Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 5, 2025: TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Pope Leo XIV October Intention

"For collaboration between different religious traditions"

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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*

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday	5:45 PM

Worship

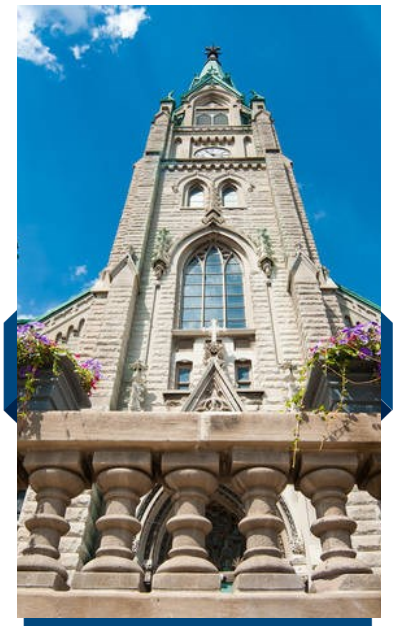
This Week's Readings

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Richard Wagner
Frances Buscemi
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
Brian Krembs
Margaret Nichols
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Carol Kania
Eileen Koutnik
Rosemarie Cordero
Michelle Moya
Ernest Nora
Albert Meier
Dan Clark
Kevin Combs
Norma Ehrenberg
Janet Dahm
Mary Ziko
Joan Garber

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/info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com



WEDDINGS

Kaitlyn McCormick and Robert Frasor

Anna Grubisich and Ryan Downs

Brooke Capone and Michael Mandera

Wedding Banns

I. Theresa McSorley and Benjamin Leffelman

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 5
9:00 AM +Robert Ludwig and Michael Bucher
11:00 AM +Rev. Erasmo Ramirez, O.P
12:30 PM +Guadalupe Genaro & Esteban Corral
5:00 PM +Frank Slowen

Monday, October 6
8:30 AM +George and Marie Schwengler

Tuesday, October 7
8:30 AM +Ben and Maria Eisler

Wednesday, October 8
6:00 PM Maverick Leon

Thursday, October 9
8:30 AM Veronica Allessandrini

Friday, October 10
8:30 AM Henry Hollabaugh

Saturday, October 11
8:30 AM +Robert Ludwig and Michael Bucher

Sunday, October 12
9:00 AM +Ed & Mary Gobat
11:00 AM +Henry & Anna Meindl
St. Alphonsus Graduating Class of 1975 (50th Anniversary)
12:30 PM +Zacarius Reyes
5:00 PM Fruitful NET Retreats

News and Events

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



To elevate our experience of beautiful liturgies here at St. Alphonsus, we are inviting more people to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. EMHC's should be practicing Catholics in good standing who have received Confirmation. If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry at Mass, please contact us at parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Baptisms at St. Alphonsus



Baptism is a fundamental sacrament for Christians. It is a sacrament of initiation that unites us to Christ's mystical body, incorporates us into the Church, and marks the beginning of the Christian journey. Without baptism we cannot participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. In the sacraments we concretely and most visibly encounter God's grace—life reunited with life.

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please go to our website and scroll under the Sacraments tab, click on Baptisms and complete the form online. Our Sacraments ministry coordinator will be in contact to schedule the date.

Weddings at St. Alphonsus



The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kathryn at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is now at St. Alphonsus! Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who serve the Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. Members participate in the life of the parish through volunteering and evangelizing activities sponsored by the parish.

Interested in becoming a Legionary? Meetings in English take place on Fridays at 5 PM in the rectory. Meetings in Spanish are on Mondays at 6 PM. For more info, please contact Fr. Jesus Raya, ***jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church***

Mama Meetup Ministry

Join us for an outing to the Hamlin Park Farmer's Market on Sunday, Oct. 12 at 10 AM! Bring the babies for a stroll through the vendor tents with other moms, and enjoy the Fall morning! We will meet at the park entrance on Damen, closest to where the market is set up.

