Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 17, 2024: THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

Joining St. Alphonsus Parish: St. Alphonsus welcomes all community members on their faith journey! Just moved in the area? Coming back to practicing our Catholic faith? You will want to learn about all the events going on at our parish. If you are not receiving our weekly parish newsletter in your email, contact parish Office Manager, Mario Serrano at mserranostals@gmail.com

You can officially register to join the parish at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

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

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: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Michael and Elizabeth Velten
Fidel Mercado Chavez
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Michael Aldape
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Rosemarie Cordero
Gary Masterson
Ramona Colon

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

CPD Officer Enrique Martinez
Retired Arch Priest Fr. Philip Cleary

Eucharistic Adoration: A Source for Peace:
Sometimes our weeks can be quite hectic, making it hard to find quiet time to pray. If this sounds familiar, join us for Mass on Wednesdays at 6 PM, followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30-7:30. This can be a great way to re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

Men's Vespers– WED evening
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday from 8-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together. We chant the Liturgy of the Hours and share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. All men of the parish are invited. Questions or more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

WEDDING BANNS

Kelsey Collett
and
David Gosz

Elizabeth Mauner
and
Nick Andersson

Wedding Banns

II. Rose Kavanagh and David Iacoponi

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Kassidy Rose Estrada
Frances Mary McCarthy
Eliza Jane Neely
Isabella Wanda Sumnik Rojas
Keegan Michael Mullins

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 17
9:00 AM Sharon Pellino (Birthday Blessings)
11:00 AM +Richard Meindl
12:30 PM +Orlando De Leon
5:00 PM Sones Family

Monday, November 18
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, November 19
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, November 20
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, November 21
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, November 22
8:30 AM +Ed and Mary Gobat

Saturday, November 23
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, November 24
9:00 AM Schenkel Family
11:00 AM +Floro Espinosa & Diane Espaldon
12:30 PM Salvador Gonzalez Castro
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

A Message From Fr. Bauer

The Church's Sound System: Can You Hear Me Now?

Regular readers of the bulletin and e-newsletter have heard *(read?)* about the issues we've been having with the church's sound system. Descriptions of the static from the speakers sounded more like the description of a bowl of cereal with snaps, crackles and pops. More recently, sporadic sounds of feedback have been coming from the large vertical speaker arrays, and they've been compared to the sounds of UFOs overhead.

After we first inquired about the possibility of system tune-ups, recalibrations, or replacing components, we learned that it has reached its maximum life expectancy and needs to be replaced. We contacted reputable firms well known for installing high quality sound systems in churches, who offered bids and proposals. Together with the Parish Finance Council and the music director, and in consultation with the Archdiocese and speaking with other churches that recently had a new system installed, we contracted with a company to install a new sound system to be installed and custom-tuned into our church. As a custom-build, it took several weeks for the component parts to be delivered, assembled in the studio, and the speakers painted to match the colors of the pillars.

We are pleased to announce that has been completed, and now the system is ready to be installed! *Starting Monday*... i.e., tomorrow, by the time you ~~hear~~ read this news. The whole process (dismantling old speaker arrays, rewiring, and installation of new speakers and control rack) is expected to take a little more than a week. We are super grateful to those parishioners and benefactors who made donations to help cover the cost for us to upgrade to a brand new digital sound system.

What this means:

Due to the scaffolding needed for the crew to do the work on the vertical speaker arrays mounted on the front pillars in the church, **Daily Masses all next week, Monday through Friday, will be held in the lower chapel in Festival Hall, including the Wednesday 6 pm Mass and Adorations and confessions.**

While the church will be usable on Saturday and Sunday, the new sound system will not be operational yet. We will work with the installation company to either erect a temporary speaker mounted on a pole, or connect to one of the speaker arrays for partial volume. In either case, it will not be adequate to provide audio coverage through church. So please sit near the front. (It's always better to sit near the front anyway because being closer to the action helps you to be more attentive and get more out of Mass). So while *the hope* is to have some interim, partial audio, it is possible that on Sunday November 24th we might have to revert back to the church's, um, "original" sound system employed in 1889 when it was built. That is to say, it's natural acoustics. We shall ~~see~~ hear.

The good news: The new sound system will be fully operational by Thanksgiving! It includes new mics for the piano, which will make the piano sound better than ever. And in even better news, because of the financial support of some generous benefactors to this project, the parish was able to get the special add-on feature which actually makes Fr. Bauer's dad jokes better –– because the humor goes up when the treble goes down. We consider that feature to be a sound investment!

