

St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church

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Rev. Stephen Benden, C.Ss.R., Pastor

Rev. Rodney Olive, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor



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:

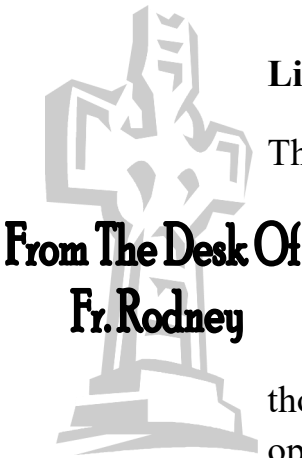
TUESDAY:

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)





Living A Lifestyle that Gives Glory to God

There is joy and peace in embracing a lifestyle of gentleness and patience, which give glory to our God. People who are rooted in a God-centered lifestyle, find that He provides for them since they are his children. Even during those times when we experience persecution and oppression, endurance will show the love of the just person. Ongoing life is the reward of the just for his and her lifestyle. Immortality is the reward for wisdom, faith is the just person’s reward. The peace we experience is in knowing that we will be vindicate and know the justice of God.

The Apostle James, in chapter 3 of his letter, warns us that where jealousy and ambition exists, we will find disharmony and wickedness taking place. There are signs, that we should all be able to recognize. Kindness and compassion is seen by doing good. Looking within our own hearts and putting out the fires of selfish desires and resentments leads us to work for peace and harmony, leading us to bear fruit in holiness. We are invited to be nourished by the fruits of the Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We often say, “God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.” Our lifestyle must reflect the reality of these words. I don’t want others to see me as number one. Rather see the Jesus in me and let me see Jesus in you first and foremost. The holy and the sacred rests in all of us, not just some of us, a God centered lifestyle is the doorway to experience this in our own lives and the soul of our Rock Church Family.

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday:

Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday:

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Ecc 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

Ecc 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:

Ecc 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday:

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
National Migration Week

Thursday:

Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Friday:

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Saturday:

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
St. Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions, Martyrs

Sunday:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priesthood Sunday



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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

INTENTIONS 09/10/24

Bell, Gilbert
Blanton, Linda
Brasher, Paula
Catchings-Smith, Deborah
Charleston, Dorothy
Clark, Louis
Cooney, Michael
Crafter, Steve
Crawford, Alexis
Dulaney, Linda
Gandaho, Tamar
Gilbert Family
Goldston, Natalie
Hill, Xavier
Hood, Gregg
Humphrey, Shelia
Hunt, JoAnn
Kirksey, Jasmine
Jarvis, Michael
Jones, Ethel
Judge, Larry
Kemp, Monterio
Lesueur, Ja Vaughn
Martin, Michael
Miller, Jr., Antonio
Monroe, Dionne
Monroe, Reginald
Page, Connie
Page, Mike
Pena, Emelyn de la
Potts, Pamela
Reed, Tory
Sheperd, Dorothy
Smith, June

Sullivan, Jeremiah
Thames, Michael
Thompson, Louisa
Thomas-Crumbley, Mary
Valle, Dorothy
Weston, Dorothy
Woolfork, Virginia
Williams, Linda

INTENTIONS 09/17/24

Benden, C.SsR, Steve
Carr, Jeff
Diaz, Evie
Dorge Family
Duclerne, Joseph
Duncan, Kara
Eaves, Douglas
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
Rauch, Gerry
Reed, Jan & Family
Sammons, Bernie
Scott, Dorothea
Sher, Lois
Sullivan, Noah
Thomas, April
Walker, Deneen
Walker, Jasmine
Williams, Linda
Williams, Norman

SICKNESS 09/10/24

Andrews, Sarah
Anthony, Jean
Brown, Travis, Ofcr.
Brownlee, Paul
Buck, Victoria
Boyd, Wanda
Coleman, Gracie
Crump, Flo
Darden, Veronica
Davis, Stephanie
Dulaney, John
George, Donna
Goldston, Natalie
Guevara, Shannon
Harris, Bob
Hodges, Carolyn
Hubbard, Patricia
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 09/17/24

