

St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church

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Rev. Rodney Olive, C.Ss.R., Parochial Administrator



Mission

"To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God"

Theme

"Fill us up with your wisdom and guidance as we strive to do more in 2024!"



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Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASS:

10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS:

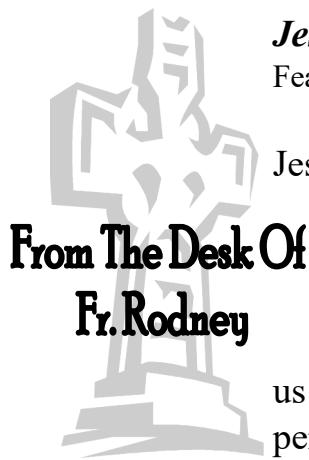
TUESDAY:

11:30 a.m. Our Mother Of Perpetual Help Novena & Mass

(M, W, Th & F.) 11:30 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. (Church)





Jesus is Our King

Feast of Christ the King (B)

Jesus is our Lord and Savior, our King now and forever. His kingship is eternal. Every day, we must remind ourselves of this because it keeps us focused on maintaining our covenant relationship with God. His kingship empowers us to remain faithful even during times of persecution and oppression. Why? The answer is simple with Jesus as our King, we will triumph over the darkness that challenges us.

John, in the book of Revelation - chapter 1, further fuels the Holy Fire of hope in all of us by calling us to open our hearts and experience the transforming power of Christ’s love in our lives. In our hearts, we experience Jesus as the Lord of Lords and the King of all kings. As verse 7 tells us, “to him be the glory and power forever and ever.” Jesus is the Alpha and Omega of our faith. He is there when we begin our day, and He is there when we end our day. Jesus is the source of our strength that enables us to proclaim the Good News to a world and society that often prefers to hide in the shadows and darkness.

Jesus, our King, is a true leader! He never asks us to do something he will not do. In fact, he always shows us how to fearlessly proclaim the Good News of Salvation. Jesus also shows us how to use the power of God’s word to witness and testify to the power of his love. His actions speak louder than his words; they reveal the truth in his heart. Jesus is not political, nor is he national. He is for everybody and wants everybody to experience the power of his love. We realize that to encounter Christ is to provoke a decision to embrace the truth. Will we, Christians, be committed to revealing God’s Word? Will we, Christians, show the same trust that Christ showed in carrying out his Kingship? Yes! I believe you and I can and do make a difference.

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)
Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday:

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2
3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday:

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4
5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Mt 4:18-22

Sunday:

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9
10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Monday:

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin
and Martyr

Thursday:

Thanksgiving Day



Gobble 'til You Wobble

Saturday:

St. Andrew, Apostle

Sunday:

1st Sunday of Advent



INTENTIONS 11/12/24

Benden, C.SsR, Steve
 Carr, Jeff
 Diaz, Evie
 Dorge Family
 Duclerne, Joseph
 Duncan, Kara
 Eaves, Douglas
 Gipson Family
 Golden, Sherrill A.
 Golden, James L.
 Guiu, Dumitru
 Guiu, Viorica
 Hatchett, Sharon
 Hinton Family
 Johnson, Billie Ms.
 Johnson, Markiea
 McClain, Kenneth
 Meeks, Kim
 Meeks, Taniyah
 Boyd-Merrill, Wanda
 Merritt, Tamala
 Miller Jr., Antonio
 Monroe, Sam
 Monroe, Tanya
 Pinard, Viviana
 Radley, Bryan
 Ransome, Gregory
 Reed, Jan & Family
 Sammons, Bernie
 Scott, Devon
 Scott, Dorothea
 Sher, Lois
 Sullivan, Noah
 Thomas, April
 Walker, Deneen