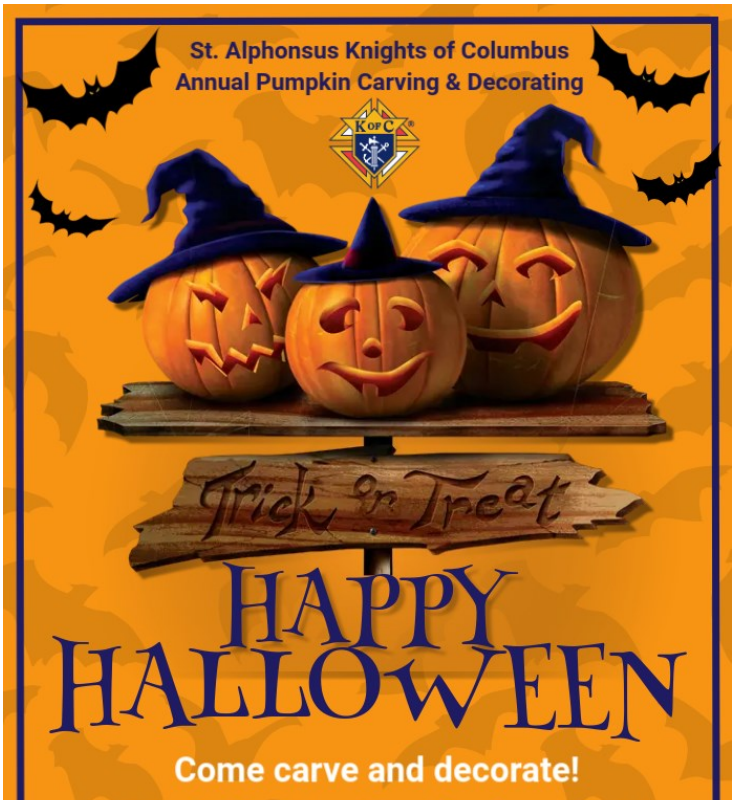
This group is geared towards new and first time moms with kids under 18 months, but any mother looking for community and a safe space to discuss the joys and difficulties of motherhood is welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

Religious Education— Parent Volunteer Needed

We are in need of a parent to assist with door monitoring/security on Tuesday nights. If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to reach out Dr. Torres at storres@stalphonsuschicago.church

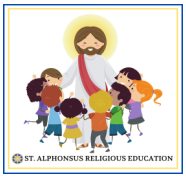
Fun Pumpkin Carving!

On Sunday, October 19 at 12:00 PM, all families of our faith community are welcome to join the annual Halloween Pumpkin carving and decorating event, sponsored by our St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus council. No sign-up required; simply come to the main Oakdale parking lot. For questions, please contact Logan Cobell, lcobell@gmail.com



Faith Formation

Register Your Children for Religious Education!



Registration for our Religious Education program is open for the 2025-2026 school year for grades 1st-8th on Tuesday nights at 6:15 PM. Please register at the link on our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education

Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The OCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

This class is offered for adults in three situations:

1. Un-baptized adults who desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
2. Baptized non-Catholic Christians who desire to be formally admitted into communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adult baptism (and if applicable, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) takes place at the Easter Vigil (Evening before Easter Sunday). It is one of the highest celebrations in the Catholic Church's liturgical year! If you or someone you know is interested in taking the class, please contact our pastoral associate, Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

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

Men's Group Holy Hour will be on Friday, October 10 at 7:30 PM in the Church

"Come to me all you are labored and burdened and I will give you rest"

Walking With Purpose

Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays



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!

Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women. Learn more about God! Walking w/ Purpose continues a new bible study, Grounded in Hope on Tuesdays from 9:30—11AM or 6:30—8PM.

In a world where levels of despair, addiction, and suicide are rising, we need more than clichés or positive thinking. ***Grounded in Hope***, based on the book of Hebrews, will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline. Hebrews contains some of the most beautiful passages you'll find in Scripture. It will comfort you and challenge you. Every word of it has a treasure to mine, and those who are willing to make the effort will be richly rewarded.

