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The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ." – Colossians 1:28b





Interested in becoming Catholic?

Sign up for O.C.I.A. & O.C.I.C. Adults meet Thursdays at 6 PM. Children meet Sundays at 10:15 AM.

These stand for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children. To learn more, head to the church website.



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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: JULY 19-27, 2025

Saturday	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass	
Sunday	The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses5-8 PMYouth Group		
Monday	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Scouts Parents - PAC Office Scouts - PAC St. Luke	
Tuesday	8:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass & Novena Men's Scripture - C.R. Women of Faith - St. Matthew Grief Support - S.C.	
Wednesday	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	SVDP Recertification - S.F. King's Men Retreat Prep - St. Matthew	
Thursday	6:00 PM	Men's Club - PAC E.H.	
Friday			
Saturday	9:30 AM 4:00 PM	Corpus Christi - St. Matthew Vigil Mass	
Sunday	8 AM, 10 AM	iday in Ordinary Time & 12 PM Masses nuts after 8 & 10 AM Masses - S.F. Youth Group Awards - PAC	

WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - July 20-27

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14;

Lk 11:1-13

Flowers for the Church

Want to place flowers in the church in memory/honor of a loved one? Contact Margaret at 225-261-4650 to schedule a weekend.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish celebrates the living waters of Christ by nourishing our Catholic community spiritually and academically so that Christ may be known in our world.

Featured Saint of the Week Pope St. Peter Celestine V (1212-1296) Feast: May 19



Pope Celestine V was head of the Catholic

Church and ruler of the Papal States for five months, from July 5, 1294 to December 13, 1296. He was originally a monk and hermit who founded the order of the Celestines, a more restrictive branch of the Benedictine order. Pope Gregory X sanctioned the order.

For more than two years after the death of Pope Nicholas IV in 1292, there was no pope, mainly because there was no official process for electing one. (This was prior to our current conclave system for papal election.) Because of the delay, Celestine sent a letter to the cardinals warning them that divine vengeance would fall upon them unless they could quickly elect a new pope.

Upon receipt of the letter, the Dean of the College of Cardinals announced: "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, I elect brother Pietro di Celestine!" The cardinals immediately and unanimously ratified it, making Celestine the new pope in 1294. Although Celestine first refused the offer, he was eventually persuaded to accept.

Celestine felt ill-equipped for the position from the beginning. He felt his lack of experience, authority, and incompatibility with papal duties made the job more than he could perform. All he really wanted to do was to return to his former life as a hermit. Interestingly, he authored an edict in force to this day, giving the pope the right to resign. A week after signing the decree, Celestine did, in fact, resign!

His successor, Pope Boniface VIII wanted to protect his own position as pope, as he feared Celestine might seek installation as antipope. To prevent this, he had Celestine imprisoned. Celestine died ten months later at the age of 81.

Philip IV of France nominated Celestine for sainthood. He was canonized on May 5, 1313; this process, too, pre-dates present day requirements.

OUTREACH

Martha's Meals of Mercy

Martha's Meals of Mercy will bring meals to parishioners that are just coming home from the hospital, have just had a new baby, or are going through a traumatic time. The meals will be delivered for a short time- 2-3 times a week for 2-3 weeks.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry OR if you would like to be a Martha and provide meals, please notify the parish office at **225-261-4650**. A representative of the ministry will call back and get information such as the number of people in the family, food allergies, likes and dislikes.

Those receiving the meals will be asked to place a cooler at their door where the food will be placed at a specific day and time. That way they will not be disturbed.

MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Weekend Masses</u> Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Live Stream Sunday 10:00 AM on Facebook & YouTube

<u>Daily Masses</u> Tuesday, Wednesay, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM Respect Life Rosary on Thursday after Daily Mass

Holy Day Masses As Announced

<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> 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.

<u>Formed</u>

Go to formed.org, find St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

Prayer Line Beverly Heil 225-772-4278 Gloria Jones 225-337-8929

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.

