Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 2, 2023: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Holy Week Liturgy Schedule on Page 3

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: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/
Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 -22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
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
Mary Perisin
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Juanita Ramirez

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Ray Betlinski

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.

Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers

Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8:15-9 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, 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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 3/26: $12,119

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 2
9:00 AM +Ukrainian women, Maria, Iryna, Kateryna, Anna, Maria, Stefa, Sophia
11:00 AM Maria Magturo & Family (Birthday Blessings)
12:30 PM +Ramona Garcia, Anastacio y Cenobio Espejo
5:00 PM +Carol Giacobbe

Monday, April 3
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, April 4
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, April 5
6:00 PM +David A. Dufek

Thursday, April 6 (Holy Thursday)
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7 (Good Friday)
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 8 (Holy Saturday)
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9 (Easter Sunday)
7:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
9:00 AM +Edward Marsalek Sr.
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Holy Week and Easter at St. Alphonsus

Each Holy Week we have the privilege of living through the events of the Passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord in 'real time.' Each Eucharist draws us in the mystery of the Lord's death and Resurrection.

During the week, the liturgies are each a little different. We wave palms, have our feet washed, wait in the garden, venerate the cross, contemplate the world without the light of Christ and then see the power of the Risen Lord light up the night. Sharing these events together, with the church throughout the world, helps us to know in a deeper way their reality. The experience of Holy Week ties us more and more faithfully to the God who saves us.



Holy Thursday, April 6

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 7

8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

These intergenerational Stations are a good alternative for families with children.

7:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 8

8:00 PM Solemn Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30 AM Mass in English

9:00 AM Mass in English and German

11:00 AM Mass in English

12:30 PM Mass in Spanish

Please pray for the Elect and Candidates as they prepare to receive the sacraments at Easter.

Being baptized, confirmed and receiving the Eucharist:

Caitlin Mary Ford ♦ Chelsea Layne Marks ♦ Dylan McCoy ♦ Austin Maverick Robles ♦ Steven Lynn Smith ♦ Scott John Suga Jr.

Being received into the church, confirmed and receiving the Eucharist:

Christopher Cox Ashbee ♦ Nicholas Thomas DeRoos ♦ Emily Ann Heidick ♦ Philip Gabriel Mangum ♦ Carin Reinckens

Catholics receiving confirmation and the Eucharist:

Mandie Jennifer Rachael Baran-Czech ♦ Morganne Marie Freeman ♦ Matthew James Gertsmeier ♦ Marissa Lynn Higgs ♦ Michelle Witczak

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023

Each year, the Sunday following Easter marks Divine Mercy Sunday. As we begin our Journey through the Easter Season, the Church draws our attention to a special devotion which began after Jesus' appearances to St. Faustina Kowalska early in the 20th century. So, what is Divine Mercy anyways?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "the Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners." This is what Divine Mercy is all about. Lent calls us to take a look at our spiritual lives and see where pruning is needed, see where watering is needed. Then we celebrate Easter, and we are filled with the joy of the Risen Christ. Divine Mercy Sunday encompasses this whole drama, the whole drama of the Gospels. While Jesus is risen, we are still here on Earth, full of suffering, poverty, brokenness and sin. As such, we are constantly in need of God's mercy and love. Jesus told St. Faustina, *"I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it."*

Divine Mercy means saying to Jesus, "I trust in you." Indeed, all images of Jesus's Divine Mercy bear these words. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sanctuary is adorned with this image as a reminder for each of us to utter this simple but beautiful prayer, "Jesus, I trust in you." Besides an important devotion for ourselves as sinners, Divine Mercy Sunday also offers us a great time for those all around the world who are in need of God's Love and Mercy. We pray for all the ills that plague our society, from addiction to mental illness, to war and greed, to hatred and envy. And of course, we continue to pray for the legal protection of the unborn and for healing love and mercy for all those whose lives have been touched by this evil. Along with the typical Mass schedule, we will have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration accompanied with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM in the Church. What a great way to come to the Lord in thanksgiving for all He has done and has in store for us!

