

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.

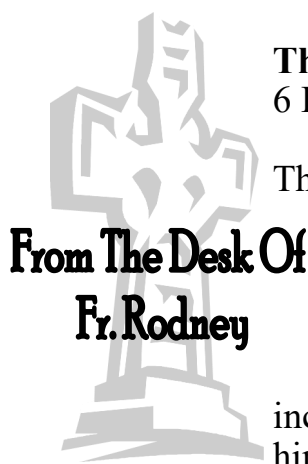
DAILY MASS:

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)





The Courage to Believe

6 Feb.25, 6th Sunday in OT

The prophets Jeremiah and Paul call us to realize that we cannot save ourselves. Only by turning back to God can we find hope and experience the power of his love. Paul reaffirms that Jesus is the first fruit of all believers, he was crucified, died, and rose from the dead. We are included in Jesus' resurrection because we are in him. In emptying ourselves, God can fill us with the power of his love.

The power of God's love is revealed in Jesus' teaching on the beatitudes. The first three beatitudes reflect the joy of the early ministry of Jesus. You and I are truly blessed when we realize that "***We need God***". We need his power flowing within us and His love to fill us with hope and life; we need his mercy and compassion to experience the joy of new life. By announcing the situation of the poor and marginalized, Jesus, salvation can be found in him.

The four woes within the Beatitudes also challenge us to understand that the poor and marginalized know what it is to trust and depend on the generosity of God's love to meet their needs. These woes are a powerful appeal to the wealthy and powerful to meet the needs of the poor and the weak. This means that you and I must have and continually develop an attitude of gratitude, a Jesus attitude of care and concern for our brothers and sisters. Jesus is calling us, as his disciples, to be involved in the struggle of the poor and forgotten of our society. A true solidarity of love and giving reveals to others Christ's presence within us. This is the bedrock and guiding principle of our Christian life. Jesus' message concerns the relationship of Christians to Christians regarding their social differences and a radically new way of life, the Christian life.

Parochial Administrator

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
(40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday:

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8
16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and
2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13
14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday:

Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21
29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday:

Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13
14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6
Mt 16:13-19

Sunday:

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

The Seven Holy Founders
of the Servite Order
Presidents' Day

Friday:

St. Peter Damian, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church

Saturday:

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday:

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REMEMBER
in your prayers

INTENTIONS 02/11/25

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

SICKNESS 02/11/25

Barnett, Jewel
Baumstack, Liza
Blake, Maria
Brown, Joyce
Brownlee, Ethel
Buckley, Darrell
Busy, Brittney
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
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
Pointer, Nelson
Polek, Dave Fr.
Remsberg, Cory Sgt.
Roberts, Nounita
Robinson, William, Jr.
Rodgers, Erby Lee
Salter, Debi
Sheppard, Joyce
Simpson, Ronald
Sonnenschein, Joseph
Sparkman, Judah
Stayton, Michael
Strong, Betty
Townsend, Bob
Venverloh, Karen

SHUT-IN

Atherton, Andrew
Brack Dorothy
Cloyd, Selena
Darris, Martha
Farr, Synthia
Hughes, Irene
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



Born in rural Alabama in 1933, Hattie Canty was one of the greatest strike leaders in U.S. history. She found work as a cook in California before settling in Las Vegas with her husband, who supported the family and ten children. Except for a short stint working as a maid at the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas in 1972, Canty largely stayed home to raise the family's ten children. In 1975, her husband fell ill and succumbed to lung cancer. Facing the prospect of caring for eight of her children who were still living at home, 41-year-old Canty took another maid job at a hotel – this time the Maxim – a hotel unionized with Las Vegas Culinary Workers Union Local 226. Because of the union, the job afforded Canty health benefits, a pension, and wages far above the minimum wage. Over the next dozen years, Canty rose through the ranks, being promoted from maid to attendant. She spent every one of her off-days walking a picket line when there was a picket line to walk.

In May 1990, the membership of the union elected Canty president – the first woman president of the local – and a position she held for ten years. Under her leadership, the Local engaged in what became one of the longest strikes in US History, which lasted 6 years, 4 months and ten days between 1991 and 1998. In 1991, 550 hospitality workers at the Vegas Frontier Hotel walked off their jobs to protest unfair wages and treatment. Over the next six years, the union maintained a strike line 24 hours a day, seven days a week and no striker ever crossed the picket line. The strike ended in victory when the Frontier was bought by another businessman, who promised to restore the workers to their jobs, honor the union contract, and provide back pay for the workers.

