

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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Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASS:
10:00 a.m.

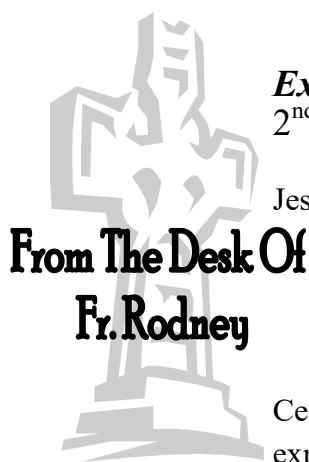
DAILY MASS:

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)





Experiencing Life in the Resurrection
2nd Sunday of Easter

Jesus has risen! Hallelujah, praise God, his love knows no limits. All the blessings, joy, and happiness be with everyone. Easter has brought us into this new covenant of love. I find it hard to accurately convey the feelings of joy and thanksgiving that the Lord has given us. Celebrating the Passion, Death, and Resurrection was an experience like no other. We, as a Rock Church Family, went through this experience together. Our Eucharistic celebration was a new birth of renewal in this covenant of Love.

The apostles testify that there is power in the Love of God. Their actions show the effects of this power. We, too, are witnesses to the amazing power of the Risen Christ. Every one of us must testify to what we experienced on Easter Sunday. Like the Apostles who proclaimed and praised the News of the Risen Savior, we do the same thing today. Something wonderful happened, and we must tell the whole community about it.

Like the Apostle Thomas, in the gospel for today, some may doubt whether the experience was real because they were not at the celebration on Sunday. Jesus never leaves anyone behind. When Jesus appeared the second time, Thomas was there; it was an amazing experience. The “peace” Jesus brings us is not some simple greeting. It calls the divine presence, which will become permanent in the bestowal of the Holy Spirit. Our reaction is just like the apostles, one of faith. We continue Jesus’ mission by offering life to all believers. The presence of the Holy Spirit resolves the absence of Jesus.

We now must go out and proclaim the redeeming love of our Lord and Savior Jesus, just like the apostles did. The world we live in today needs to hear and experience the power of God’s merciful, healing love. We were challenged to take a stand for Jesus, and we did! Now you and I must challenge the people of our present time to take a stand for Jesus with us.

Parochial Administrator

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15
22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13
17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9
17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Jn 14:6-14

Sunday:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4
5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:

2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy

Monday:

St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort,
Priest

Tuesday:

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

Wednesday:

St. Pius V, Pope

Thursday:

St. Joseph the Worker
National Day of Prayer

Friday:

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Saturday:

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Sunday:

3rd Sunday of Easter



INTENTIONS 04/23/25 SICKNESS 04/23/25

Carr, Jeff	Barnett, Jewel
Diaz, Evie	Baumstack, Liza
Duclerne, Joseph	Blake, Maria
Duncan, Kara	Brown, Joyce
Eaves, Douglas	Brownlee, Ethel
Enberg, Carol	Buckley, Darrell
Golden, Sherrill A.	Busy, Brittney
Golden, James L.	Carter, Alfred
Golden, Patricia	Cole, Barbara
Guiu, Dumitru	Conner, Jack
Guiu, Viorica	Cox, Jonathan Jr.
Hinton, Gary	DeClue, Rosalynn
Johnson, Billie Ms.	Delaney, J.
Johnson, Markiea	Dye, Margaret
Martin, Michael	George, Betty
Meeks, Kim	George, Christine
Meeks, Taniyah	Gilliand, John
Merritt, Tamala	Gurley, Earline
Miller Jr., Antonio	Jones, Keiarra
Monroe, Sam	Harris, Latanya
Monroe, Tanya	Leong, Desmond
Perry-Watson, Sydney	Lewis, Joi
Pinard, Viviana	Locke, Wilma
Radley, Bryan	Harris, Tobey
Ransome, Gregory	Harris, Willie
Robison, Amber	Hart, Edgar
Sanders, Sharron	Hayes, Regina
Scott, Devon	Hollins, Albert Rev.
Scott, Dorothea	Jammer-Webb, Jallah
Sher, Lois	Latham, Jean
Sullivan, Noah	Lehmkuhl, Karen
Thames, Angela	Littleton, Ginny
Walker, Deneen	Magnus, Sonette
Walker, Jasmine	Moore, Wilbert
Williams, Linda	O'Brien, Nancy
Williams, Norman	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
 Ververloh, Karen
 Williams, Kioko