Alphonsus Academy Sweets w/ Santa Sunday, Dec. 8

Our parish school is hosting a wonderful event for kids! Join us for light bites, Christmas crafts, and photos with Santa! All members of our community with small children are welcome, no affiliation with AACA required. For planning purposes, we ask to register online at our website.



Stewardship— First Fruits

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.

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 11/10: $15,558

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

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

For Mass donations via Zelle, please submit to general parish email account, parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Stewardship Reflection

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." (Mark 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? The good news – it's never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

News and Events



FREE Christmas Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, December 15th, 10 AM—2 PM

Our Pancake Breakfasts are back! ALL are invited to stay after Mass on December 15th to enjoy pancakes, eggs, and delicious treats with St. Nicholas!

We Need Volunteers!

Help us serve breakfast, bring Christmas cheer, and get first dibs on the food! Shifts are 2 hours each. Contact Emily, eember@stalphonsuschicago.church

Mass on Thanksgiving

Please note that due to the holiday, Mass on Thursday, November 28 will be at 9:00 AM, rather than the normal 8:30 AM morning Mass.

Immaculate Conception Mass

Although it is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation this year, the faithful are highly encouraged to worship on Monday, December 9 at either 8:30 AM or 7:00 PM.

News and Events

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony



Our faith community will be kicking off the holiday season in style with the annual lighting of the Lakeview Christmas tree on **Sunday November 24 from 6-7:30 PM after the 5:00 PM Mass**!

Enjoy carols performed by our Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts students, FREE hot chocolate from our wonderful neighbor, S&G Restaurant and more surprises! The festivities will take place directly outside the veranda of the church on the corner of Lincoln/Wellington/Southport.

Please take note that if you are driving to Mass that evening, a small portion of Wellington will be blocked off for the safety of all attendees. This event is hosted by the Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by a SSA 27 grant. More details can be found at www.lakeviewroscoevillage.org/community-tree-lighting

St. Alphonsus Giving Tree

Please Take A Tag From the Tree

Celebration of Giving
Unwrap the Spirit



The Giving Tree is now up in the narthex! Catholic Charities' *Celebration of Giving* supports children and families throughout Cook and Lake counties, giving to those who otherwise would not have gifts for Christmas. Through our parish's generosity, many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters receive much needed gifts and Christmas cheer! New, unwrapped gifts should be placed under the tree **by December 1**. If you are unable to drop your gift off after a Sunday Mass, please bring it to the Rectory Office between 9:00 AM—5:00 PM, Monday-Friday
Contact Mario Serrano at *mserranostals@gmail.com* if you have questions.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- *Are these real names?* No, they are pseudonyms.
- *Why mention ethnicity?* It is to help inform your purchase of children's toys and books.
- *Why gift cards for fast food?* Those who are homeless have no place to cook. Also, some agencies use them as incentives.
- *Why do some of these items look like luxuries and not necessities?* Even those who are down on their luck appreciate a few items that are more to 'feed the soul' than to feed the body.

We appreciate the great generosity of the parish!

The Women's Centers
of Greater Chicagoland

Looking for a way to donate to children this Christmas? Join St. Alphonsus as we support The Women's Center this year by collecting Giving Tree Gift Cards for their clients' children. This year, instead of collecting clothing and toys, The Women's Center has opted to collect a "suggested donation" of $25 gift cards for their clients' children. The Women's Center will use the money collected online to purchase $25 gift cards from Walmart, Visa, and Jewel Osco. This will allow their clients to be able to purchase both a Christmas meal and gifts for their children. The gift cards will be given out at The Women's Center Christmas parties on Saturday, December 14th to the children of clients who have been counseled this year and have chosen LIFE for their unborn baby. Approximately 650 people will attend our North and Southside parties. The children will get to meet Santa & Mrs. Claus and receive their gift cards and candy. **These gifts are possibly the only ones they will receive for Christmas this year**! Merry Christmas and may God bless you for supporting the work of The Women's Center.

