Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 2, 2023: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." (Mt 10:40)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri	8:30 AM
Wed	6:00 PM
Sunday	9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 (Spanish) and 5 PM

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday	8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM

Confessions

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday	11:00—12:00 PM

**Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday: Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

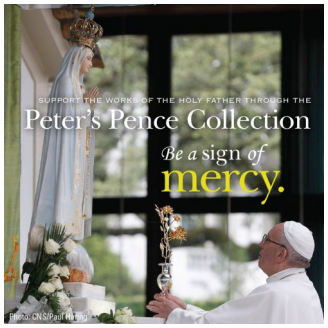
Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Adelyn Lindsay Giesen

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
William Ahearn
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi

Peter's Pence Collection July 2



Today is the Peter's Pence special collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more info, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 6/25: $11,462

Please remember to help the poor. Donations to the poor box in the narthex go to our St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic?

There are different paths for adults who wish to join the church or to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the Catholic faith, or in completing the sacraments of initiation in the church with Confirmation and Eucharist, we would love to speak with you. Call to make an appointment and we will discuss the best route for your journey. Inquirers and seekers are welcome! Contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 2
9:00 AM +Richard Meindl
11:00 AM +Arlene Huinker
12:30 PM +Guadalupe and Esteban Corral
5:00 PM +Colette Marie Morris

Monday, July 3
8:30 AM +Ed and Millie Dorsen

Tuesday, July 4
9:00 AM +Claro Pena Aranda

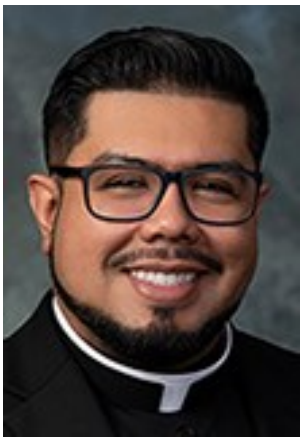
Wednesday, July 5
6:00 PM +Mr & Mrs Eisler

Thursday, July 6
8:30 AM Stephanie Oliver

Friday, July 7
8:30 AM Erika Oliver

Sunday, July 9
9:00 AM +Robert Anthony Graham
11:00 AM +Roman Castillo Sr.
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM Wasik Family

Welcoming Father Chuy



Rev. Jesús (Chuy) Raya Custodio, 34
Born in: Piñicuaro, Guanajuato, Mexico
Education: Jane Addams Elementary School and George Washington High School, both in Chicago; bachelor's degree in teaching of history, the University of Illinois at Chicago; master of arts, the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.
Parents: José Jesús Raya and Maria Amor Custodio de Raya

Welcoming Social this Sunday 7/2 for our new Associate Pastor after the 5 PM Mass!

"When I was 11 years old, my family immigrated to the United States looking for opportunities and a better future. Coming to the United States was both exciting and challenging — exciting because I was going to live somewhere different and challenging because I did not want to leave my country, my extended family, friends and did not speak English,"

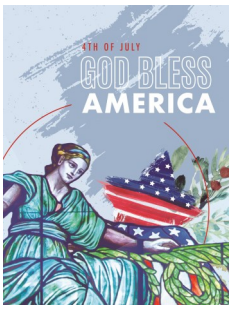
Through his parents' efforts and sacrifices he was the first person in his family to graduate from college. He taught in Chicago Public Schools for five years.

"I was looking forward to many years in the field of education, but God had other plans," During college, Raya Custodio's faith grew and following graduation he volunteered with his parish's religious education program. "It was there that I began to discern the calling to the priesthood. I was a bit more mature in my faith and was introduced to a couple seminarians who had an impact in my faith journey. As part of the discernment, I remembered that as a child and young adult I had experienced an interest in the priesthood, but it remained in the silence of my heart. It was then the time to express my interest and vocalize it. Things were falling in place."

His pastor also encouraged him to pursue priesthood. "I was torn between my teaching vocation, which I enjoyed, and answering God's call. It was a difficult decision, but God placed people in my journey who helped me discern. He gave me the grace and the courage to take that important step in my life."

He applied to the seminary thinking that if it did not work out he would return to teaching.