For questions about WwP, please contact Marianne at mariannek36@yahoo.com

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Knife Skills

When slicing a piece of fruit or a vegetable the cut piece will stick to the knife and then when you cut the next slice the first one will be pushed up and will often fall on the side where you are cutting. Just tip the blade of the knife away from the uncut portion and the cut slice will fall away and out of your way.

News and Events



Music Program at Mass for October!

Years ago, during the heart of the pandemic, I played a major work of Bach after Mass each week in October. I called it “Bachtober.” I heard from many people how much they enjoyed these 3-6 minute mini-concerts after Mass.

Playing on the same idea, this year I propose “Tocctober,” a combination of the word toccata with the month of October.

What is a toccata? A toccata is a musical composition that is written for the organ or other keyboard instrument. Toccatas are known for their fast-moving passages, full chords, dramatic runs, and intense harmonies. The word "toccata" comes from the Italian word *toccare*, which means "to touch.” Thus, a toccata is a piece that features the performer’s “touch” at the instrument: usually a fast and exciting perpetual-motion extravaganza!

I will play four famous toccatas over the weeks of October: the *Toccata in F* by J.S. Bach, a fierce *Toccata in B minor* by Eugène Gigout, the beloved and jovial *Toccata from Symphony V* by Charles-Marie Widor, and just in time for All Hallows Eve, and the Feasts of Saints and Souls, the *iconic Toccata and Fugue in D minor* by J.S. Bach.

I will play these works at all Masses during the four Sundays of October.

See you then…after Mass!

Brian Bloye
Music Director

Living the Gospel of Life!

Baby Bottle Project



This October, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting Aid for Women.

Aid for Women was founded over 44 years ago on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church. Aid for Women operates four pregnancy resource centers throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Services include pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams and confidential counseling. Aid for Women’s residential programs, Heather’s House and Monica’s House, help women whose decision to choose life is further complicated by lack of adequate housing.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you this weekend. Fill it with your spare change and return it to church in October. Thank you for your support!





There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope."[1] Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. "Hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring."[2] Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."[3]

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5

hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."[4]

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross."[5]

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death."[6] Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope."[7]

[1] Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.
[2] Ibid, 1.
[3] Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html.
[4] Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 25.
[5] Ibid, 3.
[6] Ibid, 20.
[7] Ibid, 6.

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Young Adult Ministry



YAM Fall Retreat-Sent Forth from the Jubilee— Oct. 18

Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and renewal as we conclude the Jubilee Year and prepare to carry its graces into our daily lives. We will be joined by Fr. Tim Anastos, director & chaplain of the St. John Paul II Newman Center at UIC, who will help us explore what the Jubilee has meant for us, how we can live it moving forward, and how we are called to share it with others.

The retreat will take place on Saturday, October 18 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The day will include talks, small group discussions, lunch, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the opportunity for Confession.

Cost: $15 per person. You can register at www.givecentral.org/otp/41828

We ask that you sign up in advance so we can get an accurate count of attendees, but walk-ins are also welcome at the door.

Trivia Night— **NEW DATE in November**



Are you the friend whose schtick is sharing random factoids? Or, the one with the most fun party conversations? Well, calling all you trivia fans and friends, alike, to come join us, in the St. Alphonsus' Festival Hall (basement), on a newly scheduled date of **Saturday, November 15** from 6 PM-9:30 PM because St. Alphonsus YAM Trivia is back!

The cost of tickets is $25 per person (it is a fundraiser!). Sign up on our parish's GiveCentral, www.givecentral.org/location/39/38222

Teams of 5-6 people can register individually or together.

For anyone registering as a team, simply list the names of everyone in the "Comments" section of the GiveCentral link, during your purchase. Light refreshments, beer and wine are included in the event cost. We will have prizes for 3rd, 2nd and 1st place winning teams.