Walker, Jasmine
 Williams, Linda
 Williams, Norman

INTENTIONS 11/19/24

Bell, Gilbert
 Blanton, Linda
 Brasher, Paula
 Burnett, Alfred & Family
 Brownlee, Ethel
 Catchings-Smith, Deborah
 Charleston, Dorothy
 Clark, Louis
 Cooney, Michael
 Crafton, Steve
 Crawford, Alexis
 Dulaney, Linda
 Gandaho, Tamar
 George Family
 Goldston, Natalie
 Hill, Xavier
 Hollins, Albert G.
 Hood, Gregg
 Humphrey, Shelia
 Hunt, JoAnn
 Kirksey, Jasmine
 Jarvis, Michael
 Jones, Ethel
 Judge, Larry
 Kemp, Monterio
 Lee, Pearl Etta
 Lesueur, JaVaughn
 Manuel, Keshon
 Martin, Michael
 Miller, Jr., Antonio
 Monroe, Dionne

Monroe, Reginald
 Page, Connie
 Page, Mike
 Patton, William Joshua
 Pena, Emelyn de la
 Potts, Pamela
 Reed, Tory
 Robinson, Darby
 Sheperd, Dorothy
 Smith, June
 Sullivan, Jeremiah
 Thames, Michael
 Thompson, Louisa
 Thomas-Crumbley, Mary
 Valle, Dorothy
 Wallace, Delanca
 Wallace, Travia
 Weston, Dorothy
 Woolfork, Virginia
 Williams, Linda

SICKNESS 11/12/24

Barnett, Jewel
 Blake, Maria
 Brown, Joyce
 Brownlee, Ethel
 Buckley, Darrell
 Busy, Britney
 Cloyd, Selena
 Cole, Barbara
 Conner, Jack
 Cox, Jonathan Jr.
 DeClue, Rosalynn
 Delaney, J.
 Dye, Margaret
 George, Betty

George, Christine
 Gilliland, John
 Guin, Viorioa
 Gurley, Earline
 Jones, Keiarra
 Latanya Harris
 Leong, Desmond
 Lewis, Joi
 Harris, Anna
 Harris, Tobey
 Harris, Willie
 Hart, Edgar
 Hollins, Albert Rev.
 Jammer-Webb, Jallah
 Latham, Jean
 Lehmkühl, Karen
 Littleton, Ginny
 Magnus, Sonette
 Moore, Wilbert
 O'Brien, Nancy
 Officer, Marion E. Jr.
 Oldani, Shirley
 Payne, Lonnie
 Pointer, Nelson
 Polek, Dave Fr.
 Remsberg, Cory Sgt.
 Roberts, Nounita
 Robinson, William, Jr.
 Rodgers, Erby Lee
 Salter, Debi
 Sheppard, Joyce
 Sigari, Alexandria
 Simpson, Lisa
 Simpson, Ronald
 Smith, Melba
 Sonnenschein, Joseph
 Sparkman, Judah
 Stayton, Michael
 Strong, Betty
 Townsend, Bob
 Venverloh, Karen
 Washington, Lewis

SICKNESS 11/19/24

Andrews, Sarah
 Anthony, Jean
 Brown, Travis, Ofcr.
 Brownlee, Paul
 Buck, Victoria
 Boyd, Wanda
 Crump, Flo
 Darden, Veronica
 Davis, Stephanie
 Dulaney, John
 George, Donna
 Goldston, Natalie
 Guevara, Shannon
 Harris, Bob
 Hodges, Carolyn
 Hubbard, Patricia
 Hutson, Jacquelyn
 Johnson, Jennier
 Jones, Ethel
 Lee, Pearletta
 Mahr, Brenda
 McClain, Kenneth
 McClain, Victoria
 McDonnell, Brenda
 Mozee, Sylvester
 Parran, Rodrick
 Price, Wayne
 Rasales, Devon
 Reedy, Sid
 Richardson, Jr., Marshall
 Schneider, Roy
 Shackelford, Joseph

Smith, Valerie
 Thames, Garnetta
 Thames, Lamar
 Thomas, Aubrey
 Thompson, Henry
 Townsend, Sue
 Valle-Lee, Laura
 Vet, Alphonso
 Westley-Coleman, Denise
 Wallace, Trevia
 Washington, Joanne
 Wester, Tyson

SHUT-INS

Atherton, Andrew
 Brack, Dorothy
 Darris, Martha
 Hughes, Irene
 Lee, Hazel
 McCoy, Carolyn
 McGinnis, Kathy
 Moore, Brenda
 Skinner, Joanna
 Whitfield, Edna (Mother)

Prayer For Renewed Strength

O Lord, my God, Please give those listed above
 the grace to maintain their hope in You.
 Through all of life's changes and to taste and see
 Your goodness.

