

St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church

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Rev. Richard Potts, C.Ss.R., Pastor



"We are a Roman Catholic Church, staffed by the Redemptorists, who believe in living the gospel through the sacraments, spirit-filled liturgies in the African American tradition, religious education and community outreach, under the patronage of our Mother of Perpetual Help"

PASTORAL STAFF

Joyce Jones, Business Manager
Donna Lane, Dir. Religious Education
Roberta George, Secretary

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Bro. Terry Burke, C.Ss.R., Plant Manager
Terrance Gipson, Maintenance

Athletic Office: 314 533-0304 Ext. 1002
Teen Ministry: 314 533-0304 Ext. 1002

MUSIC MINISTRY

8:15—Malcolm Speed
11:00—Danny Dumaine

REDEMPTORISTS IN RESIDENCE

Deacon Rick Fischer, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Kevin Triggs	Chairperson
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Ossie Foster	Almetta Jordan

COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

Christian Formation	Jean Anthony
Christian Service	TBD
Finance & Adm.	John Wright
Liturgy	Richard Buckley
Social Life	Hilliard Phillips
Youth & Young Adults	Angela Thames

SUNDAY MASSES:

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Call for Appointment)

DAILY MASSES:

(M.W. Th & F.) 5:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction:
9:30 am-10:30 am (1st Tuesday) followed
by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass



THE PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS...

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I want to welcome Fr. Art to the "Rock" today. As you are all probably aware, Fr. Art is the new director of the St. Charles Lwanga Center. The center offers a lot of great programs in faith formation and leadership skills. I encourage you to take a look at all that they offer and take advantage of this wonderful resource that we have available to us. Fr. Art is here today to answer any questions you might have.

Only one week left until our Card Party. I hope you did what you needed to do and got all your stuff in to the office. I am sure it is going to be a great day, so bring some cards, bring a game, or just bring yourself and let us fellowship with one another and continue to build up our wonderful community. I want to thank all our hard workers in advance. The committee has truly worked hard to bring everything together and I really appreciate all their hard work.

Be sure to wish your favorite Redemptorist a "Happy Birthday" this Wednesday. It is our 279th year of serving the poor and most abandoned.

The readings today challenge us to "*Keep those lamps trimmed and burning!*" We are told to prepare ourselves, to make ready for our soon coming King. Vigilance is the price of discipleship. As I preached on Tuesday evening, (*those that were there can skip the next few sentences*) it is easy to get lulled into coasting through our life

of faith. We are tempted to think there is always plenty of time, to enjoy today and not worry about tomorrow. The real difference between a saint and the average Christian is not miracles; it is that saints live their faith with a sense of urgency. They know they must pray **now** for there is so much to pray for. They know they must come to the table **now** for the body needs strength for the work ahead. They know they must help their neighbor **now** or their neighbor might not be around to help. They know they must preach the gospel **now** for only God knows who might be saved from a moment of sin. They know they must seek out the lost sheep **now** for it is in true danger. They know they must confess their sins **now** for why delay God's mercy. They know they must love and serve the Lord **now** for only He knows the day and the hour.

There is so much to do church and so little time to do it. Let us fill ourselves with a true sense of urgency. Let us light our lamps that our light will shine before all. Let us store up oil that we might always be equipped for the work of the Lord. Let us go out with joy to welcome our Lord and King into our lives, and accompany him to the kingdom.

In the Redeemer,

to Rick

Weekly Readings...



Nov. 6, 2011 through Nov. 13, 2011

Sunday

Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 Mt 25:1-13

Monday

Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1-10 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Wis 2:23-3:9 Ps 34:2-3,16-19 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Thursday

Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175 Lk 17:20-25

Friday

Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43 Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,19-21



SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



PRAYER CORNER

We are saying Special Prayers for persons and families living with HIV/AIDS.)

Pray for the repose of the soul of † Nina Hughes, mother of Monica Tyler and Bo.

NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Brennan Rowan
Jermaine Thomas

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Bria McGinnis
Emma Pou
Jessica Pou

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 Tony Conte

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00 Jasmine Burt

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Audrey Ellermann
Michael Ellermann
Maudelle Fite
Linda Kamp
Helene Laberta
Linda Kamp

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Blondell Lucas
Karen Madison
Pat Pou
Barbara Richter
Angela Thames
Jean Anthony
Anita Banks

Host: Martha Darris

Host: Lois Greer

Host: Jean Latham

Host: Mary Middleton

Host: Nikki Taylor

Host: Edna Whitfield

INCENSE BEARER

8:15 Linda Crymes
11:00 Janis McSpadden

LECTORS/COMMENTATOR

8:15 Elizabeth Boykin
Jacquie Crawford
11:00 Donna Lane
Richard Buckley

USHERS - Group 1

8:15 Linda Kamp
11:00 Lisa Bowie-Perry

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Justin Thomas
Jermaine Thomas

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Caleb Camp
David Camp

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 Robert Caldwell

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00 Sandra Branch

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Brenda Moore-Jones
Pat Quain
Melba Smith
Johnny Taylor
Andrew Atherton

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Henrene Brown
Deborah Grant
Carla Gregory
Pearlina Harris
Donna Lane
Richard Lane
Mary Middleton

Host: Jean Nashville

Host: Janet Thompson

Host: Norman Williams

Host: Richard Buckley

Host: Joy Camp

Host: Cynthia Clayton

Host: Pat Pou

INCENSE BEARER

8:15 Audrey Ellermann
11:00 Cathy Burt

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Michael Ellermann
Carol Henderson-Powell
11:00 Patricia Bowens
Bonita Cornute

SICKNESS 10/26/11
Woolfork, Virginia*

SICKNESS 11/02/11

Blake, Sr. Marvin
Codey, Leonard
McKinney, Carylyn
Smith, Jessie & Donald
Thorpe, Lionel*

HOSPITAL 11/02/11
Winn, Raymond & Gail

INTENTIONS

Albritton, Mary*
Alexandre, Rosemary S.*
Allen-Smith, Queen*
Ambus, Ruby*
Bell, Gilbert*
Bluett, Henry*
Bossow, Rachel*
Brent, Keith*
Brent, Sylvia*
Brown, Eric*
Brown, Robert*
Buckley, Darrell*
Butler, Thomas*
Carter, William Jr.*
Clay, Delores*
Cobb & Grandberry Families
Collins, Amy*
Conerly, Alan*
Cunningham, James & Diane*

Cunningham, Willie*
Davis, Denise*
Davis, Herbert & Family*
Evans, Jolene*
Foster, Ossie*
George, Roberta*
Glenn, Lesley*
Glenn, Rae*
Grant, Bernice*
Grant, Lorraine*
Green, Alonzo*
Hatchett, Ann*
Hatchett, Shannen*
Heck, Kenneth*
Hughes, Goyia*
Hughes, Irene*
Jackson, Eulalia*
Jankowski, Tom*
Jefferson, Adam
Johnson, Juanita & Family
Jones, Harriett*
Kemp, Joanne*
Kilgore, Yetta*
King, Michael*
Latham, Darby Lashai*
Latham, Darrian*
Logan, Earnstine*
Lucas, Blondell*
Lucas, Brittany*

Lee, Rosemary*
Logan, Earnstine*
Martin, Linda*
McCall, Margaret*
McCoy, Bernice*
McCullough, William
McGinnis, Kathy
Miller, Antonio Jr.*
Moore-Jones, Brenda*
Mosby, Marvin*
Ortwerth, Maria*
Parran, Lauren*
Perkins, Ivory J.*
Raiford, Cheryl TSgt*
Shannon, Marcia & Family*
Thames, Michelle*
Thompson, Henry*
Turner, David & Family
Valle, Dot*
Weekly, Ollie & Family*
Williams, Vesta
Wingate, Noelle*
Woolfork, Virginia*
Young, Cynthia*

