



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

One Family United in Christ



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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." -John 11:25

16th Annual Auction, Taste Fair & \$10,000 Raffle

Saturday, March 21, 2026

5 PM in the Parish Activity Center



Silent & Live Auctions \$10,000 Raffle Catered Meal First Pick Raffle
Prize for Best Vegas-inspired Outfit Wine & Dine Door Prizes & More!

Live Auction Items include but are not limited to:

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Fr. Jason's Wishful Thinking: True Cross Relic

Dear Parishioners in Christ,

We began the process of obtaining a relic of the True Cross in October 2025. I have seen many relics of the True Cross, and it is important to have the appropriate documentation to verify that the relic is authentic due to forgeries. One of the most sought-after relics is the True Cross—literally, small shavings of wood from the cross that Jesus died upon. You might ask, “How do we know that this is the True Cross?”

St. Helena discovered the True Cross in Jerusalem, identifying it accurately through miraculous healings. With her son, Emperor Constantine’s permission, Helena embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 326 A.D., with the specific purpose of locating sacred sites connected to Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. Upon her arrival in Jerusalem, Bishop Macarius of Jerusalem and the Christian community informed her that the site of Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection (Golgotha) had been obscured by a pagan temple dedicated to Venus. Thanks to oral tradition, Christians passed on information concerning a deep, subterranean chamber that the early Church used to store the True Cross. In true Roman fashion, Hadrian (a pagan emperor) constructed a building on top of a sacred site to prevent veneration by early Christians.

According to tradition, a Jewish man named Jude revealed to St. Helena the best approach for reaching the chamber. Excavation beneath the temple ruins of Venus revealed the deep chamber and three crosses were discovered—the cross of Jesus and those of the two thieves crucified alongside Him. This is where two stories emerge regarding the True Cross. Macarius advised Helena that they should pray to God for a sign, so that God might help to identify the True Cross. While stories differ, they all state that a sick or dead person was either miraculously healed or restored to life when touched with the cross, confirming it as the Cross of Christ.

After the discovery, St. Helena ordered that the temple ruins be removed, and she had a church built on the site, later known as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which her son Constantine dedicated in 335 A.D. Portions of the True Cross were left in Jerusalem, portions were sent to Rome, and others distributed throughout the Christian world. The Church celebrates the Finding of the Precious Cross on September 14, commemorating both the discovery of the relics and the subsequent dedication of the church.

In regards to our new relic: The two small pieces of wood located at the base of the larger black and ivory crucifix, along with two first-class relics (bone) of St. Macarius of Jerusalem and St. Barbara, were rescued following the closure of a large, centuries-old monastery in Belgium. Many of the pieces added to our new altar in January 2025 were also from closed churches in Belgium. Our relic of the True Cross is somewhat rare in the fact that it came with its ecclesiastical certificate of authenticity, along with certificates for the relics of St. Macarius and St. Barbara.

Today, the major relics of the crucifixion are kept in Rome. They can be viewed publicly at Santa Croce Church. Other relics are housed in the treasury of St. Peter’s Basilica and displayed during Holy Week.

We are honored to place these small fragments of the True Cross in our reliquary at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church, along with the supporting ecclesiastical certificates, for public veneration. May we all draw closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ by seeking to understand His Passion.