Confessions will also be heard from 3-4 PM. We must be signs of God's mercy in the world. We must not hold back this mercy, for we ourselves have been forgiven. Some reflection questions to consider:

What are some times in my life when I have received God's mercy?

Who do I need to show mercy to right now?

How can mercy bring healing to the wounds of our world?





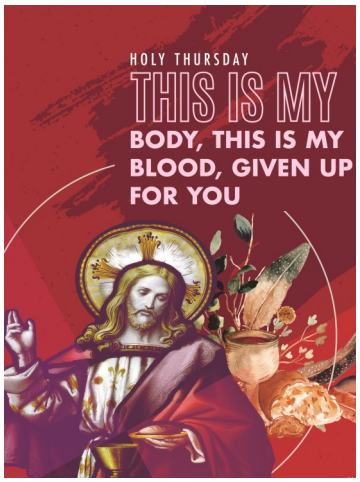




On Friday March 24, we were delighted to welcome Bishop Lombardo to St. Alphonsus for the sacrament of Confirmation! Congrats to all our parish 8th graders who have received the sacraments and their families.

News and Events

Holy Thursday



St. Alphonsus Church will be open on April 6 until Midnight to keep vigil and allow for various Holy Week bus pilgrimages and private prayer.

Holy Thursday is the feast that marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the Holy Triduum, which of course includes Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. At this Mass of the Lord's Supper, Catholics remember the Passover meal, when Jesus instituted the sacrament of the holy Eucharist by sharing bread and wine with his disciples, saying *"Do this in memory of Me."*

At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass, the Eucharist is placed on a temporary "altar of repose" away from the sanctuary. It is customary for the faithful to process together to this altar and spend time in quiet prayer and adoration. In the Roman Missal, it states: *"The faithful are invited to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable length of time during the night, according to circumstance."*

The Seven Churches Visitation is a tradition that grew out of this time of prayer and adoration. Catholics remember when Jesus asked his disciples to stay and watch with Him while they were in the garden of Gethsemane. This tradition of mindful watching is a sort of pilgrimage to various altars of repose, in different churches that correspond to each of the seven places, or *"stations"*, that were made by Jesus between the Last Supper to His crucifixion on the cross.

Polling Place— April 4 Run-Off Election

On Tuesday April 4 from 6 AM to 7 PM, our parish Festival Hall will be utilized as a polling place as Chicagoans will vote for our next mayor.

Friends Through Faith

The newly formed Friends Through Faith Adult Social Group is beginning to foster essential faith-filled connections and build our St. Alphonsus community through fellowship and fun. Connecting with other parishioners can lead to lasting friendships, fruitful ministries, or even just a friendly wave and smile the next time you attend Mass.

We are creating small groups, charity/service opportunities, outings and friendships out of this community and would love more parishioners joining us. If you'd like more information, please email Amy amykeefner@gmail.com

We meet the last Sunday of every month following the 11 AM mass in the Rectory. To register for the April 30th gathering, please email Amy Keefner.

Safe Families for Children

THANK YOU to so many St. Alphonsus parish groups for participating in our SFFC ministry's "Blessing Bags" campaign during Lent this year! We are so grateful for your help in supporting our host families.

When children arrive at a host family's home, they usually don't bring much with them. Maybe an extra outfit or two, but rarely more than that. These Blessing Bags (including hair care products, skincare products, toiletries, and Bibles) will be SO HELPFUL for host families welcoming and caring for new children! Hallelujah!

Please join us in assembling these Blessing Bags in the rectory on **Wednesday April 12 from 7-8 PM.** All are welcome!





Catholic Relief Services— Rice Bowl

Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. CRS Rice Bowl provides support to both our local and international sisters and brothers in need. This year, families, parishes and school communities here in the Archdiocese of Chicago can bring Lenten spirituality to life through resources such as stories, videos, meatless recipes, and lesson plans we can connect with those most in need around the world in our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Visit crsricebowl.org

You can participate by grabbing a Rice Bowl at Mass this weekend, fill with your spare change, and return to St. Alphonsus by Holy Thursday, April 6.

Easter Stewardship

May Jesus' gift of peace at Easter bring every happiness to you and your loved ones. May you understand fully His love for you and may your life reflect that love to all you meet!

