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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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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASS:

10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS:

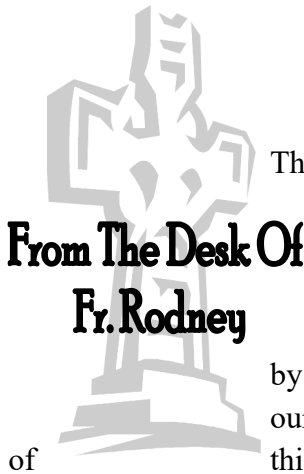
TUESDAY:

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 Covenant Relationship With God

Throughout the Bible, we encounter God’s call to enter a covenant with him. What, then, is a covenant? What are the implications of establishing a covenant? A covenant is not a contract; it is a bond, a commitment to life itself. The scriptures show us that by entering a covenant with God, we are committing ourselves to a lifelong union with Him. The implications of this commitment enable us to realize who we are and what we bring to this relationship.

A covenant relationship is one of abiding mutual loyalty to God and God to us. This means we are to be loyal and faithful in all circumstances. We share a union on all levels, formed and sustained by fidelity and love. It is the Lord God himself who tells us, “I will be your God, and you will be my people.” We are entering into a relationship of mutual love and respect. We present ourselves as a person who is to be respected, not just as one who is capable of sustaining someone’s needs and instincts.

Jesus is the new covenant, whose act of self-giving entered into the world of humanity. He initiated and fulfilled the Father's plan of salvation for all of us through suffering and the cross. Through his priestly consecration of self-giving, he consecrates all believers. Jesus is and must be the focus and subject of our contemplation, the source of encouragement for our whole Rock Church Family. The death and resurrection of Jesus establish a relationship between himself and all of us.

To fully enter into a meaningful and intimate covenant relationship with God, we must have the openness and simplicity of children. They have the right attitude about entering into the kingdom since they are willing to accept what is freely given, unconditional love. To share the kingdom, each of us, and all of us as the Rock Church Community, has that same simplicity and accepts the kingdom as a gift freely bestowed. The only way to receive the kingdom is to receive it as a gift. So, enter into a covenant with God.

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday:

Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Lk 11:27-28

Sunday:

Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Respect Life Sunday

Monday:

Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday:

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs
St. John Leonardi, Priest

Friday:

St. John XXIII, Pope

Sunday:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



INTENTIONS 09/24/24

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, JaVaughn
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 10/01/24

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 09/24/24

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
Johnson, Jennier
Jones, Ethel
Lee, Pearletta
Mahr, Brenda
McClain, Kenneth
McClain, Victoria
McDonnell, Brenda
Mozece, 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 10/01/24

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

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

Pray for the Deceased



Pray for the repose of the soul of
†Roberta George, mother of Tamika
Collins and Darrion George, sister
of Dorothy Gipson and Betty George, aunt of
Terrance Gipson



*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
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

The Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. October falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.



During October, as in all of Ordinary Time (formerly known as Time After Pentecost), the Liturgy does not focus on one particular mystery of Christ but views the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. We follow the life of Christ through the Gospels and focus on the teachings and parables of Jesus and what it means for each of us to be a follower of Christ.

This month the main liturgical feasts are St. Thérèse (October 1), Guardian Angels (October 2), St. Faustina (October 5), St. Bruno (October 6), Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7), St. Callistus I (October 14), St. Teresa of Jesus (October 15), St. Hedwig and St. Margaret Mary (October 16), St. Ignatius of Antioch (October 17), St. Isaac Jogues, St. John de Brébeuf and Companions (October 19), St. Paul of the Cross (October 20), St. John Paul II (October 22), St. Anthony Mary Claret (October 24) and Sts. Simon and Jude (October 28). The feasts of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), St. John XXIII (October 11) and St. Luke (October 18) are superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

The feasts in October also include two of the most popular, time [1]honed devotions of Catholics, the devotion to the Holy Rosary (October 7) and the Guardian Angels (October 2). In October 2002 our Holy Father John Paul II wrote the Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (the Rosary of the Virgin Mary).” This letter introduced five new mysteries, called the Luminous or Mysteries of Light, which are (1) Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan, (2) Jesus’ self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana, (3) Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with the call to conversion, (4) the Transfiguration, and (5) the Institution of the Eucharist. Try to make a more concerted effort to pray the Rosary together as a family during the month of October, read the Apostolic Letter to understand the beauty of this devotion more deeply, and pray the new Luminous mysteries.

