

# *St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church*

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Rev. Rodney Olive, C.Ss.R., Parochial Administrator



## Mission

**“To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God”**

## Theme

**“God is alive, and He will keep us revived in 2025!”**



### PASTORAL STAFF

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Malcolm Speed  
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### REDEMPTORISTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

### SUNDAY MASS:

10:00 a.m.

### DAILY MASS:

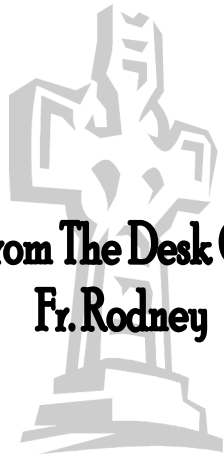
#### TUESDAY:

11:30 a.m. Our Mother Of Perpetual Help Novena & Mass

(M, W, Th & F.) 11:30 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. (Church)





**From The Desk Of  
Fr. Rodney**

***Being Reconciled***  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

This fourth week of Lent calls out to us to be reconciled. Whom are we to be reconciled to? This is a good question to ask ourselves. Certainly, we need to be reconciled with God for the time we intentionally or unintentionally turned away from him. We most likely need to reconcile with our neighbor, either to ask forgiveness or to forgive the offenses that have caused hurt and pain, including sin. We also need to look within our souls and forgive ourselves. This last one may just be the hardest one to do. If we wish to enter the promised land of Jesus' redeeming love, it begins with forgiveness.

Just as the people of Israel spent 40 years atoning for their sins against God, so to you and I must atone for our sins for the times we turned away from God. This time of purification prepares us, like the Israelites, to enter the promised land of Christ's redeeming love. Now is the moment when we long to experience the joy and freedom that come with the Resurrection. By opening ourselves to this redeeming love, we can more fully experience the power of Christ's love in the Eucharist we celebrate each week.

Paul teaches us that the redemptive experience sees the resurrection as part of God's ongoing creation. Reconciliation brings forgiveness and restoration of one's personal relationship with God and our faith community. The Father loves us so much that he sent his Son to be a sin offering for our salvation. Through this selfless, unconditional loving act, our sins are forgiven, and we are once again pleasing to God.

Luke's gospel further focuses us on Jesus' teaching on forgiveness and reconciliation, which leads us to the experience of redeeming love. The parable of the Prodigal Son is a powerful lesson and blueprint for the unconditional love that reaches out to heal relationships. No one will ever place limits on God's goodness and love. We share this experience by appreciating the father's kiss of forgiveness when his son returns. We also see this in the father's reinforcement of that forgiveness, it becomes a time to celebrate. Like the father, in the parable, God embraces us and welcomes us home. God always gives us another chance when we embrace his redeeming love.

Parochial Administrator

**WEEKLY READINGS...**

***Sunday:***

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5  
6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7  
10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)  
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9  
13-17, 34-38

***Monday:***

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6  
11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

***Tuesday:***

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
Jn 5:1-16

***Wednesday:***

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9  
13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

***Thursday:***

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22  
23/Jn 5:31-47

***Friday:***

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18  
19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10  
25-30

***Saturday:***

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10  
11-12/Jn 7:40-53

***Sunday:***

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5,  
6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scruti-  
ny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4  
5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27  
33b-45

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES**

***Sunday***

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

***Tuesday:***

April Fools' Day

***Wednesday:***

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

***Friday:***

St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of  
the Church

***Saturday:***

St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

***Sunday:***

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



REMEMBER  
in your prayers

**INTENTIONS 03/25/25**

Carr, Jeff  
Diaz, Evie  
Duclerne, Joseph  
Duncan, Kara  
Eaves, Douglas  
Enberg, Carol  
Golden, Sherrill A.  
Golden, James L.  
Golden, Patricia  
Guiu, Dumitru  
Guiu, Viorica  
Hatchett, Sharon  
Hinton, Gary  
Johnson, Billie Ms.  
Johnson, Markiea  
Martin, Michael  
McDonald, Derrick  
Meeks, Kim  
Meeks, Taniyah  
Merritt, Tamala  
Miller Jr., Antonio  
Monroe, Sam  
Monroe, Tanya  
Perry-Watson, Sydney  
Pinard, Viviana  
Radley, Bryan  
Ransome, Gregory  
Robison, Amber  
Sammons, Bernie  
Sanders, Sharron  
Scott, Devon  
Scott, Dorothea  
Sher, Lois  
Smith, Paulette  
Sullivan, Noah  
Walker, Deneen  
Walker, Jasmine  
Williams, Linda  
Williams, Norman