This Easter season reminds us of the role the church plays in our lives, it also urges us to be closer to Christ. Please consider supporting your St. Alphonsus parish with a generous donation. We are grateful for every gift received from the faithful! Your donations are critical to our mission and ministry.

Make your Easter offering online this season! It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services.

Throughout the year, many already support St. Alphonsus with your time, talent and treasure.

Thank you again for your continued support of our church! Your spirited generosity ensures our parish continues our mission and good works throughout our community and beyond for years to come!

Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/527*

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

At the Athenaeum

Film and Culture Series— April 12 at 7 PM



When was the last time you went to the movies? And was it magical? Or just … meh? Is it too late to save the movies? Are they even worth saving?

New York Times columnist & Athenaeum Advisory Boarmember Ross Douthat will address these questions and more in the inaugural episode of the newly launched Film & Culture Series on April 12 in the Paradiso at the Athenaeum.

Tootsie, the classic 80s rom-com, will be screened on the same day in the Historic Main Stage theatre—the perfect way to counteract the decline Douthat will discuss! His talk will reference the film as an example of the kind of movies Hollywood no longer makes. Visit athenaeumcenter.org/events/2023/the-film-culture-series Be sure to make a free-will offering to support this event!

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

In this time of high prices, we should not waste food. When you make a whole chicken, there is a lot of meat left on the bones, so here is how to use it. Let the chicken cool and pull all the meat off with your fingers. Then make Chicken Croquettes.

Chicken Croquettes

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
2 cups diced onion
3 cups cooked, finely chopped chicken meat
1 ½ cups seasoned dry bread crumbs
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 large egg, lightly beaten (Optional)
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground black pepper

Directions

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and sauté until translucent, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat.

Combine chicken, bread crumbs, and two eggs in a large bowl; stir in onion until well combined. If mixture is too dry to form patties, mix in remaining egg. Mix in parsley, salt, and pepper. Form into small patties.

Wipe out the skillet; add remaining 1 tablespoon oil and heat over medium heat. Working in batches, fry patties until golden brown and crispy, 4 to 6 minutes per side.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Speed Dating!



Young adult (21-39 yrs old) speed dating will take place on **Saturday, April 29** with registration check-ins beginning at 6:00 PM.

Cost per individual ticket is $50. You must pre-register for the event. Final day to register is Wednesday, April 26. At the door sign ups are not allowed, to ensure everyone is able to meet their matches for each round.

Women's Sign-up: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/36787
Men's Sign-Up: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/36788
Participants will be asked to please create a profile. More info on the GiveCentral registration page.

Join us for a tremendously fun evening of quality conversations with great dates, food and drinks included! Don't wait to register! Seats go super fast. All ticket sales are final, limited number of tickets available so buy yours now before they sell out.

Follow-up questions can be sent to stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

More Young Adult News— Catholic Sports League



Kickball League
Springtime is here, and it's time for a fan favorite, the CSL kickball league! Join on Tuesdays beginning May 9th at Gill Park. Teams will have 16 members, so you can sign up individually or with a friend! Register before early bird pricing closes on April 10th.

Dates: Tuesdays from May 9th through June 13th
Time: Games at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM
Location: Gill Park, 825 W Sheridan Rd. Chicago, 60613
Cost: $55 – early bird; Visit www.catholicsportsleagues.com

Living the Gospel of Life

Echo Retreat 2023

A retreat based on the Theology of the Body

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ECHO
THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CAMP

ECHO is a dynamic and immersive Catholic retreat experience of St. John Paul II's landmark teaching called the Theology of the Body. This year, ECHO Chicago is geared towards young adults. ECHO is not just an intellectual exercise, but a journey into the heart where we discover the "distant echo" of God's plan for life and love from the very beginning.
Focused on identity, prayer, vocation, relationships and the Catholic Church's teachings on human sexuality, participants are invited into a new level of freedom to be the gift that God has called them to be. ECHO Chicago will be an overnight retreat that begins on **Friday evening, June 23 and concludes on Sunday evening, June 25.**
St. Alphonsus pastor Rev. Steven Bauer will be chaplain of the ECHO retreat.

