

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!”



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASS:

10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS:

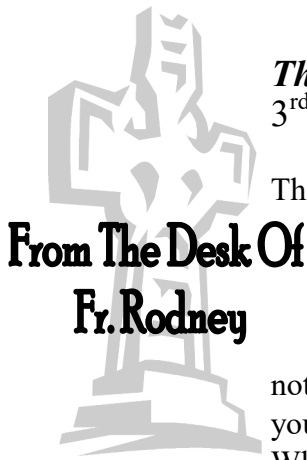
TUESDAY:

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**

The Redeeming Power of God's Love 3rd Sunday of Lent

The story of Moses and his encounter with God reveals his intimate experience with God. Moses hears the call of God and is touched by the redeeming power of his love. All of us, at least once in our lives, have an experience of God that has touched our lives. Do we not also ask the same question Moses asked, Who are you? God's response to us is the same, "Yahweh, (I Am, Who Am). Yahweh is the God of our salvation. The book of Exodus, chapter 3, tells us, "This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come."

All generations, from the time of Moses to our present time, have known the redeeming power of God's love in our personal lives, as well as in the life of our church community. We all need to be reconciled with the Lord. Why? We all fall short of the glory of God. All of us need to be healed of those burdens of sin that weigh us down, cloud our judgment, and at times turn away from Jesus. Paul, in his teaching to the Corinthian community, reminds us to be aware of those things that can cause us to drift away from the true light of Christ. Yet, it is the mercy and compassion of Jesus that heals our broken relationship and where we find forgiveness and reconciliation.

Jesus, in the Gospel of Luke, teaches us that we must humble ourselves and acknowledge our need for his forgiveness and reconciling love. You and I are called to repent of our sins and lay those unnecessary burdens down in front of the altar of God. I am often asked, "Does God give people a second chance?" My answer is always the same, "NO!" Surprised? Don't be, because The Lord, my God, the God I know and experience, never limits his love. The God I know is always the "God of another chance." As often as you and I come to him with an open heart, you and I will always know and experience the redeeming power of God's love. Make this journey of Lent the time you call out to God, "Forgive me, Heal me, Fill me with your Light and Love, *Lord.*"

Parochial Administrator

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4
6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6
10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7
8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9
10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16
19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9
10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19
20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

3rd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday:

The Annunciation of the Lord

Sunday

4th Sunday of Lent



REMEMBER
in your prayers

INTENTIONS 03/18/25

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
Meeks, Kim
Meeks, Taniyah
Merritt, Tamala
Miller Jr., Antonio
Monroe, Sam
Monroe, Tanya
Pinard, Viviana
Radley, Bryan
Ransome, Gregory
Robison, Amber
Sammons, Bernie
Scott, Devon
Scott, Dorothea
Sher, Lois
Smith, Paulette
Sullivan, Noah
Walker, Deneen
Walker, Jasmine
Williams, Linda
Williams, Norman

SICKNESS 03/18/25

Barnett, Jewel
Baumstack, Liza
Blake, Maria
Brown, Joyce
Brownlee, Ethel
Buckley, Darrell
Busy, Brittny
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.
Remsburg, 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.

LITURGY NOTES

Celebrating Mercy

When we talk about the Mass, we typically say that we are "celebrating" the Eucharist. The same is true when we talk about a baptism or a wedding. We might even say that we celebrate a funeral liturgy when we acknowledge the promise of new life in store for our deceased loved one. With each of the sacraments, there comes an acknowledgment of the joy we feel as we *celebrate* what Jesus is doing in these mysteries: he is breathing new life into us and using us for his purpose.

Do we have that same sense of joy when it comes to the sacrament of reconciliation? Is it truly a *celebration*? For many, the act of confessing and voicing our sins to God is a relatively unpleasant experience. Some even avoid the sacrament altogether. But our repentance is essential in the plan of God. Throughout salvation history, God is drawing his people back to himself. Jesus himself pleads for us before the Father and seeks to use every one of our experiences to accomplish his will. God is patient and merciful, but he wants us to bear fruit *today* by acknowledging the areas that need his divine life. Because he desires our whole heart, we cannot say that we wish to be more like Christ, "but only in part." The work cannot be put off until tomorrow.

The grace we obtain in the sacrament of reconciliation is so much more valuable than any embarrassment or discomfort we might feel in acknowledging our past failings. In fact, the very act of acknowledging our sins is an expression of the reality that we are capable of better things and that God desires to accomplish those things in us. We can truly celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation because it is so much more than our confession of sins; it includes the *forgiveness of our sins and the grace we need to live a holy life*. God is calling us to holiness, and we are assured of his help. That's reason to celebrate!

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

- In the first reading, Moses is called by God to lead Israel out of captivity. What special work do you feel God calling you to do? How have you answered God's call in your life?
- How could you show support for family or friends who are suffering?
- How are you bearing fruit for God? How might God be calling you to prune away some excess in this Lenten season so that you can bear greater fruit?