"I have been in seminary formation for almost six years, and I am more confident in my calling. These years in formation have been fruitful and challenging, but my friendship with Jesus has been strengthened, and seminary formation has provided many opportunities for personal and ministerial growth. I'm excited and looking forward to serving the people of God."



Happy Independence Day!

St. Alphonsus Parish wishes everyone a wonderful and safe holiday! Please note that due to the holiday, daily Mass this Tuesday will be at 9:00 AM instead of the usual 8:30 AM.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin— Clean Cell Phone

Have you ever done a dirty job like gardening, painting, auto mechanic, etc. but did not want to be out of touch with your cell phone? Simple. Just put the cell phone into a zip top bag. You can still work the buttons while keeping the phone clean.

Stewardship—First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

We want to invite all parishioners who want to participate in online giving to do so by enrolling through GiveCentral and setting up your donation via the First Fruits campaign (weekly Mass offering).

A huge thank you to those that are already giving online. Please consider making St. Alphonsus an extension of your home and family when contributing.

Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39*

Faith Formation

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation



Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and *The Bible Timeline*, a twenty-four-part Bible study, makes it easy.

Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. In this revolutionary approach to Bible study, *The Bible Timeline* divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make it easier to follow its narrative thread. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

St. Alphonsus will offer *The Bible Timeline* **beginning on July 25th at 7 PM**. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church.

Spring Your Kids Into Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



We are excited to again offer Totus Tuus Summer Camp here at St. Alphonsus! Totus Tuus is a week-long summer youth retreat for young people in 1st through 12th grade. Participants will grow in their faith through skits, games, songs, the celebration of the sacraments, and engaging interactive teaching.

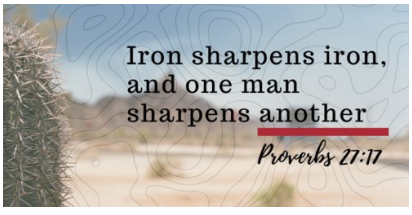
Day Program: Grades 1-6 Monday July 24– Friday July 28 9 AM-2:30 PM
$75 per child (yes, really!) Register on our parish GiveCentral page at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/32872
Highlights include: 11:15 AM daily Mass (parents welcome to attend), outdoor recess, silly skits, Friday water fight. Sack lunches & water bottles required for students

Night Program: For middle school and high school students entering Grades 7-12
Sunday July 23– Thursday July 27 7 PM-9 PM $20 per student
Highlights include: New friends, fun games, an evening of Adoration with our Lord, conversations about how to live out faith in high school and college, Thursday night social. Register online at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/37193

What is Totus Tuus?
For more information, please visit vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus

Any parent or parishioner interested in volunteering with Totus Tuus should contact Connie Del Toral, cdeltoral@alphonsusacademy.org

St. Alphonsus Men's Group
Thursday Evenings



St. Alphonsus Men's group meets Thursday nights to pray the liturgy of the hours, have fellowship, and to propose challenging topics to discuss.

When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

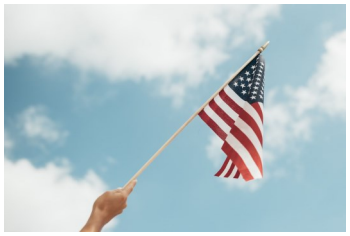
We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot.
For questions or more information, contact Men's Group at our new email, divineofficers@gmail.com

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Our Mission

As members of St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry, we walk alongside one another in faith. Our community is focused on:

- Meaningful worship, careful discernment, and prayerful reflection
- Curiosity and a thirst for the truth
- Service to one another, our church, and our city
- Lasting friendships and an invitation to fellowship and meaningful participation



YAM 4th of July Party + Stock the Bar

Come join St. Al's YAM on Tuesday, July 4th from 3 PM-7 PM as we have a fun 4th of July party on St. Al's rectory rooftop. Enjoy the great weather, fantastic views of the Chicago skyline and great time meeting new friends. This event will be a "stock the bar" theme. Please bring a beverage (alcoholic or not - beer, seltzers, wine, soda, or soda water) to enjoy and leave behind to help us stock our YAM drink supply for future events. We are also hoping to have a small grill to cook up some brats/burgers as well! Contact Matt Rebernick with any questions at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

Theology on Tap

Wednesday evenings during summer



We are hosting wonderful speaker-led discussions in July. This is a great way to connect with the St. Alphonsus community and dig deeper into your faith. Following 6 PM evening Mass, there will be drinks, appetizers and fellowship outside on the veranda (weather permitting) at 6:30 PM w/ the speaker starting around 7 PM.