Don't know anyone or don't have 6 people on your team? Fear not! You may also register individually or in a smaller group (2-4 people). We will assign you to a team. **You do not need to be a young adult to join this event. All are welcome!**

***Please note: pre-registration with payment through the GiveCentral link is required to attend. No walk-ups will be allowed since we have teams. The deadline to sign-up will be Thursday, November 13 at 11 PM.

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to the YAM social team at: stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

Faith at the Movies— Broken Mary: The Kevin Matthews Story

October 7 one night only!



It's Chicago in the 1980s and '90s, and Kevin Matthews has it all as one of the nation's most recognized on-air radio personalities. He's partying with celebrities, rubbing shoulders with famous athletes, and the world is at his fingertips. Then everything changes – he's diagnosed with a debilitating illness and the spotlight gradually slips away. At the height of his anguish, he stumbles upon a broken statue of the Virgin Mary, and his life takes an unexpected turn. In this moment of spiritual awakening, Kevin finds his true purpose and calling, discovering what matters most. Calling himself "Mary's Roadie," he offers his fans something deeper: inspiration and hope.

Find local theaters playing this movie at www.fathomentertainment.com/releases/broken-mary-the-kevin-matthews-story

More News and Events



NET Missionary Housing and Food Donations Needed!

Invest in the faith of our next generation! Help provide either shelter or food for 12 NET Missionaries who are coming to St. Alphonsus to hold retreats for our 7th & 8th graders! We are hoping to find 4 families to provide: • A Space for 2-3 Missionaries to Sleep 10/19, 10/20, and 10/21/25 - (they have their own sleeping bags so floorspace, couches, or air mattresses are fine) • Shower Access • Continental Breakfast (like cereal, yogurt, or fruit) We are also looking for families to help provide meals for the missionaries (either home cooked or gift cards like Chipotle/Panera, etc). During this Jubilee Year, you can receive an indulgence for performing a work of mercy! Please help us to host these missionaries that will help to spark the faith in our youth! Email any questions to Dr. Steven Torres at storres@stalphonsuschicago.church

Supporting our Parish Troop 889; Popcorn Sales after Masses on October 19

Scouts from St Alphonsus Troop 889 will be selling popcorn after Mass on Sunday, October 19 to support their outdoor activities and high adventures.

The online store is open here: www.prpopcornstore.com/?sid=GT52EA

You must use the Seller Code **GT52EA** when purchasing so that Troop 889, Pathway to Adventure Council - Checaugau will receive credit for the online sale and receive the funds.



Please support scouting at St Alphonsus by ordering some of our finest popcorn flavor combinations. Pecatonica River Popcorn allows you to choose from popcorn, pretzels, candy, trail mix or coffee all with FREE shipping.

60% of your purchase goes back to our troop and the Pathway to Adventure Council to help instill the values that have made Scouting a time-honored tradition for over 100 years.

Funds raised through the Popcorn Sale in October and Wreath Sale in November will purchase equipment, train adult leaders, and fund camping trips and high adventure activities as our scouts pursue their personal "Path to Eagle." Scouting America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life."

Thank you for your support, Troop 889

Community News

Lincoln Brunch Fest— Saturday, October 11

If brunch is your jam (pun fully intended), then Lincoln Brunch Fest is the place to be this fall! Back for its 2nd annual celebration, this can't-miss event—presented by the West Lakeview SSA 27—takes over Lincoln Avenue from Diversey to Wellington this October, serving up a morning-to-afternoon feast of flavor and fun. From 10 AM to 2 PM, top local restaurants will dish out their signature brunch bites (and your new favorites), while live entertainment and kid-friendly activities turn the street into a brunch lover's paradise. It's the ultimate way to kick off your weekend—and start planning your next one. Learn more at www.lakeviewssa27.com/brunch-fest



Stewardship—First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

We 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*
You can also text *Sunday* to (773) 570-7600