Barnett, Jewel
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
Gurley, Earline
Jones, Keiarra
Latanya Harris
Leong, Desmond
Lewis, Joi
Harris, Tobey
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
Simpson, Lisa
Simpson, Ronald
Smith, Melba
Sonnenschein, Joseph

Sparkman, Judah
Stayton, Michael
Strong, Betty
Townsend, Bob
Venverloh, Karen
Wright, Rhonda

SHUT-INS

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

HOSPITAL 09/03/24

George, Roberta

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**MEETING
JESUS
CHRIST**

Today the Gospel repeats part of what we heard last week because it is so important: *“The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.”*

At the heart of our Catholic faith is the belief that Jesus is both God and man, that Jesus was born for our salvation, that Jesus died for us and that Jesus rose from the dead. Always we are invited to know Jesus personally through the Scriptures and through the Jewish and Christian traditions that have come down to us and which we accept as revelation.

It is no easier today that it was in the time of Jesus to believe these truths of faith. We must meet the living Jesus before we can truly commit ourselves to Him. We should not think that those who were alive when Jesus was had it any easier than we do. They also found it difficult to believe that Jesus was God and that he rose from the dead after being put to death.

We come to meet Jesus personally in the Scriptures, by reading them and meditating on them. We come to meet Jesus personally when we meet the Christian community, the Church. We come to meet Jesus personally when we meet a believing Christian who is able to give a living witness to the Lord.

The Gospel tells us again that Jesus Himself proclaimed that he would be put to death and rise, but that His followers could not yet understand what those words could mean. Only when Jesus had died did some of His followers remember and begin to reflect.

We are His followers today. Do we forget His words? Yes, just as did His early followers. There will be trials and tribulations and evils, but Jesus has promised to be with us and to be with His Church until the end of the world. Let us continue to live our faith because Jesus is Lord.

(Source:www.catholicforlife.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



EARLY VOTING IN MISSOURI STARTS
OCTOBER 22ND!

VOTING IN JAIL

If you are in jail awaiting trial and are otherwise eligible to vote, you have the right to vote. Some jails may have in-person voting options. Need help with the process? Call the League office at 314-961-6869.

The honor of your presence is being requested to attend our **Annual Elders Day Luncheon** October 26th, 2024 in the parish gym, from noon until 3:00pm.



Prepared to be razzle dazzled by the winter wonderland theme. Only registered members and their spouses may attend. A senior is anyone 62 years and older.

If you are plan to attend please call the parish office and register.

No children or friends may attend due budget constraints.

ST. ALPHONSUS ROCK
FESTIVAL
BINGO

Bingo this year will be right after church from 12p-3p. We will have the same menu as last year. We will have the Grand Raffle, Lotto Trees, Attendance Prizes, and Baskets of Cheer!
Pre-registration sales for Bingo will be after church starting in October and electronic payments are accepted.

Donations of food, attendance prizes or your talent of time are always welcome.

Our Ad booklet will continue its transition as well. Remember, if you or someone you know has a business they wish to promote, then the ad booklet is a great spot to do so. And again, well wishes are more than welcome.

This year we will again only feature Bingo as our main event. As we continue to transition the Fall Festival into a new event, we will take last year lessons and any challenges of this year into consideration to push both the Card Party and Silent Auction into next year.

If you would like to volunteer and get community service hours or purchase ads, or just have any questions or comments please email jasiriaskari@gmail.com or call the parish office at 314 533-0304

GUIDED FALL RETREAT featuring *"The Chosen"*

Facilitated by *Carolyn Held & Sr. Danielle Witt*

retreat dates
OCTOBER 8, 15, 22, 29
and NOVEMBER 12

retreat options
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
lunch included
\$40 INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS
\$175 FOR THE SERIES
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
snacks and beverages included
\$20 INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS
\$90 FOR THE SERIES

Each retreat session will start with the viewing of a particular episode of "The Chosen" which will lead us into reflection, prayer and discussion on a specific element or quality of our own faith journey.