**SICKNESS 03/25/25**

Barnett, Jewel  
Baumstack, Liza  
Blake, Maria  
Brown, Joyce  
Brownlee, Ethel  
Buckley, Darrell  
Busy, Brittney  
Carter, Alfred  
Cole, Barbara  
Conner, Jack  
Cox, Jonathan Jr.  
DeClue, Rosalynn  
Delaney, J.  
Dye, Margaret  
George, Betty  
George, Christine  
Gilliand, John  
Gurley, Earline  
Jones, Keiarra  
Harris, Latanya  
Leong, Desmond  
Lewis, Joi  
Locke, Wilma  
Harris, Tobey  
Harris, Willie  
Hart, Edgar  
Hayes, Regina  
Hollins, Albert Rev.  
Jammer-Webb, Jallah  
Latham, Jean  
Lehmkuhl, Karen  
Littleton, Ginny  
Magnus, Sonette  
Moore, Wilbert  
O'Brien, Nancy  
Officer, Marion E. Jr.  
Oldani, Shirley  
Payne, Lonnie  
Piphus, Michelle

Pointer, Nelson  
Polek, Dave Fr.  
Remsberg, Cory Sgt.  
Roberts, Nounita  
Robinson, William, Jr.  
Rodgers, Erby Lee  
Salter, Debi  
Sheppard, Joyce  
Simpson, Ronald  
Smith, Paulette  
Sonnenschein, Joseph  
Sparkman, Judah  
Stayton, Michael  
Strong, Betty  
Townsend, Bob  
Venverloh, Karen  
Williams, Kioko

**SHUT-IN**

Atherton, Andrew  
Brack Dorothy  
Cloyd, Selena  
Darris, Martha  
Farr, Synthia  
Hughes, Irene  
Kilgore, Yetta  
Lee, Hazel  
McCoy, Carolyn  
McGinnis, Kathy  
Moore, Brenda  
Reedy, Sid  
Skinner, Joanna  
Smith, Melba  
Whitfield, Edna

**Prayer For Renewed Strength**

O Lord, my God, Please give those listed above the grace to maintain their hope in You.

Through all of life's changes and to taste and see

Your goodness.

Amen

**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?*

*Call and leave your hospital information at the office*

**BAPTISM GUIDELINES:**

**Newborn – 6 years old.** A parent or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation class, instruction materials are provided.

**Ages 7 – 10:** The child must attend special Baptism preparation classes and the parent(s) or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation session prior to the ceremony.

**Ages 11 – 17:** The young person must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program.

**Age 18 and Older:** The Candidate must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

**MATRIMONY** – Engaged couples, seeking to be married at the Rock Church, must meet with the Pastor before setting a date.

**RCIA/RCIC – ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a group to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

*For information on requesting any of the above Sacraments and/or to register for classes, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Sharon Cooney-Smith at 314-533-0304 ext. 1001, or via e-mail @ [scooneysmith@stalphonsusrock.org](mailto:scooneysmith@stalphonsusrock.org).*



## LITURGY NOTES

### *Bread for the Journey:*

In the Old Testament, it is the Passover that marks the beginning and the end of Israel's journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In our own time, we can acclaim God in the words of Psalm 34 as we *"taste and see the goodness of the Lord"* because he continues to provide food for our own journey from slavery to newness of life in Christ. In the eucharistic prayer, we ask that God *"be pleased to confirm in faith and charity [his] pilgrim Church on earth."* The Eucharist marks the journey of the pilgrim church.

Our reception of the Eucharist expresses our communion with the Lord and with one another. It confirms our belief and celebrates the work of Christian unity alive in our hearts and in our world. Receiving the Eucharist is an act that witnesses to our communion with the Body of Christ. Our reception of the Eucharist also expresses our disunity, our need for God and our desire for communion with one another. As we receive the Body of Christ, we recognize that grace is required for deeper conversion and holiness. We mourn the ways that our community and our world are divided, and we pray for the strength to be instruments of peace and reconciliation. Our reception of the Eucharist is an incredible act of humility by which we acknowledge our unworthiness (*"Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof"*) and the Lord's endless desire to bind us together in love (*"...but only say the word and my soul shall be healed"*).

On our earthly pilgrimage, we find sustenance in the bread of life, which is itself a promise of our heavenly homeland. We become what we eat and take on the likeness of the One we consume. As we present ourselves to be transformed with the offerings of bread and wine, we see that all things are being made new in Christ.

### **PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING**

- With whom do you most identify in the parable of this week's gospel? -- How could you grow in empathy for another character and for the real-life equivalents you might encounter in the world?
- How do you experience God sustaining and nourishing you on your pilgrimage through this life? -- Where might God be providing abundance that you are overlooking?
- How is your relationship to the Eucharist right now? How might God open your heart to more fully understand Christ's Real Presence there?