WHEN: June 23-25, 2023
Where: Casa Iskali, Our Lady of Guatelupe Campus, 9430 W. Golf Rd. Des Plaines
For more info and to register, visit
https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/respect-life-chastity-education/events

Gospel Reflection

Participating in the Mysteries

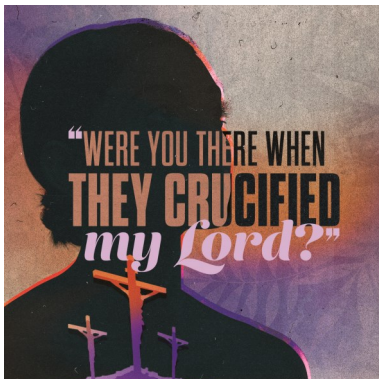
The African American spiritual, *"Were You There?"* is deeply moving and widely used especially at this time in the liturgical year. We've heard it so often in churches over the years, but I fear that some (perhaps even me) have lost touch with the meaning behind this spiritual. We will participate venerating the cross during the Good Friday liturgy, but I fear that others (perhaps me included) may have fallen into the mechanics of the ritual without heartfully reflecting on the deeply piercing question from the song, "were you there?"

The question is posed in the second-person past tense, indicative mood. Most of us speak English without thinking about tense and mood, but in this case the distinction is important. The indicative mood is a verb form you use to make declarative statements that you assume to be factually accurate, such as when you ask a question in the form of a statement or state an opinion as if it were a fact. The question isn't "Did you hear about this?" or "Did you read the headline?" or "Have you seen this story trending?" From a lyrical analysis standpoint, the author may have been asking the question in a literal sense, implying that the event should be remembered as if the listener had been physically present.

For us today, how can we be really present to a historical event that happened thousands of years before any of us were born? Isn't the reading of the Passion in today's Gospel merely a commemoration of that event? How does an event of the past have any bearing on my present circumstances or future trajectory?

The late Pope Benedict XVI gives us a clue. He writes:

"Jesus is nailed to the Cross. The shroud of Turin gives us an idea of the unbelievable cruelty of this procedure. Jesus does not drink the numbing gall offered to him: he deliberately takes upon himself all the pain of the Crucifixion. His whole body is racked; the words of the Psalm have come to pass: "But I am a worm and no man, scorned by men, rejected by the people" (Ps 22:7). "As one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised... surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Is 53:3f.). Let us halt before this image of pain, before the suffering Son of God. Let us look upon him at times of presumptuousness and pleasure, in order to learn to respect limits and to see the see the superficiality of all merely material goods. Let us look upon him at times of trial and tribulation, and realize that it is then that we are closest to God. Let us try to see his face in the people we might look down upon. As we stand before the condemned Lord, who did not use his power to come down from the Cross, but endured its suffering to the bitter end, another thought comes to mind. Ignatius of Antioch, (died circa 120 A.D.) a prisoner in chains for his faith in the Lord, praised the Christians of Smyrna for their invincible faith: he says that they were, so to speak, nailed with flesh and blood to the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ (1:1). Let us nail ourselves to him, resisting the temptation to stand apart, or to join others in mocking him."



But it is only Palm Sunday. The events of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection will be played out again in our liturgical remembrances in the coming days. Rather than merely "attend the services" of Holy Triduum, maybe we can "participate in the mysteries" in a way we've never done before, so as to experience their fruits ... in a way never experienced before ... because "we were there."

— Br. John-Marmion Villa

PRAYER
Lord Jesus Christ,
you let yourself be nailed to the Cross,
accepting the terrible cruelty of this suffering,
the destruction of your body and your dignity.
You allowed yourself to be nailed fast;
you did not try to escape or to lessen your suffering.
May we never flee from what we are called to do.
Help us to remain faithful to you.
Help us to unmask the false freedom
which would distance us from you.
Help us to accept your "binding" freedom,
and, "bound" fast to you, to discover true freedom.