ARMY: Major Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Capt. Brian C. Greco, Sergeant Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere, Brian D. Duvic, Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Martin, PFC Jacob Fontenot, SPC Quillan McMillan, SPC Nathan Casselberry, Sgt. Natalie Arceneaux, Nick Hood, Camelia Hood,

LA NATIONAL GUARD: Captain Jacob Haynes, PVT Joshua T. Marchand, Leah Gil, SPC Cody M. Talbot

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NAVY: Com. Glenn P. Lumpkin, Jr., Chad Domm, AD3 Tyler Comeaux, MMA3 Daniel Wesley, GM3 (SW/AW) Seth Minard, Seaman E4 3rd Class PE Evan Hayes, HM3 Bret Burns, HN2 Jacques Bourgeois

U.S. MARINE CORPS: Major Blaine Ballard, Tyler Datz, Eric Vlahos, Lance Corporal Kristian Morris

U.S. COAST GUARD: EM4 Kobe Naquin

Are You Prepared for Hurricane Season?

Hurricane season began on Sunday, June 1, and now is the time to prepare your family for what may come.

FEMA has a plan on their website: 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. Having your personal plan in place will make your family secure and make you better available to serve others in time of need.

If you have special needs, please contact Donna at 225-261-4650. There is great merit in praying for the best, but there is no harm in preparing for the worst!

Thanks for Donating to Baby Bottle Campaign

The Woman's New Life Clinic is incredibly grateful for your congregation's generous participation in their annual Baby Bottle Campaign. St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church raised \$1,528.01. We thank God for you and for your congregation's generous outpouring of support for our ministry.

Your donations are helping Woman's New Life Clinic continue providing free life-saving services for women in unplanned pregnancies. On behalf of the lives you are saving, thank you!

-Allison Daigle, CEO, Woman's New Life Clinic

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen. - Fr. Al Volpe, Cameron Parish, LA

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.

Janice Calhoun Ann LeSage Vickie Calamia Lex Verbois **Dianne Ross Bob** James Terri Hanks Steve Borden Kasey Bourgeois Shirley LaPorte Jeanette Felps Al Felps Kevin Nicosia David Lonibos Joy Lonibos Glenda Bringol Jan Bankston Harrison Simpson Cathey Chustz

John Nicosia Homer Brown Vance & Olivia Thomas Lynette Shaffett Matthew Chambers Ryan Babin Jackson Holley Velba Kidder Caleb Eisworth Pat Matthews Sharon Leod Jaycee Richard Gary Saucier Alexander Landry Sally Stears Monica Kelly Devin Mounce Chris Bringol Daniel Guerin Datz Family

Schittone Family Catherine Willis Larry Bueche Ashley Smith Chris Dickerson Jackie Scardina Fisk Morris Mollea Hood Michael Morales Theresa Ognibene John Larkin Briggs Elliser Anita Bueche Jamie Samson Kathy Madere Krystal Feltman Melanie Way Sandy Dares

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Jackie Pina Ashley Nix **Bill Witt** Priscilla Perez Charlotte St. Romain Brenda Lovett Angela Gautreau **Buck Frederick** Lucky Ross Melise Efferson Angelo Silvio Christopher Silvio Mona Miller Mildred Stroderd Kevin McCarroll Janet Messina Everett A Aymond Lyndsey Quirk Neyland Diane Ross

FORMATION

PSR Registration

Public and private school student's $K - 8^{th}$ are required to register for PSR each year. If your child is in public, private or a Catholic high school in 9^{th} , 10^{th} or 11^{th} grade, they will need to register for Confirmation classes. Registration for the 2025-2026 year is currently open. Please register your child(ren) for PSR and sacramental preparation by August 1. Registration forms are on our website and in the Faith Formation Office.

Interested or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith??

Inquiry begins in August. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings in August through November in the St. Clare Room at 6 PM. The classes will transition to OCIA sessions in December. Candidates will be received into the Church at Easter. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office 261-4644.

Confirmation

Don't forget our Confirmation Candidates help the homeless by collecting the items below. As you travel this summer please begin to collect these items. Items may be dropped off in the Faith Formation Office. Thanks for your generosity.