Sincerely,
Fr. Jason

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: MARCH 21-29, 2026

Saturday	9:00 AM	1 st Eucharist Retreat - Church
	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass <i>Parish Medical Consultants- S.F.</i>
	5:00 PM	Auction & Taste Fair - PAC
Sunday	The Fifth Sunday of Lent	
	8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses <i>Parish Medical Consultants after all Masses - S.F.</i>	
	10:00 AM	Adapted PSR - S.C.
	10:15 AM	OCIC - S.G.
	10:15 AM	Learning Group - Classrooms
	5:00 PM	Youth Night - Lighthouse
Monday	9:00 AM	Timeline B.S. - S.G.
	2:00 PM	Piano Tuning - Church
	6:00 PM	Cub Pack Meeting - E.H. B
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts Den - E.H. A
	6:00 PM	Scouting America Girls - St. John
	6:00 PM	Scouts Troop 322 - St. Luke
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Novena
	9:00 AM	Jesus W.T.L. B.S. - S.C.
	4:00 PM	Eucharistic Minister Training - Church, Sacristy
	6:00 PM	Adult Confirmation - S.G.
	6:00 PM	Men's Scripture - C.R.
	6:00 PM	Women of Faith - E.H. A/B
	6:30 PM	Grief Support - S.C.
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass
	9:00 AM	First Corinthians B.S. - S.G.
	9:00 AM	Foundations of Faith B.S. - S.F.
	9:00 AM	School Staff Meeting - S.C.
	11:00 AM	Genesis to Jesus B.S. - S.G.
	5:20 PM	Divine Mercy - Church
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir - C.R.
	6:00 PM	SAS Girls Soccer Banquet - E.H.
	6:00 PM	Young Adults B.S. - S.F. A/B
	6:30 PM	Learning Group - Classrooms
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir - C.R.
Thursday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Rosary
	9:15 AM	Parish Council - S.G.
	6:00 PM	Collumbarium Interest - E.H. A
	6:00 PM	Men's Club - E.H. B
	6:00 PM	OCIA Scrutinies - S.F.
	6:00 PM	Troop Committee - St. Mark
Friday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass
	9:00 AM	SAS Grandparents - Gym
	10:00 AM	Decorate Church - Decor Comm.
	12:00 PM	Stations of the Cross - Church
	4-6 PM	Fish Fry Sale - Front Parking Lot
	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross - Church
Saturday	9:30 AM	Corpus Christi Prayer - St. Matt
	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
	8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses	
	10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy - S.F.
	1-3 PM	KIM Easter - PAC
	5:00 PM	Youth Night - Lighthouse

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

Respect Life Rosary on Thursday after Daily Mass

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children in kindergarten through second grade.

SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

Baptism

Contact Margaret Garza 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 Margaret Garza 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

Christine Barbay 225-955-2380

Gloria Jones 225-337-8929

WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - March 22-29

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10;
 Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;
 Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

Stations of the Cross Friday, March 27 @ 6:30 PM

The Youth Group invites you to join them in "Our Journey with Jesus." We encourage you to examine your heart, and accept the task at hand as we face our daily challenges and respond to His call, uniting ourselves to Him. The evening will reflect on the Passion of Christ by utilizing prayer, music, and visual aids, both traditional and present-day; lead by the youth group. The goal of praying the Stations is not just to get through them. The goal is to contemplate the depth of love God demonstrated on the Cross. The other goal is to learn how to carry our own crosses with Christ. In praying the Stations, we learn compassion. We enter into the suffering of Christ to better understand our suffering and the suffering of others.

Divine Mercy Novena

Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena each Wednesday at 6 PM in the church during the Lenten season. Our Lord said, "Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with my will." The rosary will be recited before the Novena at 5:20 PM.



Featured Saint of the Week

St. Marie-Alphonsine Danil Gyhattas

(10/4/1843-3/25/1927)

Feast Day: 3/25

Originally named Soultaneh Maria (Arabic for Queen Maria) was born October 4, 1843 in Jerusalem. Her family worked among the poor in Palestine.

She went to a school in Jerusalem founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition. At 14 she joined the Congregation as a postulant. By the age of 17, she had received the holy habit and the name Marie-Alphonsine. Once she pledged her vows, she taught catechism in Bethlehem. She also established religious associations promoting devotion to Mary, through the Rosary.

While serving in Bethlehem, she received several Marian apparitions directing her to found a Palestinian congregation as the "Sisters of the Rosary."

It was in 1880 that seven young girls, who were being prepared by the local priest, received the religious habit of the new foundation from the hands of Patriarch Bracco. This same year, Ghattas received approval from Rome to leave the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition in order to join the Sisters of the Rosary.