During an oral history in 2007, Canty had this to say about striking: “... *when there’s a strike like that, you’re not just striking for the benefits from that hotel. But you are learning to take up for yourself. You are learning to defend your rights. You are not letting people just run over you or you’re taking anything they give you.*”

Hattie Canty was a dynamic leader who also worked to better integrate the union and address racial tensions. She was not only a fearless advocate, going to jail at least six times to defend the union, but a strategic institution builder. For example, she established a culinary training academy that helped train workers to gain promotions in the industry. Canty rose through the ranks, as a largely uneducated hotel worker, to become a union president and strike leader, strengthening the foundation of what remains one of the strongest union locals in the country today. She died July 12, 2012, in Las Vegas.

Hattie Canty. Image credit: <https://zinnedproject.org/materials/women-in-labor-history/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMSL University of Missouri–St. Louis

**Black in St. Louis:
The State of Education**

Friday, February 21, 2025

Join the African American Alumni Chapter for Black in St. Louis: The State of Education. The panel of education professionals will lead a discussion revolving around the current state of education, as well as the future both near and far.

This guided discussion will be moderated by the Honorable Monica Huddleston.

Registration is free, but required.
Scan the QR code to RSVP.



- 📍 Rize Event Center
4444 Woodson Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63134
- 📅 Friday, February 21, 2025
- 🕒 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

UMSL Alumni
African American Chapter

**FRIENDLY
TEMPLE**

Community
Gospel
Choir of St. Louis

GOSPEL ROOTS:

A BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD AT 3PM
FRIENDLY TEMPLE CHURCH
11221 LARIMORE RD, SPANISH LAKE, MO 63138

REGISTER TO ATTEND AT <http://our.show/cgcblackhistory>

"Gospel Roots" is a powerful Black History Month concert celebrating the Black community's rich cultural heritage, history, and resilience through music and song. The concert features uplifting gospel performances by the 60-voice Community Gospel Choir, showcasing both traditional and contemporary gospel music honoring the struggles and triumphs of Black Americans throughout history.

Join Us

ROCK LENTEN FISH

11AM - 5PM

March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th & 11th

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Contact Parish Office or Fish Fry Committee for additional information.

Lift Every Voice

Black History Month Celebration

Feb 28

Fri 7:30pm • Stifel Theatre

Kevin McBeth, conductor
Donald Lawrence, vocalist
IN UNISON Chorus

**St. Louis
Symphony
Orchestra**

+
ROCK LENTEN CHURCH REVIVAL!

"Journey with Jesus!"

Revival Preacher
Rev. Ako Walker, C.Ss.R.

March 10, 11, and 12, 2025 – 7:00pm

Preaching, Praise
Song and Worship!

Watch the bulletin, website, and Facebook Page for
more information!

General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
FEBRUARY	2 nd	
Envelopes	\$12,967.00	\$
Electronic Offering	\$ 3,383.00	\$
Loose Offering	\$ 541.00	\$
Total Offering	\$16,891.00	\$
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$ 4,391.00	\$

Stewardship Prayer...


That we have the strength and courage to proclaim our faith, especially in uncomfortable situations, joyfully.

“Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.”
 LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn’t want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is always with you; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

Missionary Discipleship – Trust in the Lord

Most of us are concerned and troubled about many things in our lives. Today’s readings share a message of trust and hope in the Lord despite our suffering and sadness. In the Gospel, Jesus foreshadows the joy and glory we will experience in heaven. We hear a reminder that we must be vigilant not to trust in the things of this world because that can lead us astray. Jesus reminds us that our main focus and the center of our lives should be Him. In today’s culture, we are surrounded by the “noise” of this world, and it is so easy to get distracted away from our focus. “Jesus, please help us to stay focused on You and help us to trust in Your Love and Mercy truly. Amen.”



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!

**LENTEN
FISH FRY DONATION
REQUEST**

- Spaghetti | Chucky Tomato Sauce
 - Andy’s Red Breading
 - 3 Compartment Food Containers
 - Case of Water | Soda | Pound Loaf/Sliced Cake
 - Store Bought Packaged Desserts
 - Frozen Cheese Cake (Sam’s)
 - Sweet Stripe Soft Peppermint
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**



**PRAY FOR OUR
COMMUNITY**

Inclement Weather
Office Closed When...
STL Public School Are Closed

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
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