From: https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/2005/via_crucis/en/station_11.html

Walking With Purpose Women's Group
Tuesday mornings/evenings



Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women! Refuel and Refresh! Learn more about God!

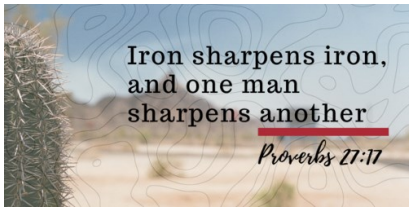
We live in a self-centered culture that all too often leaves us feeling empty and dissatisfied. A fuller view of God and His glory is the perfect antidote— find this during our journey through the Beholding Your King Bible study.

We'll study King David, select psalms, the temple, and many Old Testament prophets and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ. This Nine-Lesson Bible study is the second part of a two-part series and is ideally completed after Beholding His Glory.

Our new Beholding Your King bible study group meets ***Tuesdays from 9:30—11 AM and 6:30—8 PM.***

There will be no meeting this Tuesday April 4; we will resume on April 11. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com

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 Peter Tigue, peter.tigue@gmail.com

A Day of Reflection for Women
Friday May 12 9 AM—3 PM



Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, 420 W. County Line Rd. Barrington, IL 60010

Retreat Masters: Fr. J. Michael Sparough, SJ and Rachel Forton

Retreat Title: ***Holy is Her Name***

Spend a day in the presence of other women getting in touch with the feminine qualities of God as we explore what it means to say "holy is Her name." As women, we do ourselves a disservice if we only ever relate to a male image of God. We know that God is without gender and encompasses all the masculine and feminine qualities of humanity. Imagining a feminine God helps us view our own femininity as sacred and precious. We will draw from Scripture (where God is referred to as a mother hen, midwife, laboring woman, and more), the words of holy women such as Julian of Norwich and Hildegard of Bingen, and the work of numerous women theologians and spiritual writers. Join us as we share prayer experiences designed to open our hearts to new ways of seeing God within and around us.

Program Cost: $65.00 (includes Lunch) Register & check out more future retreats www.jesuitretreat.org/pages/retreat-schedule

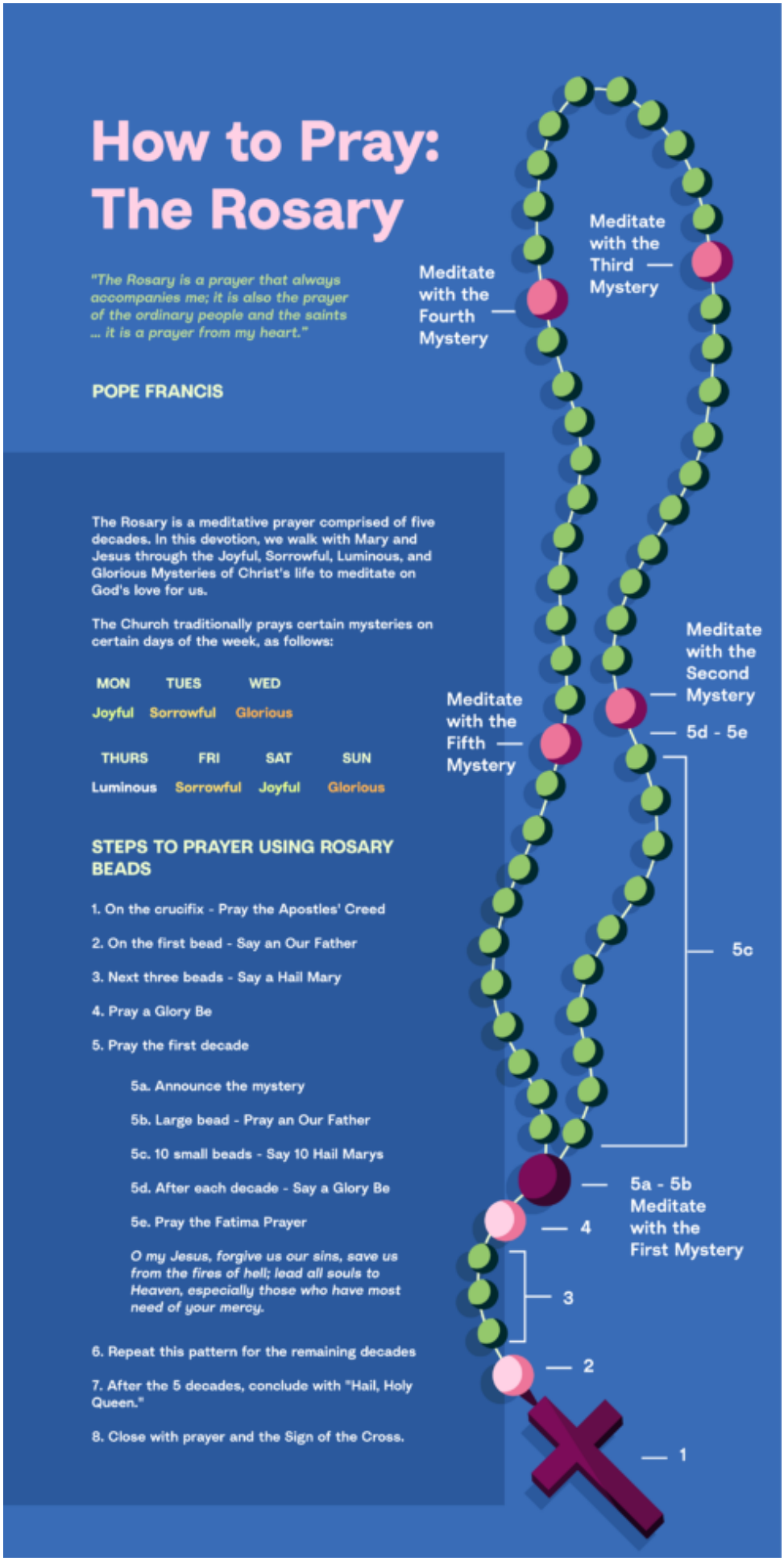
Spring Your Kids Into Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