Faith Formation

Psalms Series— Monday Evenings at 7 PM

He said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.'" (Lk 24:44)



Our Young Adult Ministry is hosting a free series on the book of Psalms for young adults in their 20s and 30s to learn:

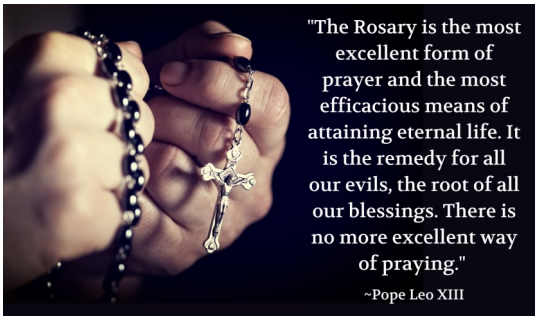
- how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms
- how to meditate on the Psalms using lectio divina
- how the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus
- ...and much more!

On Mondays at 7:00 PM-8:30 PM throughout November – January, we will watch video materials from Ascension Press presented by Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray, and Sarah Christmyer, followed by a group discussion. No preparation or supplies are needed, though there is an accompanying workbook if you would like to go deeper, which can be purchased from Ascension Press.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Brendan at brendanmdaley@gmail.com

Mysteries of the Rosary Series

Monday Mornings— Now through Dec. 16th, 9:30 AM-11 AM



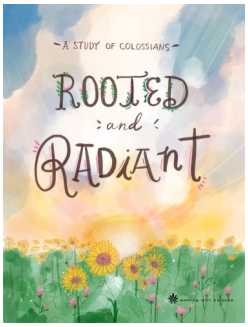
"Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth." - Luke 1:39

Join us for Episode 3, diving deeper into the mystery of the Visitation. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, join us for this video and discussion series to better prepare your hearts for Advent and Christmas!

It's not too late to join us. You can still catch up and watch FREE at paradisusdei.org/mysteries-of-the-rosary/

Questions? Contact Emily, eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more details.

Rooted and Radiant Women's Bible Study



Walking w/ Purpose is a modern woman's guide to the Bible! Join us this fall as we help you enjoy a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions created just for women!

In the ***Rooted and Radiant*** study, we will learn the book of Colossians and seek to understand the challenges that faced them, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

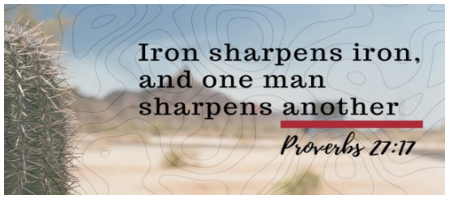
Sessions are on Tuesdays, mornings are 9:30—11 AM and the evening session is 6:30—8 PM. Questions? Please contact Susan Combes, smbcombes51@gmail.com

St. Alphonsus Men's Group

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

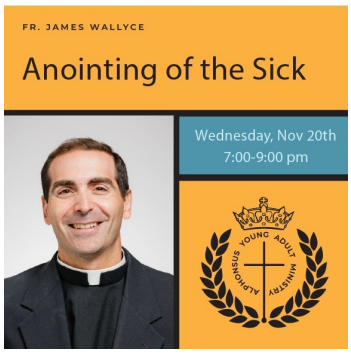
When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

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 email, divineofficers@gmail.com

Young Adult Ministry



Sacrament Series— Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday, November 20 at 7 PM

As we close out our Sacrament Series, we are excited to invite you for a talk on our final Sacrament: The Anointing of the Sick. While this Sacrament is often misunderstood as being available only to those near death, it may be administered to any who have experienced the onset of a serious medical injury, illness, or old age. Whereas those who receive the Sacrament of Marriage receive grace for the married state, those who receive the Anointing of the Sick receive grace for the state which they enter through illness. We are pleased to have as our final speaker in this series Fr. James Wallyce, pastor of St. Paul of the Cross parish in Park Ridge. Doors will open at 7 PM with the talk beginning at approximately 7:30. Light refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you here!

Praise and Adoration— Nov. 22 at 7:30 PM



On Friday, November 22nd, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 30 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction, and our Young Adult Ministry will gather a group for fellowship and drinks afterwards!

Christmas Ball
Saturday, December 14 6:30—10:30 PM



Celebrate the Christmas season with YAM!!! Dust off your dancing shoes and show off your best cocktail attire for the 2nd annual Christmas Ball! Don't let the cold deter; come out and join other young adults for a night of dinner, dancing, and fun holiday festivities!