*(Source:litpress.org/Living Liturgy)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST ALPHONSUS "ROCK" PRESENTS

# FISH FRY

FUNDRAISER

EACH FRIDAY THROUGH APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
SOUL FOOD FRIDAY APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

**MENU**  
CATFISH FILLET, JACK (WHOLE),  
AND COD DINNER \$17 (INCLUDES SPAGHETTI,  
COLE SLAW, AND SMALL DESSERT)  
SANDWICHES \$12 (EXTRA FISH \$5) SIDES \$3  
DESSERTS \$3 BEVERAGE \$1 (WATER AND SODA VARIETY)

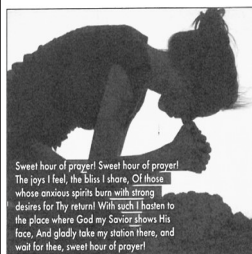


**LOCATION**  
1118 N GRAND BLVD  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63106

**Time:**  
11<sup>am</sup> to 5<sup>pm</sup>

CALL IN ORDERS BEFORE 3PM THURSDAY PHONE 314-533-0304

In Loving Memory of Glenn Miller, Roberta George, and Alonzo Green



## "Journey with Jesus"

Join us for Sweet Hour of Prayer

Thursdays at 7:00pm during Lent

Prayer, Praise, Worship and Song!

April 3 - Presider, Rev. Paul Whittington, O. P.

April 10 - Presider, Rev. Rodney Olive, C.Ss.R.

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**The St. Alphonsus 'Rock' Church Men's Ministry is restarting and we welcome your perspective and fellowship.**

**Our mission is to "Revitalize the Ministry" and to be of service to the parish and the family.**

**We would like to offer fellowship in large-group or small-group settings where "iron sharpens iron."**

**"Our goal is to be more visibly active throughout the church in such ways as Men's Day Mass, community out-reach like feeding the unhoused, and church fellowship events such as Donut Sundays, Corpus Christi celebration, or Ninja Warrior events.**

**Theo Branch, Courtney Hinton and Eric Thurman are the Points of Contact for the group.**

**We look forward to coming together and actively doing God's work.**

**A sign-up sheet is available at the Usher's table.**



## CALLING ALL SINGERS

**Join the St. Charles Lwanga Center Youth Choir**

The St. Charles Lwanga Center is excited to announce the formation of a Youth Choir for children ages 9-18!

We welcome all young voices to come and lift their hearts in song—you do not need to be Catholic to join.

### Rehearsals



First two Saturdays of each month  
Start Date: April 5 & April 12  
12 noon - 2:00 PM



St. Charles Lwanga Center  
8240 Washington Street  
St. Louis, MO 63114

**For more information, please contact:**

The St. Charles Lwanga Center  
314-449-3496  
or Mrs. Michelle Williams  
314-422-9158



General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
MARCH	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Envelopes	\$ 6,617.00	\$ 4,940.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 1,809.00	\$ 788.00
Loose Offering	\$ 183.00	\$ 90.00
Total Offering	\$ 8,609.00	\$ 5,818.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$( 3,891.00)	\$( 6,682.00)

**Stewardship Prayer...**

That we trust that God will provide all that we need.

*“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.”*

*JOSHUA 5:12*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

**Missionary Discipleship – Live as a New Creation**

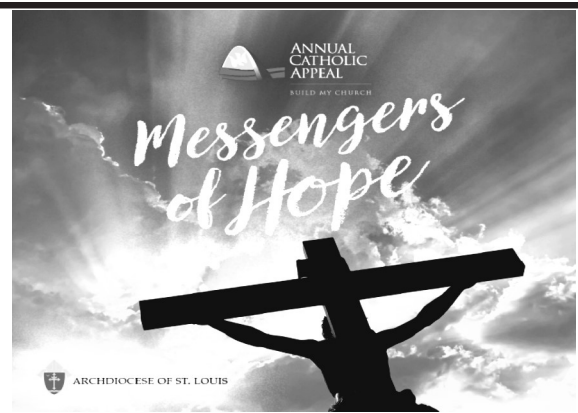
In the second reading, Paul tells us that God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ. Because of this grace, Christ has given us the gift of making each of us a new creation. This week would be a great time during your Lenten journey to take some time to ponder how we are using that gift. Have we allowed Christ to work through us so that we can be His ambassadors? Have we remained reconciled to Christ? To be an ambassador, we need to spread the good news. That doesn’t necessarily mean sharing the doctrine of our faith. We need to share our relationship with Christ with others. How do you do that? Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can allow people to see and hear Christ through us. We can share with others what Jesus has done in our own lives and what knowing Jesus means to us. Can you leave your comfort zone to live as a new creation?