Amen

BAPTISM GUIDELINES:

Newborn – 6 years old. A parent or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation class, instruction materials are provided.

Ages 7 – 10: The child must attend special Baptism preparation classes and the parent(s) or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation session prior to the ceremony.

Ages 11 – 17: The young person must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program.

Age 18 and Older: The Candidate must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

MATRIMONY – Engaged couples, seeking to be married at the Rock Church, must meet with the Pastor before setting a date.

RCIA/RCIC – ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a group to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information on requesting any of the above Sacraments and/or to register for classes, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Sharon Cooney-Smith at 314-533-0304 ext. 1001, or via e-mail @ scooneysmith@stalphonsusrock.org.

LITURGY NOTES

Liturgy and the Arts:

Throughout this liturgical year, we have heard the teachings of Christ as presented in the Gospel of Mark. We read and saw Christ assume the role of teacher, sharing wise and complicated truths with the disciples. We saw Christ as a healer, banishing demons from the possessed and healing the maladies of the down-trodden. Now on this solemnity of Christ the King, we recall that Jesus's words and actions are sovereign and true. He is indeed the king who will restore proper order to the world and bring all people to God under himself.

"Ride On, King Jesus" is an African-American spiritual that dates back to the mid-1800s. One of the earliest published versions of the spiritual is from 1867, but it was shared through oral tradition earlier than that, and as the years passed, it has been added onto, edited, and republished. The song has a triumphant, powerful, and defiant tone. Eileen Guenther, professor emeritus of church music from Wesley Seminary, cites a slave narrative in which White patrollers tried to prevent enslaved Black people from singing the song because of its subversive messaging: "No man can a-hinder me." This image of Jesus as a mighty and powerful king might seem like a departure from the Jesus we saw earlier in Mark's Gospel, who instructed his disciples not to tell others about the miracles he performed. But Christ the King is not a contradiction to our other depictions of Christ; Christ the King is consistent and unrelenting in wanting to upend social norms that keep certain classes of people enslaved, marginalized, and ignored. Christ the King is on the way, and his message of justice and liberation will not be hindered by any person.

This image of Christ gave courage and strength to enslaved and newly freed Black people in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, carrying them through the horrors of American White supremacy. As we celebrate this solemnity today, may we embrace Christ, our defiant and powerful king, who will not rest until justice is achieved.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

- What work do you have to do to make this world a place that can more readily accept Jesus as king? What work does your own heart need to do the same?
- In what relationships do you hold some power or authority? How can you bring Jesus's power, rooted in self-gift, into those relationships?
- The psalm proclaims Jesus's unfettered glory and majesty, which are often not obvious in how earthly power is exercised. Where *do* you see God's power on display in your life?

(Source: www.litpress.org)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Mass
 November 28, 2023
 11:30 a.m.

Parish Office Closure ...
 Nov. 28th—Nov. 30th



KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER
 KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY
 PRESENTS OUR

Annual Feast Of Thanksgiving



SATURDAY
 November 30, 2024
 12:00pm – 3:00pm

St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church Gym
 1118 North Grand
 St. Louis, MO 63106

Both Dine In and Carry Out Available

It's time for our **GIVING TREE!**



“Sleep In Heavenly Peace!” Wouldn't that be wonderful, but “It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas,” and everyone is busy preparing for “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.”



In order for everyone to enjoy Christmas, please take an ornament or two from the Giving Tree so everyone can have a “Merry Little Christmas.” Gifts are to be returned no later than December 8.