Another day to celebrate is October 16 which is known as “Pope Day” on which we celebrate the gift of the papacy and our current pope. Perhaps consider making or enjoying some empanadas in honor of Pope Francis, they are one of his favorite foods!

(Source: www.holytrinityparish.net)

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.



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



4 ways to book your appointment... **Who should attend:**
 Call 888-814-0466 and use promo code HSCA001
 Anyone over the age of 40
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Where: St. Alphonsus Rock Church
1118 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis
When: Monday, October 28th

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.



Prepare 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 plan to attend, please call the parish office and register.

No children or friends may attend due budget constraints.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Protecting God's Children

Training session will be held in the gym after Mass on Sunday

October 20, 2024

Contact H Denise Phillips In The Parish Office To Sign Up

General Fund Actual Contributions Received

SEPTEMBER	22 nd	28 th
Envelopes	\$ 5,912.00	\$11,652.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 1,658.00	\$ 1,713.00
Loose Offering	\$ 126.00	\$ 283.00
Total Offering	\$ 7,696.00	\$13,648.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$(4,804.00)	\$ 1,148.00

Stewardship Prayer...

That we may care for the planet and be better stewards of the earth's resources.

“So out of the ground, the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.”

GENESIS 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, God has put the entire world into our care since the start. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it is not something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

Missionary Discipleship – Trust

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that “whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Just as children trust their parents to take care of them and provide for them, we too, as children of God should trust in God's divine providence – that God will provide all that we need. Trust is critical in any relationship if it is to grow and nourish. This is the same for our relationship with God. Unfortunately, too many of us rely on our own self-sufficiency and spend countless hours planning our future rather than trusting in God's plan. Remember, we are the “created”, not the “creator.” Do you want more peace, joy and freedom like that of a child? Spend more time discerning God's will for your life and trust He will provide what you need.

*To My Rock Church Family
The Cumberley Family would like to thank the Rock Church Family for all their prayers, thoughts and acts of kindness you gave our family following the tragic loss of our beloved Brother. Please continue to pray for us! Please!
Loves
Mary Cumberley*

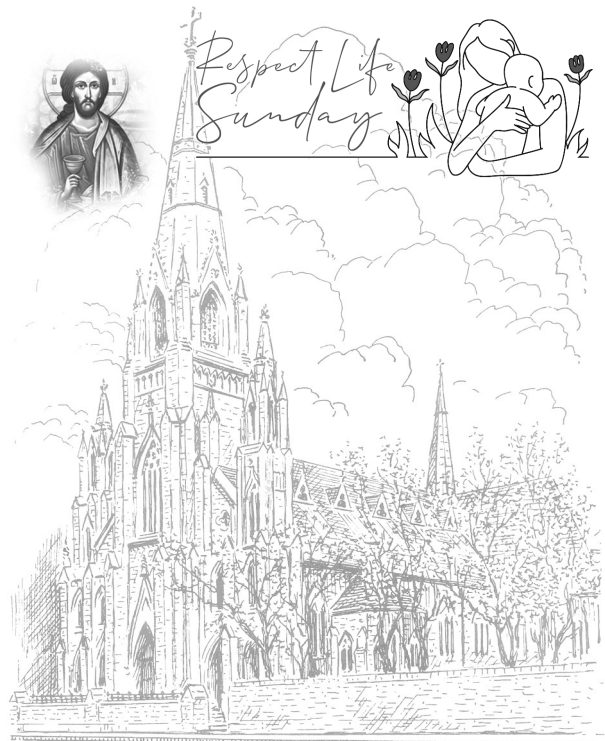


A Celebration of History: 150th Anniversary of Greenwood Cemetery

Greenwood Cemetery was established in 1874, serving as the first non-sectarian commercial cemetery for African

Americans in the St. Louis area after the Civil War. Greenwood has faced periods of hardship and neglect, yet through dedication, the cemetery is undergoing a beautiful restoration, reclaiming its rightful place as a cornerstone of our community's heritage.

Join us in celebrating its rich legacy on Saturday, October 19th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Missouri History Museum.



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
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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

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		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.