Dynamic Catholic started with a dream: to help ordinary people discover the genius of Catholicism.

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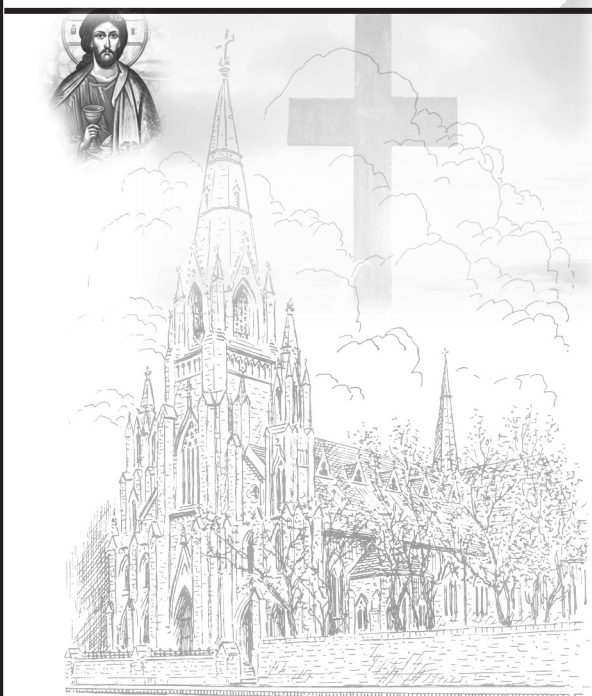


As Catholics, our hope comes from Jesus Christ. Our mission as His Church is to joyfully proclaim the Good News of salvation. We are called to be *Messengers of Hope*.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* is the lifeblood of so much of the vital work of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Your support allows us to expand our reach, deepen our impact, and build a brighter future together.

Through the *Appeal*, we lead others to Christ; educate our children; form young men to be priests; help religious orders; and bring the love and mercy of Christ to the most vulnerable among us. We also provide hope with our affordable housing fund initiative which helps move individuals and families into stable homes.

**PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY**





## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER MEMORIALS

### Continuous prayer for the “Rock” Saints who have transitioned from labor to reward during the past five years

Larry Ambus, Garvin Anderson, Hortense Anderson, Anita Louise Banks, Lillian Barnes, Loretta Beasley

Jean Irene Becker, Herron Beckley, Ida J. Bohannon, Roderick Bolden, James R. Boykin, James Buford

Irving Clay, Willie Cunningham, Judith Dickson-Durham, Kevina A. Doss, Sallie duMaine, Sr. Carolyn Emerson

Fr. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R., Alice Gathright, Roberta George, Terrance Gipson, Sr., Jermaine Gordon, Alonzo Green

Catherine Gregory, Georgette Gregory, Walter T. Gregory, Willie “Clarence” Griffin, Donna Hall, Barbara Harris

David Robert Herron, MaryAnn Hinton, Cassandra Hollins, Rosalind Hood, Jamar Huffmon, Willie Huffmon, Barbara Hudson

Jones, Nadine Jones, Fr. Anthony “Tony” Judge, C.Ss.R., Robin Kyles, Stephen LaBerta, Rosemary Lee, Mary Ann Lewis

Joan Lowe, Juanita Luster, Anice Mahone, Isis Aaliyah Mahr, Kyle Martin, Bernice McCoy, Michael P. McCoy Sr.

Eric L. McKinnie, Louis T. McKinnie, Glenn Miller, Roy Miller, Paul J. Naugles, James Joseph O’Brien, Bernice O’Neal

Anne Ortwerth, Thelma Paul, Mae Peters, Alton Pritchard, Christian Reedy Judith Reedy, Wendell M. Sams, Pearlie Savoy

Catherine Sherman, Robert Smith, Jr. Lorraine Fite Stewart, Shontea Stricklin, Gloria Taylor, Oswald Lee Thomas

Mary Ann Thompson, Robert “Bobby” J. Valle, Jr., Sandra Wallace, Ralph Watkins Jr., Ruby Wicks, Jessica Williams

Alvin Leon Wilson, Vernie Woolfork, Clarence Zacher

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sharon Cooney-Smith, DRE  
314-533-0304

#### RCIA/RCIC

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Baptism

First Reconciliation

First Communion

Confirmation

Matrimony

#### COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

Christian Formation	TBD
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Peace & Justice	Kathy McGinnis
Social Life	Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults	Ronda Smith Branch

#### COMMUNITY HELP

Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry  
Terri Schneider, Dir. of Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry  
(Emergency Aid) (314) 944-2909

St. Charles Lwanga Center (314) 367-7929

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

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

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Robert Caldwell President	Ronda Smith Branch Vice President	Hilda Phillips Secretary
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#### ATTENTION

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