Each daytime session will also include a light lunch (quiet or conversational) and craft activities that correspond to the theme, as well as access to the labyrinth, outdoor walking paths, and Stations of the Cross. The evening session will include snacks and beverages only. The same episode will be viewed in both the daytime and evening sessions on any of the days, so you can decide what time works best for you. You are allowed to mix and match, i.e., attend the daytime session one week and the evening session the next week. If mixing and matching you will need to pay per session even if you attend all five sessions.

Mercy Conference and Retreat Center
2039 N. Geyer Rd
St. Louis, MO 63131

Register at mercycenterstl.org.

General Fund Actual Contributions Received

SEPTEMBER	8 th	15 th
Envelopes	\$11,230.00	\$ 8,549.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 1,511.00	\$ 1,088.00
Loose Offering	\$ 351.00	\$ 102.00
Total Offering	\$13,092.00	\$ 9,739.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$ 592.00	\$(2,761.00)

Stewardship Prayer...

That through our service and sacrifice we may grow closer to Jesus and help others to know His love as well.

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

Missionary Discipleship – Servant Leadership

Jesus said to the Twelve Apostles, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Jesus was the perfect example of servant leadership – putting other’s needs before His own. As servant leaders, we are called to “wash one another’s feet” just like Jesus did on Holy Thursday night. Unfortunately, today, when we hear the word “leadership” we tend to think of someone with privilege and unlimited power. One characteristic of servant leadership is good listening skills – being able to discern the will of God and how that intersects with the will of the ministry. Good listening skills helps shape other good characteristics such as empathy for others, commitment to the spiritual growth of people and ultimately building the kingdom of God and your own local parish community.

ST. ALPHONSUS ROCK
WOMEN AT THE WELL WOMENS MINISTRY

**WOMEN'S DAY
2024**

A CALL TO

Activation

REFLECT-REIMAGINE-RESTORE

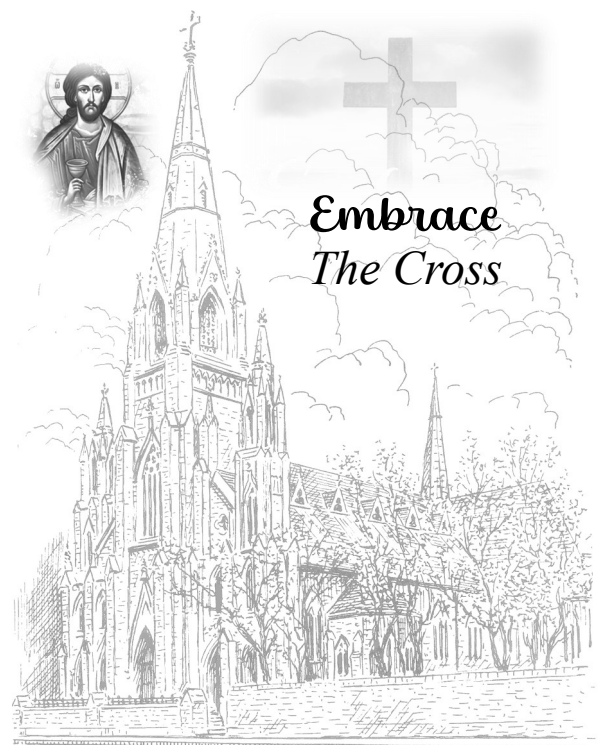
**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
ST. ALPHONSUS ROCK CHURCH
1118 N. GRAND BLVD 63106**

Join us for our FREE WOMENS DAY EVENT
as we worship, fellowship and workshop
together.

**Women's Day Mass: 10a-11:30p
Brunch: 12p-1:30p Workshop: 1:30-3p**

*RSVP on the sheet provided at the Usher's table
OR call the Parish Office 314 533-0304*

**PRAY FOR OUR
COMMUNITY**



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!

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, 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
314-533-0304

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

Robert Caldwell President	Ronda Smith Branch Vice President	Hilda Phillips Secretary
Theodore Branch	Richard Buckley	David Martin
Audrey Ellermann	Gregory Hood	Jessica Pou
Teresa Hudson	Teressa Hudson	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@stalphonsusrock.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.