On March 7, 1885 Marie-Alphonsine along with eight other sisters professed their final vows in the new order. The order's focus was dedicated to parish ministry and the care/education to girls of Arab descent. Their community quickly grew.

Marie-Alphonsine travelled to various cities in the surrounding area, opening many more schools, and even an orphanage. The Congregation of the Rosary remains a powerful force in Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Egypt.

Throughout it all, even with struggles of poverty and adversity she endured, happy to be doing the work of the Lord! Marie-Alphonsine died on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 1927 of natural causes at the age of 84.

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks. Please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650 to add a name to this list.

Jeanette Felps	Jonah Sherwin	Michael Morales	Dammers Family	Daryl Pennington
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Joy Lonibos	Jaycee Richard	Briggs Elliser	Ron Dodson	Melise Efferson
Glenda Bringol	Gary Saucier	Anita Bueche	Stevie Calverley	Angelo Silvio
Jan Bankston	Alexander Landry	Kathy Madere	Luke Allen	Christopher Silvio
Harrison Simpson	Sally Stears	Krystal Feltman	Blanche Hoover	Mona Miller
John Nicosia	Monica Kelly	Melanie Way	Marlene Ortego	Mildred Stroderd
Homer Brown	Devin Mounce	Sandy Dares	Claudia Mouton	Kevin McCarroll
Vance & Olivia Thomas	Daniel Guerin	Ashlynn Ferguson	Jackie Pina	Janet Messina
Matthew Chambers	Datz Family	Carolyn Rogillio	Ashley Nix	Karen Henderson
Susan Rabalais	Schittone Family	Patsy York	Bill Witt	Elizabeth Hudson
Ryan Babin	Catherine Willis	Angie Welsh	Priscilla Perez	Natalie Lazaroe
Jackson Holley	Larry Bueche	Lynette Lemoine	Charlotte St. Romain	Kelvin LaCroix
Gertrude Buhler	Ashley Smith	Chris Hobkirk	Brenda Lovett	Christopher Smith
Peggy Amato	Chris Dickerson	Patrick Bourgeois	David Pongo	
Stephanie Pizzolato	Jackie Scardina	Holly Hart	Ann LeSage	
Matthew Graham Fruge	Fisk Morris	Jeff Ferguson	Cheryl Sasser	
Mary Jo Graham	Mollea Hood	Patsy Sagona	Ray Bordelon	

Decorating Church for Palm Sunday

On Friday, March 27 at 10 AM, please join us for decorating the church for Palm Sunday. We will be hanging red banners and placing reed baskets at entrances. All help is welcome!

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Birdie Landry - Mother of Wendy (Ronnie) Thibodeaux.

Hal Perez - Son of Mitchell & Lynn Frederick.
Grandson of Mary Frederick.

Serving Our Country

If you know someone serving in the military, please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650, and let us know their information.

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FORMATION

COME AND EXPERIENCE

The Lightkeeper's
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Learning Group Dates

Next Sunday Learning Group session: March 22, 2026.

Next Wednesday Learning Group session: March 25, 2026.

First Eucharist

Children receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time must attend this retreat with their parent. The only date offered is: **Saturday, March 21** at St. Alphonsus in the Church 9 AM- 12 PM.

Confirmation Candidates

If you have missed a Confirmation session, please contact the Faith Formation Office to schedule a time to do a make-up session. If you need to complete Confirmation forms, most forms are located on the parish website www.alphonsus.org.

Prefilled Easter Eggs Needed

Kids in Ministry is collecting prefilled eggs, and bags of individually wrapped candy for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Drop off donations in the container in the Gather Space or the Faith Formation Office by March 25, 2026.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Columbarium Informational Meeting

Fr. Jason will be having another Columbarium meeting in the evening on March 26 from 6-7 PM at the PAC in EH A. It will be for those interested who weren't able to make the other meeting.