(Source: litpress.org/Living Liturgy)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST ALPHONSUS "ROCK" PRESENTS

FISH FRY

FUNDRAISER

EACH FRIDAY THROUGH APRIL 11TH, 2025
SOUL FOOD FRIDAY MARCH 21ST AND APRIL 4TH, 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)

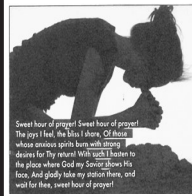


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1118 N GRAND BLVD
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Time:
11^{am} to 5^{pm}

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

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



Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share, O! how
whose anxious spirits burn with strong
desires for thy return! With thee I come to
the place where God my Saviour shows His
face, And gladly take my station there, and
wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

"Journey with Jesus"

Join us for Sweet Hour of Prayer

Thursdays at 7:00pm during Lent

Prayer, Praise, Worship and Song!

March 13 - Presider, Rev. Richard M. Potts, C.Ss.R.

March 20 - Presider, Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosley

March 27 - Presider, Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.

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.



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

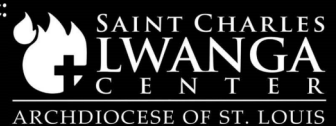


First two Saturdays of each month
Start Date: April 5 & April 12
12 noon - 2:00 PM



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	09 th	16 th
Envelopes	\$11,237.00	\$ 6,617.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 1,309.00	\$ 1,809.00
Loose Offering	\$ 257.00	\$ 183.00
Total Offering	\$12,803.00	\$ 8,609.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$ 303.00	\$(3,891.00)

Stewardship Prayer...

That we are generous with all of our gifts, nurture and develop them to return with increase.

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now, I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’”

Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts, He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Missionary Discipleship – Repentance

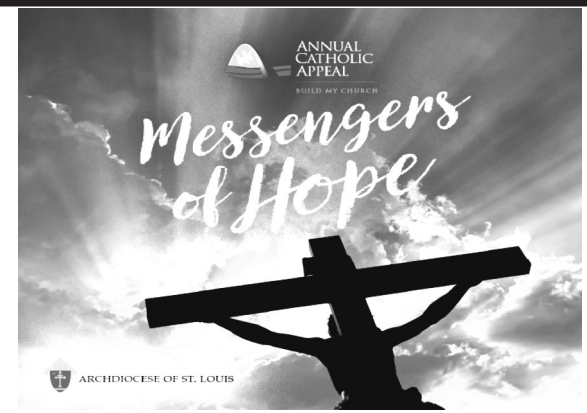
Throughout the readings of Lent, we hear a call from God to repent. Sometimes it is easy for us to be stuck in our comfort zone, so it becomes difficult for us to grow in our faith and relationship with Jesus. We get complacent in our habits, our actions, and, yes, even our attitude. Therefore, it is difficult for us to look at our need for repentance through an objective lens. How can we get past this? We need to spend quality time with Jesus and open our hearts and minds to Him to listen to what He tells us about the areas of our lives where we need repentance and reconciliation. We are all so busy, but we make time for the things we want to make time for in our lives. Do you have time for Jesus today?



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

This is an organization where you can go to find many resources for free.

Visit archstl.org/dynamic to view all the resources available to you!

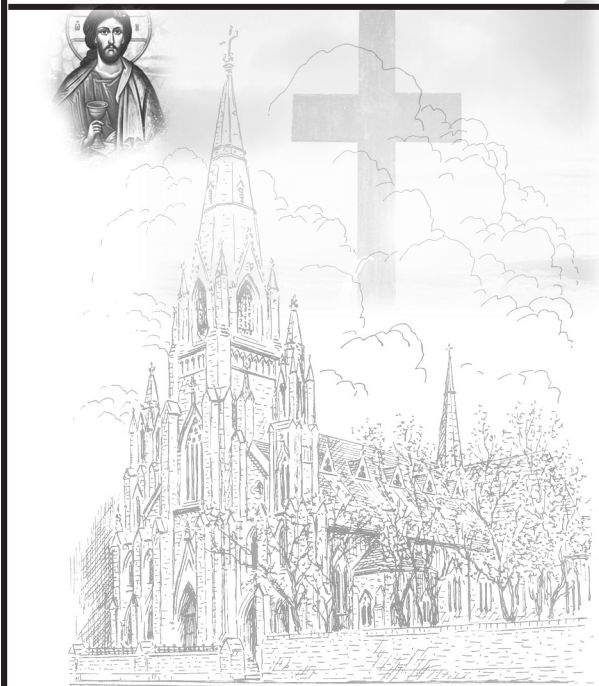


As Catholics, our hope comes from Jesus Christ. Our mission as His Church is to joyfully proclaim the Good News of salvation. We are called to be *Messengers of Hope*.

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
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RCIA/RCIC
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word
 Baptism
 First Reconciliation
 First Communion
 Confirmation
 Matrimony

COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

Christian Formation	TBD
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Finance & Adm.	Monica Huddleston
Liturgy	Richard Buckley
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

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Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org