Combs, Band aids, Shampoo Trial Size, Soap, Chap Stick, Lotion Trial Size, Wipes Trial Size, Rain ponchos, T-Shirts, Socks, Used Duffle Bags, Used back packs and Bug Spray

Volunteers Needed

When was the last time you were personally asked to help? Christ asks us to share our faith and build His kingdom. Faith Formation spreads the Gospel message to the families, children, teens and adults of our parish. Come share your time, talents



and faith with the people of our parish and grow your spirituality. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information at 225-261-4644.

King's Men's - Welcome Retreat

The King's Men is a scripture study group. They will continue to meet through the summer. If you would like to join us, please call the Faith Formation Office. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Oak Cluster Dr.

The King's Men will host "Welcome," an incredible retreat experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. "Welcome" is

by Dynamic Catholic.

When: August 23-24, 2025 Where: St. Alphonsus Catholic

Parish Activity Center

Register at www.alphonsus.org. Contact the St. Alphonsus Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for more information.





We are thrilled to announce the launch of The Light Keepers Youth Ministry—a vibrant group for youth in grades 6–12! Our weekly Sunday gatherings offer fun games, food, outings, peer support, and ministry opportunities grounded in God's Word.

Through fun youth events, engaging activities, and deep fellowship, we're building a space where teens can grow spiritually and shine brightly for Christ. We also actively invite parents, grandparents, and church members to get involved through volunteering, mentoring, prayer support, chaperoning, and event hosting.

The name "The Light Keepers" reflects our mission: to raise a generation of young people who become beacons of Christ's light in a world that can be dark at times, especially for teens. Our prayer is that these teens would set their surroundings ablaze with the hope, love, and truth found in Jesus Christ, drawing others to His eternal light.

Join us as we equip the next generation to shine boldly for God on every Sunday night in the Lighthouse from 5-8 PM.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Officer Installation

On Saturday, July 12, at the 4 PM Mass, Fr. Jason officially installed the officers for our church's newest ministry, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. *Photos by Melissa LeSage*.





JOIN THE PRIME TIMERS FOR A TRIP TO THE



* SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 *

COST IS \$20 PAYABLE TO CHURCH. PLUS MUST BRING CASH FOR A TIP FOR THE DRIVER, MUSEUM TOUR, AND LUNCH/CRAFTS.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

8:00 AM - DEPART FROM ST. ALPHONSUS 10:15 AM - ANGOLA MUSEUM TOUR (\$5) 11:00 AM - ANGOLA BUS TOUR OF THE GROUNDS (\$5) 12:00 TO 2:00 PM - LUNCH AND VISIT THE CRAFT FAIR (CASH ONLY, LUNCH ON YOUR OWN) 2:00 TO 4:00 PM - ANGOLA RODEO (\$20) RETURN BETWEEN 5:00 AND 5:30 PM

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

IN THE PARISH OFFICE WITH CASH OR CHECK OR ONLINE WITH A CARD. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS WALKERS AND WHEELCHAIRS ARE WELCOME CONTACT: DIANE COVINGTON, 225-978-2059

WELCOME TO OUR STAFF

Amy Varnado Faith Formation Admin. Assistant



Amy began working as the Faith Formation Admin. Assistant at St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church in July 2025. Previously, she worked for

over 40 years in her family's business while also teaching for the past few years.

Amy is married to her high school sweetheart, Darryl, with whom she shares two daughters, Mary-Hannah Kathryn and Scotlyn. Although Amy has been attending St. Alphonsus since childhood, she and her family officially became parishioners this past year.

Since recently being welcomed into the Catholic Church, she has become more involved in parish life. She is one of the officers of our church's new chapter of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For **July 5-6, 2025**, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 19,212.00
Unidentified	\$ 2,600.00
Parish Soft	\$ 10,673.50
Bank Draft	\$ 2,159.00
Building/Maintenance Fund	
Envelopes	\$ 3,886.00
Parish Soft	\$ 1,160.00
Bank Draft	\$ 1,605.00
New Parish Activity Center	
Envelopes	\$ 2,420.00
Parish Soft	\$ 1,233.57
Children	\$ 108.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 25.00
Total Received	\$ 45,097.07





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