SICKNESS

Anderson, Daryl*
Barry, Jack*
Bluett, Ida Mae*
Brown, Carrye*
Burke, Leon*
Burton, Ron & Diane*
Cato, Laura*
Cloyd, Harvey C., Sr.*
Coleman, Ken*
Coleman, Ronelle*
Crider, Joanne*
Davenport, Jean*
Fisher, Bill*
Fitzsimmons, Karen*
Gardner, Charles*
George, Betty*
Gillespie, Virgie*
Hatten, Pam*
Hodges, Mary*
Holmes, Ann*
Holmes, John*
Howard, Dorothy*
Howard, Yvonne*
Hubert, Presley*
Hunt, Marvin*
Hunt-Scott, Carol Ann*
Hudson, Edward*
Ibarra, Lynn*
Jackson, Eulalia*
Jones, Ruth*
Lampley, Janice*
Locke, Wilma*
Lockett, Geraldine*
Lockett, Linda*
Luster, Juanita*
McCoy, Steven*

McGregory, Lee Frances*
McSpadden, Phillip*
Miller, Charlotte*
Moore, Margaret Mary*
Page, Constance*
Palmer, Lucille*
Patin, Larry*
Patrick, Bernard*
Perkins, Belinda*
Perkins, Charles Sr.*
Peuperbanugh, Gary*
Rankins, Gloria*
Reedy, Judith*
Reedy, Sidney*
Reichert, Mary Ellen SR*
Reichert, Matthew*
Remsburg, Corey Sgt.*
Roberson, Lynette*
Scott, Mauri*
Simpson, April*
Stevenson, Howard*
Thomas, Webster*
Thompson, Henry*
Thompson, MaryAnn*
Turner, Hortense*
Walker, Quenetta*
Wallace, Eugene*
Washington, Yvette*
Weekly, Willie*
Williams, Joan*
Wilson, Peggy*
Woolfork, Vernie*
Worth, Shirley*
Yarbrough, Peggy*
Zacher, Clarence*
Zikovic, Katrina*

SHUT-IN

Anderson, Hortense
Bell, Georgia
Bentley, Barbara
Brown, Robert
Carson, Donetta
Chopin, Dave & Ann
Cooney, Helen
DuMaine, William
Fuller, Karla S.*
Gales, Mary Ann
Goodlow, Elizabeth
Jackson, Margaret
Johnson, Deacon Les
Joiner, Ruby
Jones, Mother Julia
Kulhman, Ann
Lee, Rosemary
McCall, Leslie
McCoy, Carolyn
Riley, Jerry
Rinderer, Barbara
Roberts, Juanita
Robinson, Vernita

*from the MLK Essay Committee...***Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest**

It is time for all students, middle schools 6th, 7th and 8th grades, St. Louis Catholic and Public Schools to enter the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest.

This year's theme is:

This year the National Memorial to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was finished in Washington D.C.

One of his quotes that was chosen was "I was a drum major for justice, peace and righteousness" This was paraphrased from a longer quote, "If you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice, say that I was a drum major for peace, say I was a drum major for righteousness and all of the other shallow things will not matter", where Rev. King was speaking about a possible eulogy that one might give him and how he would hope to be remembered.

If you had to give a eulogy for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. what would you say?

For more information contact, Anita Banks @ 314 382-9545

*Join the Peace and Justice Committee
and the Youth and Young Adult Ministry
for a bus tour of African American History in St. Louis.*

FOCUS: CIVIL RIGHTS ERA and St. Louis

WHEN: November 19th, 2011 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

TOUR GUIDE: Dr. John Wright, author of *Discovering African American St. Louis: A Guide To Historic Sites*

SCHEDULE:

12:00 Gather in the parking lot, pick up your bag lunch and cold water. (see below for lunch info)

12:30 Bus leaves

4:00 Bus Returns and Conclusion

Cost: \$18, includes lunch, refreshment and the bus cost. \$5 for youth (\$20 for those outside the parish.)

RSVP: Please make checks payable to "St. Alphonsus Rock Church" – mark the envelope "ATTN: BUS TOUR," and mark the check "Bus Tour". Send to St. Alphonsus Rock Church, 1118 N. Grand Blvd, 63106.

For more information, contact:

Mae Peters: 314-721-1389 (work)

Kathy McGinnis: 314-369-3821 (cell)

LITURGY NOTES**Black Catholic History Month**

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States voted and designated the month of November as Black Catholic History Month (BCHM) to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics.