As it is also the time of year for giving, especially to those most in need, we will be collecting charitable donations to put together blessing bags at the event as well. Suggested items are toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, socks, wet wipes, tissues, and non-perishables, such as applesauce or fruit cups, raisins, pasta, canned vegetables, etc.). This is just a short list of items, but please feel free to donate anything of your choosing along these lines. We're looking forward to constructing these packages together and donating them all to Catholic Charities! Please signup to attend this event at the following link: www.givecentral.org/otp/42088

The price for this event will be $15 to Nov. 26th, $20 from Nov. 27th to Dec. 13th, and $25 at the door on the day of. Contact stalsyamsocial@gmail.com for questions.

More Young Adult Events— YCP St. Joseph Retreat Saturday, Dec. 7



On Saturday, December 7 from 9 AM—2 PM, St. Alphonsus will be hosting Young Catholic Professional's annual St. Joseph Saturday Retreat! This retreat is a half-day retreat (open to all young adults in their 20s and 30s), where young adults are encouraged to "look upon work with the eyes of faith" and see God's presence in their vocations and professional lives. The retreat will include talks, group discussion, and prayer, and it will be a time to reflect on the life of YCP's patron saint, St. Joseph the Worker. Expect an inspiring lineup with:

- Guest speaker talks
- Small group discussions
- Mass, adoration, and confession

Let's come together as a community to pray for St. Joseph's intercession and draw inspiration from his faithful example. Registration is only $5!! Learn more and sign-up at ycp.glueup.com/org/ycpchicago/events/

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." Mark 13:24–25

The Tribulations to Come



The "tribulation" of which our Lord speaks, refers to a great persecution of the Church and of those with faith. Regarding this tribulation, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. (#675).

Is this "final trial" happening today? Though it is impossible to apply Jesus' prophecy and the Catechism's teaching to one specific moment in time, the fact remains that this trial and tribulation will take place. That is for certain. But how and when it will take place we do not know. It might be that it already has taken place or that it is taking place right now. Only God can properly interpret these prophetic words.

With that said, this final trial and "mystery of iniquity" does take place in all of our lives in various ways. When we devote ourselves to the love and service of God, we can be certain that our faith will be tested and that persecution will be experienced in one way or another. Knowing this, however, should not frighten us. On the contrary, it was spoken by our Lord to prepare us and to help us endure whatever trials we experience in life. Jesus' words must instill hope within us when we endure the suffering caused by evil.

Jesus also said that when we see persecutions, trials and tribulation, we must "know that he is near, at the gates." In other words, the greater the suffering one endures for their faith, the more present God is. He is there, at the gate of your heart, waiting for you to run to Him in trust and hope.

As we approach the end of our current Church year, most of our readings at Mass will focus upon the end times. We will read about Jesus' glorious return in glory, the end of the world, and the establishment of His permanent Kingdom as Heaven and earth are united as one. It could take place today or tomorrow, or it might not take place for thousands of years. But it will happen. On that day, the day of the final judgment, the only thing that will matter is our fidelity to God. For that reason, we must daily strive to live as if that day were today. We must diligently prepare for that day and live for that glorious moment alone. If life is easy right now, we should work to be more selfless and sacrificial so as to be prepared. If life is challenging right now, we must enter those challenges with hope and trust, uniting every suffering to Christ's sufferings as a sacrifice of love.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus' prophecy that "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." As you do, know that these are words spoken not only to the Church as a whole, but also to you. Jesus wants you to know that any suffering and tribulation you endure, every "darkening of the sun" or any way that you feel "shaken" are opportunities for you to turn to God in trust. Invite our Lord into these experiences and know that they are signs of His closeness to help purify you and prepare you for the glorious day of His return.

Most glorious Judge, You will return one day in glory to judge the living and the dead. Before that day, You have revealed that Your Church will endure much suffering. Please give me hope during those moments in my life so that I can offer to You every suffering I endure as a sacrifice of love, offered in union with Your own perfect sacrifice. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Synod on Synodality Reflection
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Have you heard of the Synod on Synodality? The Synod on Synodality was a three-year process of listening, dialogue and discernment that Pope Francis called the entire Catholic Church to participate in, so we could collectively discern the path that God expects of the Church in the third millennium. The Synod began in October of 2021, in Rome. The final session ended on October 27, 2024, with the final draft of the Synod's working document, called an Instrumentum Laboris, being presented to the Holy Father. The Synod covered a series of topics in its sessions, including (but not limited to): the role of women in the Church, the promotion of synodal decision-making across dioceses and parishes, improving priestly and lay formation, strengthening family and marital support, and LGBTQ community outreach. Synodality does not mean we always come to an immediate resolution. It is about accompaniment and journeying with another to discern where and how God is calling us.