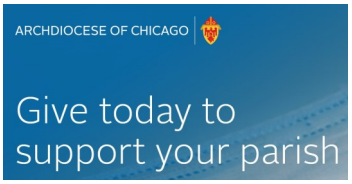
Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Sunday Offertory for 9/28: $15,694

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

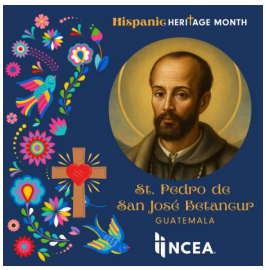


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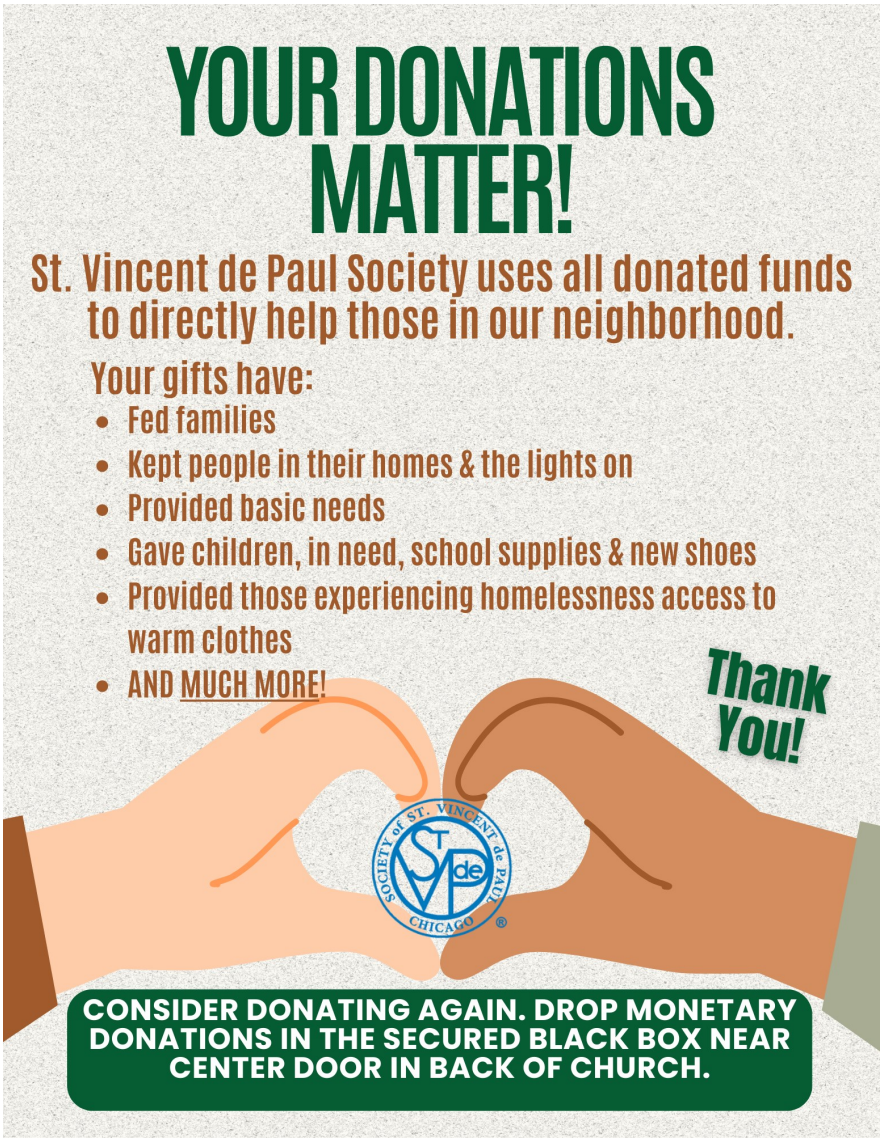
Raíces Que Inspiran – Roots That Inspire Us
St. Pedro de San José Betancur (Guatemala)



Amigo de los pobres y enfermos, San Pedro nos enseña el poder de la compasión. San Pedro de San José Betancur, conocido como el "San Francisco de las Américas," nos enseñó que la santidad se encuentra en el servicio humilde. Sigamos su ejemplo al cuidar a los necesitados con amor y alegría. Transformar el mundo comienza transformando una vida — con fe, propósito y educación.



