales, Dana Rogers, Gloria "Jinkie" Phillips, Theresa Ognibene, Adrian Kaiser, John Larkin, Savannah McNair, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Anna Kirby, Jamie Samson, Louis Lamar Bordelon, Thomas Stewart, John Riely, John LeGrange and Family, Mike Millet, John Stubbs, Elizabeth Jenkins, Mildred Faul, Charlie Firmin, Kathy Madere, Paden Mouton, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Barbara Simoneaux, Millie Strickland, Wayne & Carolyn Rogillio, Nancy Hill, Patsy York, Courtney Brock, Dustin Baker, Ashley Mix, Sharon Atkinson, Nicholas Mixon

## Blood Assurance Program

Because of the generosity of the people of St. Alphonsus during our Blood Drives each year, any parishioner needing blood can have their blood needs covered by the church. If you or someone in your family needs blood, call the Church Office at 261-4650 and speak to Sara Patrick. The blood will be credited to your account at the hospital. Let Sara know the person's name, date of birth, hospital (any hospital) and the amount of blood or blood products received. If you are interested in donating blood, the church's next blood drive will be held on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 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:** Captain Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Captain Brian C. Greco, Specialist Sam Lockwood, Specialist E-4 Charles N. Garner, Specialist Ryan Smith

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## FORMATION

### A Minute with the Deacon

*Why do I need to fast from food and drink one hour before receiving Holy Communion?*

St. John the Baptist prepared the way for our Savior by fasting and penance. Shouldn't we do the same? Fasting makes room in our heart, mind and soul to prepare us to receive Jesus, to make us worthy that He "should enter under my roof." For centuries, the fast was from all food and drink from midnight of the evening before receiving Communion. Since 1964, the requirement of fasting is at least one hour before receiving Communion. Water and medicine are exempt from any fast.

Fasting is about the disposition of our soul. To prepare the soul, we must prepare our body. Fasting from food and drink before receiving Holy Communion goes back to at least the third Century. The Christian writer Tertullian, who died between 220 and 240 A.D., described the Eucharist as the bread which Christians ate before taking any other food.

The Church considers fasting a means of spiritual preparation for the Eucharist, a way of showing reverence for the Sacrament. It creates a physical hunger that reminds us that we are going to receive something special, the Bread of Life. It shows our respect for Jesus and our desire to receive Him as the most important nourishment of our lives. It helps us fully appreciate receiving Jesus.

### Kids In Ministry Breakfast with Santa

Join us on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 AM in the Multi-Purpose Building (behind the Family Center) for free breakfast, a photo opportunity with Santa, crafts, games and more. This event is open to all elementary-aged children in the community.

## Parish Advent Mission

What do YOU need?

A retreat?

A parish mission?

A time of rejuvenation?

A time of spiritual growth?

A time of healing?

A time of rest?

A time to be challenged?

A night out?

To be engaged?

To connect with your parish community?

If you answered "Yes!" to any of the above questions, then you need: "As We Wait in Joyful Hope." Join Mike Patin for St. Alphonsus Parish Mission December 2-4, 2018. We will begin at 7:00 pm in the Church. Refreshments each evening.



## Confirmation Year 3

Confirmation Year 3 meeting Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. We will attend the Parish Mission as a group. Candidates must sign in to receive credit for attending. Please invite your sponsor.

## Learning Group

No Learning Group session Sunday, December 2. Everyone is invited to attend the Parish Mission. Hope to see you there.

## Coffee Break Christmas Luncheon

Members' Annual Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 14 at 12:15 PM at Drusilla Seafood Restaurant

\$21.00 inclusive- Due in the Church Office no later than Friday, December 7. There is Limited Seating.

\*OPTIONAL: Christmas ornament exchange at luncheon. Bring a wrapped ornament ranging from \$15.00 - \$18.00.



## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Ladies Altar Society Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas Luncheon/Meeting will be held on December 4 at 11:00 AM at City Café on O'Neal Lane. Cost of the luncheon is \$15 at the door. Consider meeting at the church and carpooling.

Directions: Get on the Central Thruway. It becomes O'Neal Lane. It is close to George O'Neal Road. The address is 4710 O'Neal Lane. Any questions, please call Sheryl at 225-235-5673.



### Pray for our Expectant Families

Pray for expectant families who have been entrusted with a new life to nurture and love: **Anthony & Brittany Rousseve, Ben & Kristen Richard, Justin & Lindsey Dalier, Eric & RaeAnn Antoon, Trent and Mackenzie Thibodeaux, Ross & Ashleigh St. Germain, Clint & Cheree Case, Ryan & Lauren Blanchard, and Stokka & Camille Brown.**

VETERANS DAY MASS - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018  
*Photos By Eric Frank Photography*



## Thank You

Just three weeks ago was a very special weekend as we celebrated with the many veterans from our community. It was a wonderful celebration and an opportunity to say thanks to service men and women in our community and in our country. I wish to express my thanks to all those who made this celebration so special. -Fr. Mike Moroney

## Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service

*"Sometimes our light goes out, but it is blown again into flame by an encounter with another human being"* -Albert Schweitzer

Everyone is invited to be that human encounter supporting our families who have lost children. Please join them for our Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 9 at 6:00 PM, in the church. This service will symbolize that the light of these precious children will forever be held in our hearts. The service will be followed by a reception. If you have lost a child and did not receive a personal invitation to our Candlelight Service please call the Church Office, 261-4650, to let us know.

## Prime Timers Christmas Dance

The Prime Timers will be hosting their annual Christmas Dance at Kristenwood Reception Hall on Saturday, December 15 from 7-10 PM. Tickets are available for purchase in the Church Office. Tickets cost \$10 per person in advance and \$15 per person at the door. The entertainment is the La Nites Band. Must 21 years of age to attend.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Gifts of Stewardship

"Be on guard," Jesus warn in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another. See Luke 21:34

For November 17-18, 2018  
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| WeShare      | \$ 4,615.00  |

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| Children's Collection | \$ 123.00 |
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| Propagation of Faith | \$ 100.00 |
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| All Souls Day | \$ 100.00 |
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| Campaign for Human Development | \$ 490.00 |
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