SHUT-IN

Atherton, Andrew
 Brack Dorothy
 Cloyd, Selena
 Darris, Martha
 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

God Seeks Us Out

In the beginning, when God creates the heavens and the earth, he forms Adam and Eve in his image. They are sinless, and they are given everything they could possibly want or need. Not soon after, their relationship with God is broken by the sin of pride, and they choose to believe the lie that God is not trustworthy. Now, in their shame, they recognize their nakedness, and they are embarrassed. They take yet another step away from God and hide themselves among the trees as God walks through the garden.

Despite their sin and their choice to run from God's love, we see that it is the Father who comes to his children. In response to their sin, God walks among them, calls them by name, and desires to be near to them. The Lord is one who works to repair the relationship.

Despite our sinfulness and the choices we make to run away from the Father's love, Christ, the New Adam, comes into the world. He crosses the distance and becomes one of us in order to be close to us. Through his life, death, and resurrection, we learn the true nature of God's love. It is Jesus who has taken the first step, and now, with the gift of the Spirit, we can move toward Jesus and become like him. God does not abandon his people. In sin, in darkness, in misfortune, in vulnerability, in fear, he comes to them and he seeks them out. Whether his children hide themselves in the garden or lock themselves in an upper room, he comes to them and he seeks them out. Our woundedness is the very place where God meets us. Jesus's resurrection does not erase the wounds in his flesh; instead, the wounds are glorified. Now all suffering, pain, and shame is transformed. We do not need to be ashamed of our nakedness; Christ clothes us in a robe of eternal glory. We do not need to fear our wounds; they are glorified in Christ.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

- What makes it hard for you to believe in the risen Jesus or in his presence still among us? How do you hope God will address those doubts?
- When Jesus appears to the disciples, the first word he speaks to them is *peace*. Where in your life do you need the peace that Jesus promises?
- Is there anything holding you back from participating full in the church's joy this Easter season?
- How could your community support you in your grief or pain?

(Source: litpress.org/Living Liturgy)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MAY THE SOULS of
the FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
 THROUGH *the* MERCY
 of GOD, REST IN PEACE.



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**Please consider a gift to the
 Annual Catholic Appeal.**

Share the saving hope
 and love of Jesus Christ
 with those in need by
 supporting this
 year's Appeal.



**PLEDGE CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE
 AFTER MASS
 APRIL 27th, MAY 4th, MAY 11th AND MAY 18th**

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 ONLINE**

**TO MAKE A PLEDGE OVER THE PHONE
 CONTACT THE ACA OFFICE AT 314.792.7680**

TO PLAY IN THE DIRT

The St. Alphonsus Men's Ministry would like to invite you to join us today after Mass, if weather permits.

We will help prepare the land using a layered method or whichever method is best or preferred. We will be growing the garden in 3 sections. One section will be for the community. That section is intended for ministries that do community outreach through food. The second section will be the church garden. That is for parishioners who don't mind planting in a community area and if arts and environment would like to grow/sustain the plants we have and use. The final section is the family section. That is for those who want their own space. We ask that you bring your own materials if you have certain ways of growing. We may or may not have enough tools for everyone and if you want a raised bed or something particular we, the Men's ministry, can assist. We will provide compost, provide the compost, and some seeds for those without. We are a bit weather dependent, so please be flexible with us.

We hope to see you out there!