Dr. Ruiz (July 5):
Title: *God, Math, and the 2nd Law*
Join us as Dr. Francisco Ruiz, professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Illinois Institute of Technology, discusses the ways in which scientific knowledge can point to faith. From the need for an origin of the universe, to the vanishingly small probability that life would exist by chance, he will support the claim that it requires more faith to be an atheist than to believe in God.

Catholic Masculinity Panel (July 12):
Please join us for the first of a series of two panels exploring robust Catholic masculinity/femininity. The panelists for this first event are Fr. Steven Bauer, Br. Matt DeAngelis, Kevin Kibler, and Marty Sellers who will discuss what it means to be a Catholic man in various states of life.

Bishop Bartosic (July 19):
Title: *Who am I, Really, Initiation in the Early Church*

Catholic Femininity Panel (July 26):
Please join us for the second and final panel of this series exploring robust Catholic masculinity/femininity. The panelists for this event are Sr. Jess Lambert, Julia Hogan, Mary Kate Knorr, and Maricela Fajardo who will discuss what it means to be a Catholic woman in various states of life.

July Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 *Peter's Pence Special Collection* **6:00 PM** Fr. Custodio Welcoming Social **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**3** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**4** *Independence Day Holiday— Rectory Closed* **3:00 PM** YAM 4th of July Rooftop Party	**5** **6:30 PM** Theology on Tap **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**6** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**7** **7:30 PM** Men's Group Adoration	**8** **10:45 AM** Catholic Church Tours
9 **10:15 AM** YAM Farmer's Market After 9 AM Mass **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**10** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**11** **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**12** **6:30 PM** Theology on Tap **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**13** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Marriage Information Meeting **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**14**	**15**
16 **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**17** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**18** **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**19** **6:30 PM** Theology on Tap **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**20** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**21**	**22**
23 *Summer Mission Co-Op Appeal* *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**24** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**25** **7:00 PM** The Bible Timeline study group **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**26** **6:30 PM** Theology on Tap **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**27** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**28** **7:30 PM** Praise and Adoration	**29** **9:30 AM** Knights of Columbus summer classic Golf Outing
30 **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**31** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**1** *Feast Day of Saint Alphonsus*				

Totus Tuus at St. Alphonsus

Pope Francis July Intention

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Contact

Sacramental Information

Contact our parish office (773) 525-0709 for information regarding celebrating sacraments including Baptisms (infant and adult), Reconciliation (confession), Eucharist (Communion), Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. For information regarding Funerals, please first contact the funeral director of your choice to begin making arrangements.

How to Offer a Mass Intention

Did you ever notice that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say, "For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

You can make a Mass Intention request here. Masses are often offered for family, friends and relatives that have died. Praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. Offering a Mass for someone that has died is an especially comforting gesture to the family. Mass can also be offered to commemorate joyful occasions and to give thanks to God for blessings received.

The customary offering for a Mass here is $15. However, any amount that you would like to offer is completely acceptable. You can request Masses by visiting the Parish Office during office hours or calling the Parish Office at (773) 525-0709.

You can ***register in the parish*** by coming to the rectory office or going online at *www.stalphonsuschicago.org*. The advantage to registering is that we know who you are and can better plan our programs by knowing whom we serve.

Want *to find out what is happening in the young adult community?* Join the St. Al's Young Adult Listserv. We send out monthly emails to let people know about our upcoming events. To register for the listserv, contact *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

The ***Knights of Columbus*** are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. For more information, visit *www.stalphonsusknights.com*

St. Alphonsus Social Media

Choose to participate in meaningful engagement! Having an attitude of engagement challenges us to love our digital neighbor as ourselves. You can find St. Alphonsus' Facebook and Twitter by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.

Directory

Parish Office

1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
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parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM— 7:30 PM Tue, Thurs

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-892-1397 |
www.alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

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Rev. Jesús (Chuy) Raya Custodio, Associate Pastor
Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kaitlin Holyk, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

School Staff

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