

# *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!"*



### PASTORAL STAFF

Sharon Cooney-Smith, Dir. Religious Education  
Alicia McClendon, Secretary  
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Denise Phillips, Business Manager

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### MUSIC MINISTRY

Malcolm Speed  
Danny duMaine

### REDEMPTORISTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

### SUNDAY MASS:

10:00 a.m.

### DAILY MASS:

#### TUESDAY:

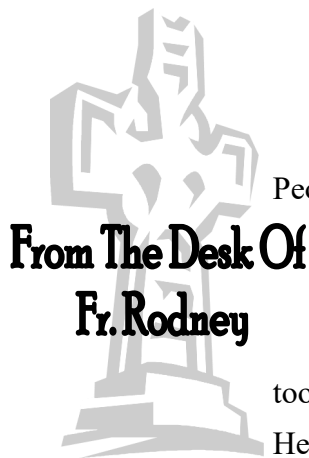
11:30 a.m. Our Mother Of Perpetual Help Novena & Mass

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

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



*Hopeful and Ready*  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT



**From The Desk Of  
Fr. Rodney**

People who experience persecution and oppression will find it difficult to be hopeful and ready for freedom to come. Many of us, at some point in our lives, have been down this road and understand this experience all too well. The darkness seems like it will last forever.

Here is where we must know darkness (evil) can last forever; goodness always triumphs in the end. The light always overcomes the darkness. Even through the agony and suffering, we are God's people, and we will taste the victory of everlasting life. Our belief in the resurrection makes us hopeful and ready to exchange this earthly, temporary life for eternal life. Like the prophet Daniel and the Israelites, we can have a greater appreciation for the motivating power of the vision of a joyful life beyond death.

We recall that Israel lived with hope on the promises of God, looking forward to that time when they would finally receive their inheritance, the good things to come. As Christians, we embraced this hope with one radical thought the good things to come are already here. The future age has already begun in Jesus. Our Christian life demands conversion, confidence, and faith. In Jesus we are made whole again, a body and soul made new. We are God's creation, Jesus is our rock and our salvation, we are called, and we are chosen.

What do we do? When do we get ready? The answer is simple. NOW!!! We stand in the light of God's glory and, filled with living hope, get excited. We fill ourselves with a power greater than ourselves and stand ready to experience the power of Jesus Christ in our lives. Let the Church say Amen!!

*Fr. Rodney*

**WEEKLY 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

**Sunday:**

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

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:**

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:**

The Dedication of the Basilicas of  
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

St. Rose Philippine  
Duchesne Virgin

**Thursday:**

The Presentation  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday:**

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

**Saturday:**

St. Clement I, Pope, and Martyr  
St. Columban, Abbot  
Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro,  
Priest and Martyr

**Sunday:**

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe



REMEMBER  
*in your prayers*

**INTENTIONS 11/05/24**

Bell, Gilbert  
Blanton, Linda  
Brasher, Paula  
Burnett, Alfred & Family  
Brownlee, Ethel  
Catchings-Smith, Deborah  
Charleston, Dorothy  
Clark, Louis  
Cooney, Michael  
Crafter, 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  
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

**INTENTIONS 11/12/24**

Benden, C.SsR, Steve  
Carr, Jeff  
Diaz, Evie  
Dorge Family  
Ducerne, 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, Dionne  
Monroe, Reggie  
Monroe, Sam  
Monroe, Tanya  
Pinard, Viviana  
Radley, Bryan  
Ransome, Gregory  
Rauch, Gerry  
Reed, Jan & Family  
Sammons, Bernie  
Scott, Devon  
Scott, Dorothea  
Sher, Lois  
Sullivan, Noah  
Thomas, April  
Walker, Deneen  
Walker, Jasmine  
Williams, Linda  
Williams, Norman

**SICKNESS 11/05/24**

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  
Shackleford, Joseph  
Smith, Valerie  
Thames, Garnetta  
Thames, Lamar  
Thomas, Aubrey  
Thompson, Henry  
Whitfield, Edna (Mother)  
Townsend, Sue  
Valle-Lee, Laura  
Vet, Alphonso  
Westley-Coleman, Denise  
Wallace, Trevia  
Washington, Joanne  
Wester, Tyson

**SICKNESS 11/12/24**

Barnett, Jewel  
Blake, Maria  
Brown, Joyce  
Brownlee, Ethel  
Buckley, Darrell  
Busy, Brittney  
Cloyd, Selena  
Cole, Barbara

Conner, Jack  
Cox, Jonathan Jr.  
DeClue, Rosalynn  
Delaney, J.  
Dye, Margaret  
George, Betty  
George, Christine  
Gilliand, 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  
Lehmkuhl, Karen  
Littleton, Ginny  
Magnus, Sonette  
Moore, Wilbert  
O'Brien, Nancy  
Officer, Marion E. Jr.  
Oldani, Shirley  
Patton, William Joshua  
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

**SHUT-INS**

Atherton, Andrew  
Brack, Dorothy  
Darris, Martha  
Hughes, Irene  
Lee, Hazel  
McCoy, Carolyn  
McGinnis, Kathy  
Moore, Brenda  
Skinner, Joanna  
Thomas, Bernice



**Pray for the Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the soul of †Mae Peters

Pray for the repose of the soul of †Bernice Thomas O'Neal

**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](mailto:scooneysmith@stalphonsusrock.org).*

## LITURGY NOTES

### Black Catholic History

**November is Black Catholic History Month**, and it is a time full of eye-opening information for many people. For example, most people don't realize that black Catholic history dates all the way back to the Acts of the Apostles (8: 26-40) with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip the Deacon.