Social Justice Summer Camp

at
 College Church



The Social Justice Camp sponsored by the College Church Youth Faith Formation program will be held June 23 – 27 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Young people who will be entering grades 6, 7, and 8 in the fall are invited to attend. The week's schedule will include engaging group activities and participation in a variety of community service events. We will explore ways God calls us to build a just society and use our gifts to help others.

Camp fees are \$400 per camper and include all program materials and daily snacks. Campers bring their own lunches. Scholarships are available.

Reserve your spot by registering through this link:

sfxstl.org/social-justice-camp

Please contact Julie Kilian julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
APRIL	13 th	20 th
Envelopes	\$ 9,695.00	\$ 5,322.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 2,038.00	\$ 1,318.00
Loose Offering	\$ 258.00	\$ 536.00
Total Offering	\$11,991.00	\$ 7,176.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$ (509.00)	\$ (5,324.00)

Stewardship Prayer...

That we show mercy to someone we need to reconcile with.

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”

(John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful, not just with those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life whom you need to reconcile with. Call them right now, or better yet, go visit them.

Missionary Discipleship – Do we reflect Christ to others?

In the Gospel, Thomas says to the other Apostles, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” Later, when Jesus appears to the Apostles, Jesus rebukes Thomas, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” We all know people like Thomas who need evidence to believe something. This is one of the reasons we need to allow everyone we meet to see the evidence of God working in our lives. Have you ever met someone who exudes the love, joy, and peace of Jesus in everything they do? People like this are contagious because everyone wants what they have. They reflect Christ to others. If we all could strive to allow Christ to shine through us, we would be able to give all those like Thomas a glimpse of what they are seeking. This week would be a good time to ask the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts and help us to allow Christ to shine through us.

SAVE the DATE

Fall Festival

St. Alphonsus Church

ROCK

BINGO

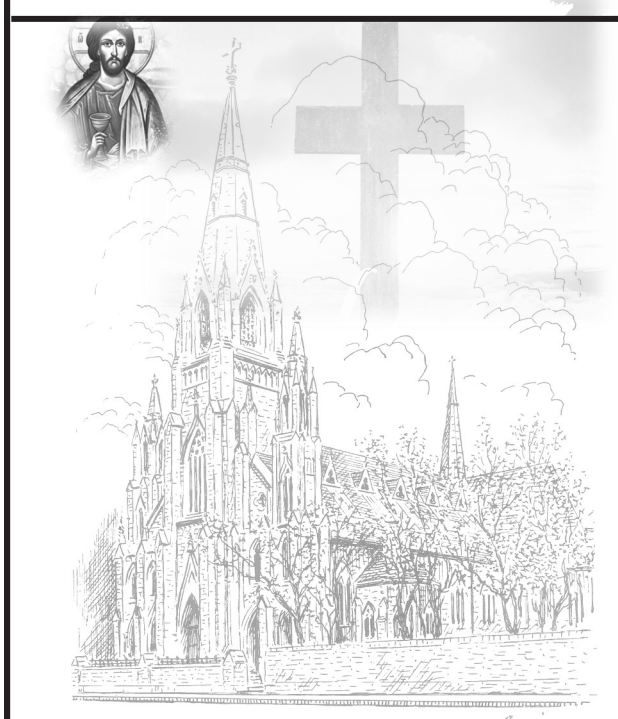
08.10.25
12:00PM-3:00PM

CARD PARTY

11.09.25
12:00PM-3:00PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND PRIZES. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AS DATE APPROACHES.

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, Synthia Farr

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
Christian Service	Hilda Phillips
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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Robert Caldwell President	Ronda Smith Branch Vice President	Hilda Phillips Secretary
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Theodore Branch

Richard Buckley

Audrey Ellermann

Gregory Hood

Teresa Hudson

David Martin

Jessica Pou

Patricia Pou

Jocelyn Woodson-Reed

ATTENTION

If your telephone number, home address or email address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304 or email office@stalphonusrock.org.

Bulletin announcements must be in the office for review and approval by 12 noon Tuesdays.

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