November is the perfect month. Beginning with the feast of All Saints on the 1st, the feast of All Souls on the 2nd, and the feast of Saint Martin de Porres on the 3rd, the birth of Saint Augustine of Hippo on the 13th, Saint Gelasius (Pope 492-496) on the 21st, Saint Catherine of Alexandria on the 25th, Saint Peter of Alexandria on the 26th. Culminating with the celebration of Thanksgiving to God for all His blessings as families come together to celebrate and remember those who have come and gone.

Black Catholic History at the Rock and St. Clements

We are searching for information on the history of Black Catholics at the Rock and the old St. Clements. We gathered some information from the church archives but would like to have more. If you have pictures, photos, certificates and other historical information from the 30's, 40's and 50's of Black Catholics at either church, please share it with the Liturgy Commission. If you know who the first Black couple to be married at the Rock was, let us know – even better if you have photos; 1st Communion classes, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, etc., we will scan your documents and return the originals, unaltered to you. Please see Richard Buckley or Sharon Cooney-Smith to discuss in more detail. And thanks in advance for sharing!

SAINT OF THE WEEK...

St. Martin de Porres
 Feast Day November 3

Saint Martin de Porres was born on December 9, 1579, in Lima, Peru. He was the illegitimate son of wealthy Spanish knight Juan de Porres and a freed slave woman from Panama, Anna Velasquez, who was of mixed raced. At the age of fifteen, Martin became a "resident oblate" in the Dominican Friary in Lima and was accepted as a lay brother nine years later. He had a desire to be a foreign missionary somewhere to earn martyrdom, but he spent his whole life in Lima working as a barber, farm laborer, almoner (one who collects and distributes alms for the poor), and doctor's assistant, among other things. Martin was blessed with great graces and miracles such as: curing the sick, aerial flights, and bilocation. He was very humble and called himself "Brother Broom". He treated all with love and did not discriminate against anyone who needed help. Not only did he love all people, but animals as well, even rodents, and he maintained a hospital for cats and dogs in the house of his sister. In his charity, he also started an institution for poor children to educate them and to teach them a trade so that they would have better lives; and he established an open garden planted with fig trees which was accessible to all the poor for food.

Saint Martin died on November 3, 1639 of typhus (a disease that is contracted from lice, mites, or fleas), probably contracted due to his contact with animals. He was carried to his tomb by bishops and noblemen. He was canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962. He was the first Black saint of the Americas and a contemporary of **Saint Rose of Lima**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pictorial Directories are in!

They will be distributed at the TODAY!
 Fellowship Sunday

***Sick and Shut-In
 Ministry Workshop***

November 12th
 1:00 p.m.

**African Marketplace and
 Christmas/Kwanzaa Craft Fair**

Sunday, December 11, 2011
 9:00 am until 3:00 pm

St. Alphonsus Liguori Rock Church
 Gym and Parish Hall
 1118 North Grand Blvd
 St. Louis, MO 63106

Jewelry, Christmas and Kwanzaa Cards,
 African Clothing

Christmas Tree Ornaments, Angel Tree
 Toppers

Art work and Hand-crafted Gift Items

Vendor Space available, contact the church
 office 314-533-0304.

Thank You!!!

The Ladies Council of St. Elizabeth, MOJB welcomed over 200 guests to their Autumn Leaves Card Part last Sunday. It was a great afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun. We give our heartfelt thanks for your faithful support of this annual event. We look forward to seeing you again next year! Pictures will be posted soon on the St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Facebook page.

PARISH EVENTS

November 6, 2011
 Fellowship Sunday
after both Masses

November 13, 2011
 Card Party 2011
 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

November 19, 2011
 African American History
 Bus Tour

November 24, 2011
 Thanksgiving Mass
 10:00 a.m.

November 27, 2011
 First Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2011
 African Marketplace
 Christmas/Kwanzaa Craft Fair
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

December 25, 2011
 Christmas Mass
 10:00 a.m.

ATTENTION:

All members of the following organizations and any other Fraternal organization who are interested in forming a Christmas Caroling Choir that will sing at one or two nursing homes in early December.

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

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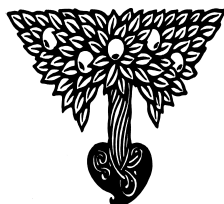
Financial Corner...