Prayer for Christian Unity 2025

Join Christians from our local St. Louis communities in prayer for Christian unity.


Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski
 Archdiocese of St. Louis, *Presiding*

Reverend Michael Arbanas
 St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
Preaching

Sunday, January 26, 2025 @ 7-8pm
St. Monica Catholic Church
 12140 Olive Blvd.
 Creve Coeur, MO 63141

(Reception will follow the prayer)
 RSVP optional but appreciated

Do You
Believe?
(John 11:26)



Christmas Melodies from Heaven

Christmas Melodies from Heaven is a soul-stirring FREE Christmas concert featuring 70 glorious voices.

- Date:** December 7, 2024
- Time:** 3pm - 4:30pm
- Location:** Community Music School of Webster Groves
- Address:** 535 Garden Ave., St. Louis MO 63119

- Date:** December 8, 2024
- Time:** 3pm - 4:30pm
- Location:** Northside Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Address:** 9001 Lucas & Hunt Rd., St. Louis MO 63136

Reserve your general admission seats today!
 Visit: All Events – Community Gospel Choir

General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
NOVEMBER	10 th	17 th
Envelopes	\$ 7,394.00	\$ 5,742.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 3,283.00	\$ 1,018.00
Loose Offering	\$ 241.00	\$ 358.00
Total Offering	\$10,918.00	\$ 7,118.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$ 1,582.00	\$(5,382.00)

Stewardship Prayer...


That we help build God’s kingdom on earth but also invest our gifts in God’s eternal kingdom.

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’
JOHN 18:36

Life is short. How much time, energy, and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy, and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

Missionary Discipleship – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- Imitating Christ

It is not optional to serve our neighbor. It is not optional to perform corporal works of mercy and spiritual works of mercy. It is by these that we will be saved or condemned. Heaven and hell are at stake here. While we are on earth, let us put our faith into practice by being active in charity. Let us love one another as if each person we encounter is Jesus Christ Himself. There are many people in the world today suffering from hunger, thirst, poverty, nakedness, imprisonment, estrangement, and sickness. What are we doing to bring Christ’s healing and love? Let us serve the Lord and our neighbor in holiness. “In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man’s relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal the good each person has done or failed to do even to its furthest consequences during his earthly life” (CCC 1039).



Dynamic Catholic started with a dream: to help ordinary people discover the genius of Catholicism. This is an organization where you can go to find many resources for free. Visit archstl.org/dynamic to view all the resources available to you!

Youth And Family Center Health Clinic
All Ages Welcome—Free Clinic
 Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
 Thursdays 12:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

818 Cass Avenue
 St. Louis, MO 63106

Wellness Exams
 Sick Visits
 Rapid Covid Test
 Women’s Health

Appointments Only
 314 928-1600

School & Sports Physicals
 Health Education
 Medicaid Enrollment




Dear Friends, Who Assist Jesus’ special friends in need, we would like you to join us in meeting our year-end goal to help others.

- OUR Year End GOAL is to raise \$180,000 to help 3,000 families with the following programs:
- Christmas \$50 food gift card or \$50 clothing certificate

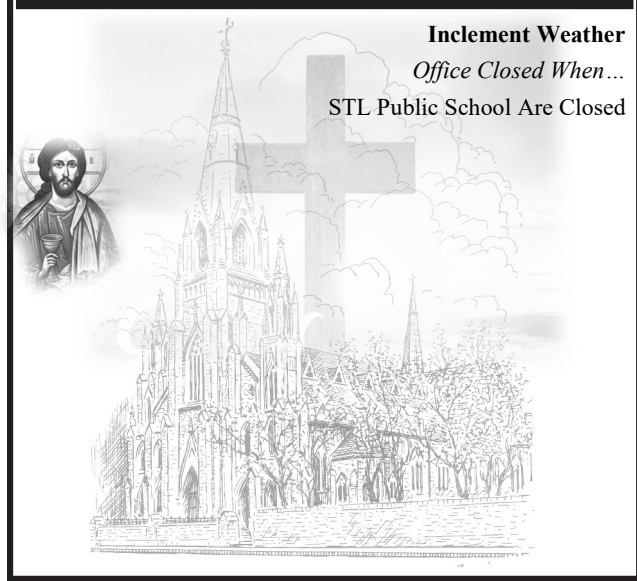
Year-end Utility Assistance program (Gas, electric, water, sewer) administrated by:

- Fr. Bob’s Outreach, Wellston Outreach Center, St. Vincent De Paul Conference
- Most Holy Trinity Parish/Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry

Make an online contributions by going to www.FatherBobsOutreach.com and clicking on **DONATE** or send a check made out to “**Fr. Bob’s Outreach**” to:

Father Bob’s Outreach
 c/o St. Peter Claver Parish
 1371 Hamilton Avenue
 St. Louis, MO 63112

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



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER MEMORIALS

Continuous prayer for the “Rock” Saints who have transitioned from labor to reward during the past five years

Larry Ambus, Garvin Anderson, Hortense Anderson, Anita Louise Banks, Lillian Barnes, Loretta Beasley

Jean Irene Becker, Herron Beckley, Ida J. Bohannon, Roderick Bolden, James R. Boykin, James Buford

Irving Clay, Willie Cunningham, Judith Dickson-Durham, Kevina A. Doss, Sallie duMaine, Sr. Carolyn Emerson

Fr. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R., Alice Gathright, Roberta George, Terrance Gipson, Sr. Jermaine Gordon, Alonzo Green

Catherine Gregory, Georgette Gregory, Walter T. Gregory, Willie “Clarence” Griffin, Donna Hall, Barbara Harris

David Robert Herron, MaryAnn Hinton, Cassandra Hollins, Rosalind Hood, Jamar Huffmon, Willie Huffmon, Barbara Hudson

Jones, Nadine Jones, Fr. Anthony “Tony” Judge, C.Ss.R., Robin Kyles, Stephen LaBerta, Rosemary Lee, Mary Ann Lewis

Joan Lowe, Juanita Luster, Anice Mahone, Isis Aaliyah Mahr, Kyle Martin, Bernice McCoy, Michael P. McCoy Sr.

Eric L. McKinnie, Louis T. McKinnie, Glenn Miller, Roy Miller, Paul J. Naugles, James Joseph O’Brien, Bernice O’Neal

Anne Ortwerth, Thelma Paul, Alton Pritchard, Christian Reedy Judith Reedy, Wendell M. Sams, Pearlie Savoy

Catherine Sherman, Robert Smith, Jr. Lorraine Fite Stewart, Shontea Stricklin, Gloria Taylor, Oswald Lee Thomas

Mary Ann Thompson, Robert “Bobby” J. Valle, Jr., Sandra Wallace, Ralph Watkins Jr., Ruby Wicks, Jessica Williams

Alvin Leon Wilson, Vernie Woolfork, Clarence Zacher

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sharon Cooney-Smith, DRE
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RCIA/RCIC

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Baptism

First Reconciliation

First Communion

Confirmation

Matrimony

COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

Christian Formation	TBD
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Peace & Justice	Kathy McGinnis
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Youth & Young Adults	Ronda Smith Branch

COMMUNITY HELP

Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry
Terri Schneider, Dir. of Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry
(Emergency Aid) (314) 944-2909

St. Charles Lwanga Center (314) 367-7929

Community Health In Partnership Services (C.H.I.P.S.)
(314) 652-9231

Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)
(314) 289-7523

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Robert Caldwell President	Ronda Smith Branch Vice President	Hilda Phillips Secretary
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Richard Buckley

Audrey Ellermann

Gregory Hood

Teresa Hudson

David Martin

Jessica Pou

Patricia Pou

Jocelyn Woodson-Reed

ATTENTION

If your telephone number, home address or email address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304 or email office@stalphonusrock.org.

Bulletin announcements must be in the office for review and approval by 12 noon Tuesdays.

Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS

“Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil.” (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Call and leave your hospital information at the office.