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This past October 2024, I had the privilege to travel to Rome, as part of a student delegation, invited by the Vatican, to engage in dialogue with the Synod organizers about the future of the Catholic Church. It was an honor of a lifetime to encounter many delegates of diverse backgrounds and to hear their vulnerable testimonials; some were joyful, others were sorrowful, many ordinary and relatable. However, after listening to their stories, it was easy to find the one thing we have in common: our passion for our faith and the Catholic Church. It was refreshing to see religious men and women, alongside laymen and women. I could relate to these laymen and women who fill pews in churches across the world, just like you and me every week. It was in those moments of encounter, when my heart was opened by the Holy Spirit to actively listen to the person sharing their thoughts, without a knee-jerk reaction or excitement to share my opinions. Synodal dialogue requires us to pause and receive one another through this exchange, for it is truly in giving that we receive. These encounters of the heart allow us to accompany our neighbors the way Christ Our Lord calls us to love one another (John 13:34-35). It makes dialogue and listening more intentional through the lens of holy curiosity. This is how Pope Francis envisions we move forward living in a synodal church.



In the synod hall with the student delegation, Synod organizers, members of the U.S.C.C.B, and members of Vatican Dicastery of Communications

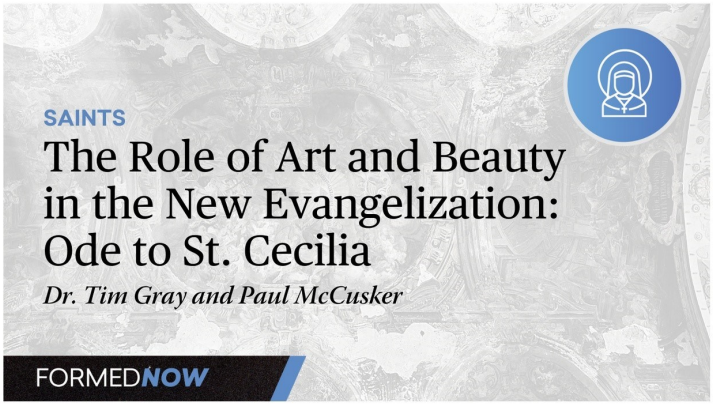


With Bishop Barron at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas – Angelicum in Rome

Considering our current political and societal climates, it is natural to feel apprehensive towards synodality, especially when practicing it amongst our relatives and neighbors with differing opinions. However, as we prepare for this upcoming holiday season, instead of looking to avoid such encounters, perhaps we should take a moment to introspect. Am I open to any dialogue? Why, or why not? Encounters begin with an openness of the heart. If there is any hesitation in that comes to light, perhaps the Lord is calling us to discern how we begin living a synodal church at home; in our daily encounters... We can begin doing so through the little way by humbly asking the Lord for the grace to engage in any dialogue with holy curiosity, respect and love for neighbors and ourselves. By asking for the grace to dialogue, we surrender our natural dispositions over to Him, who can open us to pleasant surprises including the opportunity to love as He loved us first (1 John 4:19).



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Around the Archdiocese

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Archdiocesan Women's Committee (AWC)
Bringing the Voices of Women Forward

- Are you interested in helping bring the needs and concerns of women into the Archdiocesan dialogue?
- Would you like to join in conversation with women across the Archdiocese about topics of concern to the Cardinal, and share feedback directly with him?
- Would you like to share women's perspectives, experiences and wisdom with our seminarians, and hear from the future leadership of our church?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we need you on the AWC! We're an adjunct committee of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC), comprised of a broad range of women from across the Archdiocese, who help bring women's voices forward.



Please note that membership on the AWC requires your pastor's approval.

For more information or to apply, please visit archchicago.org/offices-and-ministries/awc.

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CCHD 2024 COLLECTION

For over 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has carried out the mission of Jesus Christ to bring good news to the poor, bring liberty to captives, bring new sight to the blind and set the downtrodden free.

Please support the second collection in your parish on November 23 – 24.
Funds raised will provide support to local organizations across the Chicagoland area.

For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations or to donate, please visit **CCHDchicago.org**.

Contact

Sacramental Information

Contact our parish office at (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

Have you ever noticed 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 is $15. However, any amount that you would like to offer is 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 Instagram by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.

Directory

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Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
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