Offerings and Tithes

Is Now Available!
www.stalphonsusrock.org

OCTOBER 2011	
Date	Amount
02	\$ 9,914.92
09	\$ 11,555.92
16	\$ 7,983.62
23	\$ 9,492.26
30	\$ 9,066.21
Total	\$ 48,012.93
Wkly Avg.	\$ 9,602.59



2011
 Annual Catholic Appeal
 YTD \$19,051

Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$12,000

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

That each of us may find ways to participate more fully in the life of our Church rather than expecting that someone else will do what God is calling us to do.

"...but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps."

Matthew 25:4

We might think that the wise virgins are selfish for not sharing their oil. Yet, the wise were the ones who brought all they had for the Lord. They did not keep anything back, like the foolish virgins who only brought the least that they could. Reflecting on these virgins we must ask ourselves if we are bringing God all that we can or are we holding things back from God, expecting others to cover for us?

"CARD PARTY 2011"

TIME IS COMING, on November 13th at Cardinal Ritter H.S. so please pick up your books of raffle tickets **TODAY** to purchase or sell to friends, family and associates. Prizes are \$1000, \$400 and \$200. Committee members will have the raffle ticket books available for pick up after both masses every Sunday. They will also have reservation and ad forms. If you **have not** received a card party mailing, please call the parish office to verify your mailing address.

Raffle tickets will not be mailed

All forms and raffle ticket books will be available from the parish office. Please do your part and sell/buy as many raffle ticket books, card party tables/bingo seats and ads as possible to help the "ROCK" Church."

Put your raffle ticket money and RSVP forms/money in the Card Party Envelopes and drop in the collection baskets on Sundays.



High school students, if you need community service hours, please call Ms. Thames to volunteer at the Card Party Children's Room. 314-533-0304 x 102. Please leave your name and phone number.

Please arrive as soon as possible after the 11:00 service. We will be in the Cardinal Ritter Library.

If you have graduated high school or if you are over 18 yrs of age, you must have taken the Protecting God's Children training.

BIRTHDAYS



Charida McNair	1	Nicole Jackson	12	Theodore Branch	22
Jordan Davis	1	John Wright	12	Kathy Conley-Jones	22
Harold Hardin	1	Donna Byas	14	Yannick Henry	22
Rashad Williams	2	Malendia Lemee	14	Maryellen Judge	22
Rhonda Graham	3	Janessa Herron	15	Kathy Parran	22
Ann Cooney-Hatchett	4	Grace Ying	16	Ruby Brown	24
Gloria King	5	Stefan Cameron	17	Wilhelmina Rayford	24
Isaiah Melton	5	Michelle Dillehay	18	Mary Burford	25
Ashley Miller	7	Carl Williams	18	Jan Reed-Jones	25
Carol Powell	7	David Dixon	19	Kim Henderson	26
George Love	8	Kisha Harris	19	Christine Cradock	28
Kevin Seymour	8	Lashonda Shelvy	19	QueenAllen-Smith	29
Frank Gardner	9	Robert Valle	19	Ralph Goldberg	29
David Martin	9	Gregory Hood	20	Christopher Johnson	29
Jabari Alexander	10	Mary Middleton	20	Pamela Davis	30
Cathy Burt	12	Mary Thomas-Crumble	20		
Michael Ellermann	12	Kevin Triggs	20		

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religious Ed.: 314- 533-0304 Ext. 1311

Children's Bible Class
every Sunday: 10:30 - 11:45 am.

Central Catholic/St. Nicholas School(314) 231-6254

Baptismal Preparation (314) 533-0304
(ask for Donna Lane)

St. Charles Lwanga Center (314) 367-7929

COMMUNITY HELP

M.A.T. Social Ministry Center
(Emergency Aid) (314) 531-1040

Community Health In Partnership
Services (C.H.I.P.S.) (314) 652-9231

Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)
(314) 289-7523

HIV/AIDS: 314 531-0304 Ext. 1502

Birthright (Crisis pregnancy) 314-962-5300
Abortion Recovery Help: 877-HOPE-4-ME.

OFFICE CLOSING...

Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon Tuesdays. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org

ATTENTION

If your telephone number or address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304. You may also put your updated information in the locked multipurpose box located on the north-side entrance ushers' table.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS

"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Inform one of the priests, and they can anoint you after Mass. Call and leave your hospital information at the office; a priest will visit you.

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