For all families looking forward to summer, we've got the perfect thing for your children to do: the Archdiocese is bringing the Totus Tuus summer camp back to St. Alphonsus, July 23-28. It's like a week-long vacation Bible school, only way more fun and active. Each session is limited to only 50 participants. All safety protocols will be followed to ensure the health & safety of all participants and volunteers. For more information, please visit vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus

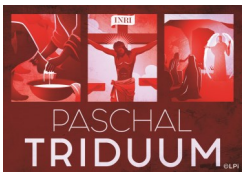
The price is only $75 per child for an entire week!
Register on our parish GiveCentral page at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/32872

Any parent or parishioner interested in volunteering with Totus Tuus should contact Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church



Around the Archdiocese

Palm Sunday Prayer Walk at Cook County Jail
Sunday, April 2 at 3 PM.
2434 S. California Ave. Chicago, IL 60608
Commemorate the beginning of Holy Week with a prayer walk around Cook County Jail with Kolbe House Jail Ministry. We will reflect on Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, as well as his own arrest and detention, as a call to unite in our commitment to defend the human dignity of those incarcerated and promote reconciliation and healing for all those impacted by the criminal justice system.
For more information, contact Emily Cortina
ecortina@kolbehouseministry.org
RSVP https://sites.google.com/kolbehouseministry.org/palmsunday



The Way of the Cross Down-town Chicago
Good Friday, April 7th

Gather at 8:20 AM at Daley Plaza (Dearborn/Washington)
Each year we follow the passion of Christ in the heart of our city, where thousands of people carry their cross every day. Through choral music, Gospel passages, reflections, and our silent procession, we hope to enter more deeply into the events of Good Friday and their meaning for us today. We ask to experience the exceptional Presence of Christ among us as a real answer to the needs of our hearts.
Organized by: The Catholic Lay Ecclesial Movement Communion and Liberation
Visit http://wayofthecrosschicago.org/ for more information

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*

Our parish has received permission to once again host important sacraments. Please be patient as the pandemic created a scheduling backlog regarding Baptisms and Weddings. You can find more info at:

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage

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

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Parish Office Hours:

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

School Office

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School Office Hours:

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