The National Black Catholic Congress notes the importance of this text for several reasons.

- ✠ First, it chronicles the conversion of the first Black African in recorded Christian history.
- ✠ Second, the text suggests that the man was a wealthy, literate, and powerful emissary of the Nubian Queen and a faithful, practicing Jew prior to his baptism; not an ignorant heathen.
- ✠ Third, the Ethiopian Eunuch's conversion takes place even before that of St. Paul.

Black Catholic History Month was initiated in 1990 by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States. November was chosen because it holds two commemorative dates for prominent African Catholics: St. Augustine, whose birthday is Nov. 13, and St. Martin de Porres, whose feast day is Nov. 3. Several dozen saints fill the pages of history, from Monica and Augustine of Hippo to Perpetua and Felicitas.

Visit: <https://www.ncronline.org/feature-series/black-saints/stories> for more information, names, and stories on Black Catholic Saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Upcoming Bulletin  
Announcement Deadlines**

All items must be in the office, faxed or emailed no later than 12 noon on the dates listed below:

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<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Bulletin Publication</u>
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	November 24 <sup>th</sup>
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	December 1 <sup>st</sup>
December 27 <sup>th</sup>	January 5, 2024

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

*Thanksgiving Mass*

November 28, 2023

11:30 a.m.

*Parish Office Closure ...*

*Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>—Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>*



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.



**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		
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER	03 <sup>rd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
Envelopes	\$ 9,677.00	\$ 7,394.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 2,933.00	\$ 3,283.00
Loose Offering	\$ 203.00	\$ 241.00
Total Offering	\$12,813.00	\$10,918.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$ 313.00	\$ 1,582.00

**Stewardship Prayer...**

We continue to develop and nurture our gifts and give back with an increase.

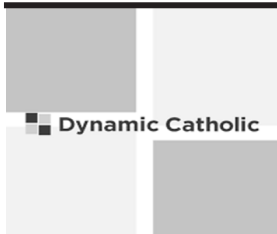
“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.”

(MARK 13:26)

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

**Missionary Discipleship – Vigilance**

One of my struggles lately has been to live in the present moment and to be grateful for it with my whole heart, to embrace and cherish it as a gift from God. We constantly plan for the future, which is necessary, but we often take it for granted. We never know how much time we will have on earth before God calls us home. Therefore, we must keep watch for the Lord in the present moment and live for Him. We can be like the wise virgins if we spend our time praying and cherishing moments with our friends and families. Think about how much time we waste playing video games, using social media excessively, and staring at screens. Let us re-prioritize and focus on the Lord at each moment so that we will be ready when He returns to call us home to the wedding feast of the Lamb (cf. Rev. 19:9).



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](http://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.

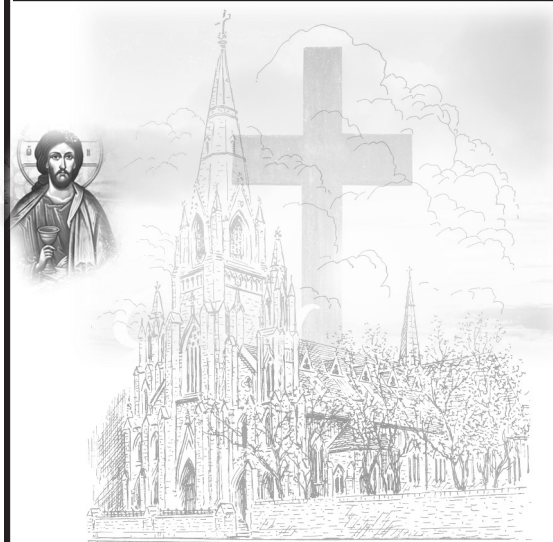
- OUR Year End GOAL is to raise \$180,000 to help 3,000 families with the following programs:
- Christmas \$50 food gift card or \$50 clothing certificate

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](http://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



## 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, 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, 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.

Saundra 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
Christian Service	Hilda Phillips
Finance & Adm.	Monica Huddleston
Liturgy	Richard Buckley
Social Life	Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults	TBD

### 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

<b>Robert Caldwell</b> President	<b>Ronda Smith Branch</b> Vice President	<b>Hilda Phillips</b> Secretary
<b>Theodore Branch</b>	<b>Richard Buckley</b>	<b>David Martin</b>
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<b>Teresa Hudson</b>	<b>Jocelyn Woodson-Reed</b>	

### ATTENTION

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### 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.*