

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!"



PASTORAL STAFF

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Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASS:
10:00 a.m.

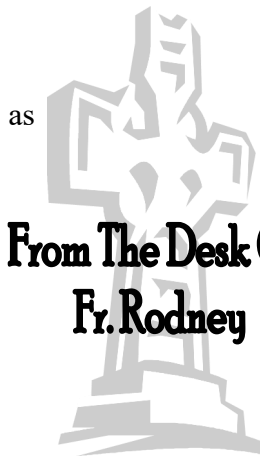
DAILY MASS:

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)





**From The Desk Of
Fr. Rodney**

as Moses ratified a covenant of love with God on behalf of the people. We must be clear! A covenant is not the same as a contract. A contract is a legal agreement that binds two parties to very specific terms. If I want to build a house, I go to the bank to borrow money and in return I agree to pay a certain amount every month, plus interest, back to the bank. When the bible talks about a covenant, this is commitment to a relationship of life and love between God and each of us. The Ten Commandments establish the understanding of what this relationship means. Moses, in Deuteronomy 6:2-6, lays out how this covenant of love is to be understood. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength.” It is through the great commandment that Israel and ourselves will be able to remain fundamentally loyal to God, to love and revere him, and to observe the commandments.

Jesus ratifies the New Covenant with us, a covenant of love that is life giving. The intercession of Jesus in heaven continues his sacrifice for all time. This sacrificial offering is completely sufficient in itself. Jesus emphasizes that we must have love for God as well as our brothers and sisters. Building a community of love is not easy but is essential if we are to grow in our experience of God’s redeeming love. God freely fulfills his commitment to shower his love, grace, and blessings on us. We to have that same obligation to fulfill our covenant obligation to shower God’s love, grace, and blessings on others.

In Mark 12: 28-34, Jesus is challenged to reveal the first of all the commandments. While this was a trap on the part of the scribes, Jesus used this as an opportunity to teach us about the power of love. Jesus chooses the two that give meaning and validity to all the other commandments. “Listen Israel, the Lord your God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” One flows from the other, love for one another is the test of the reality of our love for God. Love with the whole heart is a recognition that love cannot be measured. Encountering Jesus is too radical an experience to engage in a long debate. We must quickly come to a decision to accept or reject this Covenant of Love with God.

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47
51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday:

Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday:

Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday:

Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday:

Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Lk 15:1-10

Friday:

Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2
3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6
8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Sunday:

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
or 12:41-44

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daylight Saving Time Ended
National Vocation Awareness Week

Monday:

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Tuesday:

Election Day



Saturday:

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Sunday:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REMEMBER
in your prayers

INTENTIONS 10/22/24

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
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 10/29/24

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, Markica
Littleton, Ryan
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
Struckhoff, Sarah
Sullivan, Noah
Thomas, April
Walker, Deneen
Walker, Jasmine
Williams, Linda
Williams, Norman

SICKNESS 10/22/24

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
Moze, 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 10/29/24

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

SHUT-INS

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

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

Black Catholic History Month

Meeting at Fordham University in New York, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States voted on Tuesday, July 24, 1990, to designate November as Black Catholic History Month. November marks a time when the Church prays for all saints and souls in loving remembrance and recalls the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora.

The decision to designate November as Black Catholic History Month also depended on the fact that a number of important dates to Catholics of African descent fell within this month.

- **Nov. 1 All Saints Day:** an opportunity to review the lives of the hundreds of Saints of African descent in the first 300 years of the Church.
- **Nov. 2 All Souls Day:** a time to remember all those Africans lost to cruel treatment in the Middle Passage crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.
- **Nov. 3 Martin de Porres** became the first black American saint. Pope John XXIII canonized him on May 16, 1962. Throughout his life, St. Martin de Porres exemplified God's love for all people, regardless of their level in society.
- **Nov. 13 The birth of St. Augustine** in 354 A.D., the first Doctor of the Church from North Africa.
- **Nov. 20 The death of Zumbi of Palmares** in Brazil, the South American founder of a free state for Blacks.

According to the Pew Research Center, of the 200 million people of African descent in the Roman Catholic Church worldwide, over 173 million of them live in the African continent. Over the last 100 years, the largest percentage of Catholic population growth occurred in sub-Saharan Africa.

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, there are over 3 million African American Catholics in the U.S. Today, there are 250 African American priests, 437 deacons, and 75 men of African descent in seminary formation for the priesthood in the United States. There are five living African American bishops of whom two head U.S. dioceses. One of them, the Archbishop of Washington, was elevated to the College of Cardinals on November 28, 2020. There are also 400 African American religious sisters and 50 religious brothers in the United States.

(Source: <https://cultural.catholic.edu/resources/bchm.html>)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's that time again!

Bingo this year will be right after church from 12p-3p. We will be adding Vegan stir fry as our vegan option on our menu. We will have the Grand Raffle, Lotto Trees, Attendance Prizes, and Baskets of Cheer!