Men's Club Fish Fry Fridays

Fish dinners will be available on the Fridays of Lent. Dinners are \$10 each and include fried fish, french fries, coleslaw, and a roll. Take out only from 4 PM until 6 PM (or sold out). Pick up dinners in the front parking lot on Greenwell Springs Road.

2026 Dates: March 13, 20 & 27

Festival Cash Raffle Ticket Distribution

We invite you to pick up your book of 15 (\$1) raffle tickets in the Gather Space of the church before or after all Masses beginning on March 21. We thank those of you who picked up your raffle tickets in past years in lieu of our mailing. With a continued increase in mailing costs, we are able to save a minimum of \$550 on postage because of your willingness to take a few minutes and pick them up.

The envelopes will be alphabetized by your last name. If you are unable to find your envelope there will be extra envelopes with a book of tickets that you can pick up. If you pick up one of the envelopes, please list your name next to the ticket book number on the tablet.

We recognize there are reasons parishioners may not attend Mass at St. Alphonsus during the weekends of distribution; we will leave the envelopes in the Gather Space the week of March 21-29. Tickets not picked up by 1 PM on Sunday, March 29 will be mailed the week of March 30. Additional tickets will be available in the church office.

You can drop your sold ticket stubs and money off in the church office, put them in the collection basket at Mass, or return them by mail, whichever is best for you. Don't forget if you are unable to purchase or sell your raffle tickets - we still need you to return them. There will be a box in the Gather Space of the church labeled cash raffle tickets, that you may drop unsold books of tickets. Thank you for all of your assistance.

St. Joseph's Altar

After 4 PM Mass on March 14, Fr. Jason and Deacon Ronnie blessed our St. Alphonsus St. Joseph's Altar. Volunteers served meals and cookies to the parish on March 15. *Photos by Olga Johnson.*



Save the Date
**ST. ALPHONSUS
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&
MINGLE**

發  May 9th at 5 PM

Please join us for a fun and social evening bringing the St. Alphonsus community together to play, connect, and raise money for the Emergency Tuition Assistance Fund.

More details to come at a later date



Fall 2026 Parish Pilgrimage to Italy

Fr. Jason will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy from October 28-November 11, 2026. This pilgrimage will be limited to 40 parishioners and includes five stops in Sicily (Palermo, Catania, Syracuse, Taormina & Messina), then crossing over the Strait of Messina to visit the temples of Paestum, stopping in Salerno to visit the tomb of St. Matthew, spending time in Sorrento along the beautiful Mediterranean coast, visiting the archaeological site at Pompeii, wine tasting and pizza in Naples, stopping at St. Alphonsus's burial place in Pagani, spending three days in Rome (seeing the major basilicas), and ending with a visit to Assisi to follow in the footsteps of Saints Francis, Clare, Ruffino, and Carlo Acutis.

Total cost of the 15-day trip will be approximately \$5,650 per person (double occupancy) based on current exchange rates. This includes airfare, travel insurance, and all tips for the guides, food servers, bus drivers, and the tour manager. Daily lunch and donations at the churches we visit are separate and at your discretion. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at 225-261-4650.

Special Collection for Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers donation envelopes must be received in the weekend collection or the Church Office by Wednesday, March 25 in order for your In Memory Of names to appear in the Easter bulletin on April 5.

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For March 7-8, 2026, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	18,682.00
Unidentified	\$	1,865.00
Parish Soft	\$	14,141.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	2,159.00
Parish Soft	\$	1,806.00

New Parish Activity Center

Envelopes	\$	891.00
Parish Soft	\$	850.00

Children's	\$	65.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$	10.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$	10.00
Easter Flowers	\$	632.00

Total Received

Total Received	\$	41,111.00
Children's Pickle Jar	\$	158.00
SVDP Building Project	\$	215.00
SVDP Food Pantry	\$	830.00
SVDP Ash Wednesday	\$	20.00



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