A friend to the poor and sick, St. Pedro reminds us of the power of compassion. St. Pedro de San José Betancur, known as the "St. Francis of the Americas," showed us that holiness is found in humble service. May we follow his example by caring for those in need with love and joy. Transforming the world starts by transforming one life — through faith, purpose, and education.



Gospel Reflection

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Luke 17:5–6

Nourished by Faith

Is it possible to completely uproot a tree and plant it in the sea? It's certainly hard to imagine how. It is especially hard to imagine doing so with a simple command of faith. Uprooting a tree is hard enough to imagine, but it is even more difficult to imagine a tree being planted in the sea. Though water is necessary, one cannot plant a tree in the sea and expect it to grow. But that's partly the point. We often underestimate the power of true faith. Saint Matthew's Gospel says that faith can move mountains. Saint Luke's says it can uproot a tree and replant it in the sea. All it takes to do so is faith the size of a mustard seed.

How much faith is equal to a mustard seed? A mustard seed is small, very small. It measures only about one millimeter in length. People who worked the soil at that time would have known that it was among the smallest of seeds they planted. For that reason, Jesus uses this familiar image to teach the apostles that faith, even a little faith, is powerful.

Jesus' teaching comes in response to a prayer on the part of the apostles. "Increase our faith," they said. Jesus' response, inviting them to have only a little faith, implies that their faith was quite weak. To increase their faith to the size of a mustard seed suggests that they did not even have a little faith yet. Most likely they were aware of that fact, and that was the reason they asked Jesus to increase their faith. They perceived their lacking and turned to Him Who could help.

One of the first steps to increasing faith is to humbly admit our lack of faith. In our pride, we often want to convince ourselves and others that we are filled with faith. But if that were the case, God would be doing incredible things through us. He would be doing that which is otherwise humanly impossible.

Obviously, faith does not give us magical powers by which we can literally command a tree to uproot itself and plant itself in the sea. This imagery is meant to tell us that faith will work miracles of faith, not necessarily physical miracles. In fact, if God ever did use us and our faith to work a physical miracle, it would only happen because it was a motivation for the far more important gift of the increase of faith.



What, then, can a little faith do? It can uproot sin from your heart and from the hearts of those around you. It can nourish you and others in ways that seem impossible. Just as a tree cannot normally be planted in the sea and survive, the gift of faith, even a little faith, will enable the soul to be nourished and strengthened in ways that otherwise seem impossible. A martyr perfectly illustrates this fact. Normally, persecution and death are not considered to be nourishing to a person. But when a person has faith and suffers martyrdom on account of Christ, then their soul will be fed by the persecution itself. And that is among the greatest of miracles possible. Suffering, persecution, illness, poverty, and every other difficulty imaginable are transformed by God into a source of nourishment when we endure them with true faith.

Reflect, today, upon the prayer of the apostles: "Increase our faith." Some of the greatest mystics taught that faith darkens the intellect. By this darkening, they mean that, by faith, God will lead us into the unknown, on a path that He alone is aware of. We will become instruments of His transforming grace in ways that are completely beyond our natural abilities. Pray for an increase of faith. When our Lord hears your humble prayer, by which you also confess your lack of faith, He will increase that faith, uproot sin and evil, and plant your soul in places in which you become nourished in ways that you could have never imagined possible.

Most glorious Lord, Increase my faith. Give me a pure faith—a faith that enables You to lead me down the unknown path to Your glory. With this gift of faith, please use me to bring forth Your miraculous power by which sin is uprooted and souls are nourished by You alone. Jesus, I trust in You.

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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Parish Staff

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Dr. Steven Torres, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kathryn Kibler, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator
Margaret Piery, Parish Secretary/Sacristan

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