Pre-registration sales for Bingo will be after church and electronic payments will be accepted.

Donations of food, attendance prizes or your talent of time are always welcome. If you would like to donate for the event then we would welcome the following: Nachos chips, Nacho cheese, Chili without meat, Jalapenos, soda and water, deserts, Attendance prizes, and Basket of cheer items.

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

FALL BINGO Festival

JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING AFTERNOON FILLED WITH FALL FESTIVAL FUN AND BINGO! RAFFLES, FOOD, ATTENDANCE PRIZES AVAILABLE!

St. Alphonsus "Rock" Gym 1118 N. Grand Blvd **Sunday, Nov 10, 2024 12:00PM-3:00PM**

\$25.00 TO PLAY - PAY IN ADVANCE AFTER MASS OR PAY AT THE DOOR PER SEAT FOR FALL FESTIVAL BINGO

Trust National Leaders With Your Breast Health

BECAUSE WHERE YOU GET YOUR MAMMOGRAM MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University is offering mammograms to women age 40 and over. Mammograms are available at no cost to patients who qualify. Patients under the age of 40 must have a provider's order.

Saturday, November 16th, 2024
Appointments from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

St. Alphonsus Rock
1118 N. Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63106

Schedule your appointment by calling:
314-747-7222 or 800-600-3606 (press option #2)

Please note that our van is not handicap accessible. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Siteman Cancer Center is here regardless of your location. Trust your breast health to national leaders in cancer screening, treatment and support. For more information on Siteman Mammogram locations, please visit SitemanMammogram.wustl.edu.

SITEMAN CANCER CENTER | **Washington University Physicians** | **BJC HealthCare** | **MIR Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology**

Make your plan to vote
On November 5th!

VOTE

YES NO



Visit website: VOTE411.ORG.

Educate yourself and see what's on your BALLOT.



The Family of Terrance Gipson Sr would like to express our sincere appreciation for the gifts, prayers, and support during our loss. We ask that you continue to keep our family lifted in prayer. We are truly grateful.

Dorothy Gipson and Family

General Fund Actual Contributions Received

OCTOBER	20 th	27 th
Envelopes	\$ 7,442.00	\$ 6,573.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 1,003.00	\$ 1,143.00
Loose Offering	\$ 144.00	\$ 130.00
Total Offering	\$ 8,589.00	\$ 7,846.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$(3,911.00)	\$(4,654.00)

Stewardship Prayer...

We are generous with our visible gifts of charitable works and generous giving, but we are more generous with our invisible gifts of love, mercy, and forgiveness.

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

MARK 12:33

Of all the gifts God gives us, He wants our hearts the most. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones but the invisible ones, like love, mercy, and forgiveness.

Missionary Discipleship – True Love of Neighbor

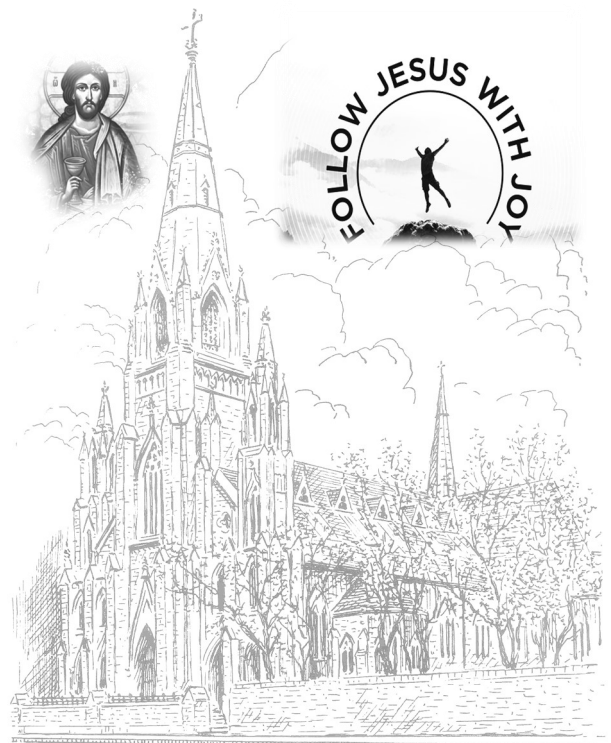
Jesus highlights the importance of loving our neighbor. Faith is not a private matter but must be shared and actively lived in charity toward our brothers and sisters. Woe to us if we observe a neighbor in need and do not seek to minister to his/her needs. In the Old Testament, God instructed the Jewish people to show love and mercy toward Gentiles, aliens, and the poor. Now Jesus reiterates and expands this commandment to all people. As John writes in his first letter, “But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?” (1 John 3:17). If we truly love God, then we will have a deep concern for the welfare of those in need.



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!



PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY



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

Robert Caldwell President	Ronda Smith Branch Vice President	Hilda Phillips Secretary
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Teresa Hudson	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.