

May 10, 2020

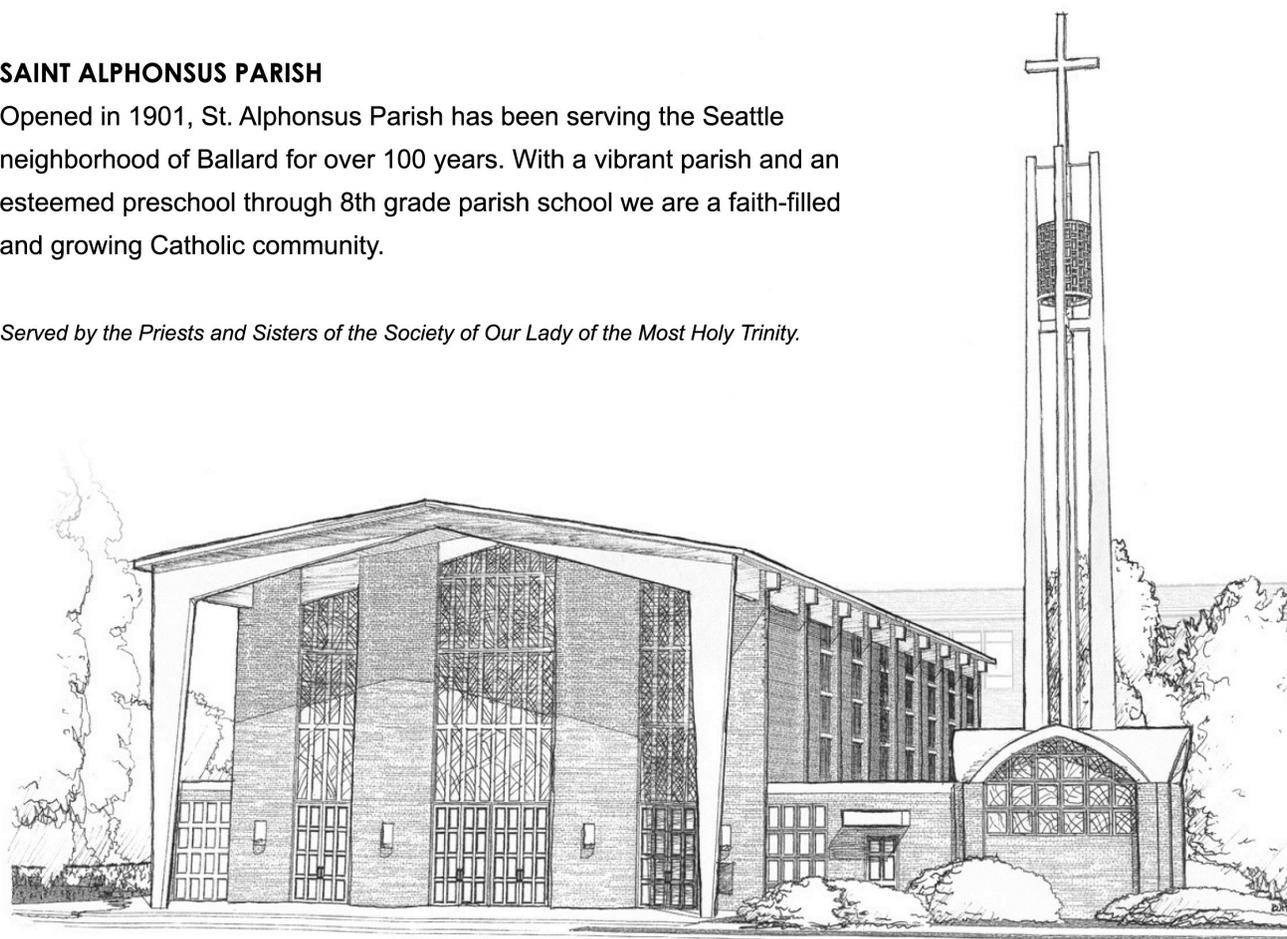
5th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

SAINT ALPHONSUS PARISH

Opened in 1901, St. Alphonsus Parish has been serving the Seattle neighborhood of Ballard for over 100 years. With a vibrant parish and an esteemed preschool through 8th grade parish school we are a faith-filled and growing Catholic community.

Served by the Priests and Sisters of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.



SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5pm Vigil
Sunday 8am, 10am

DAILY MASS

Tuesday: 8:45am
Wednesday - Saturday:
8am

CONFESSION

Saturday 4 - 4:45pm
Sunday 7:15am, 9:15am

First Fridays: 6:30-7:45am
First Thursdays preceding
First Friday: 7-8:30pm
First Saturday following
First Friday: 7:30-7:45am

ADORATION

Tuesday and Friday
After Mass until 9pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday &
Friday: 9 - 11am, 12 - 3pm
206-784-6464
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SAINT ALPHONSUS
PARISH

LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR



SUNDAY MAY 10

5th Sunday of Easter

8am INT St. Alphonsus Parish
3pm Holy 30 Minutes + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

MONDAY MAY 11

7:40am INT St. Alphonsus Parish
3pm Holy 30 Minutes + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

TUESDAY MAY 12

7:40am RIP Sharon Halloran
3pm Holy 30 Minutes + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

WEDNESDAY MAY 13

7:40am RIP Joe Candito
3pm Holy 30 Minutes + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

THURSDAY MAY 14

St. Matthias

7:40am INT Lou & Maurna Complita
3pm Holy 30 Minutes + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

FRIDAY MAY 15

7:40am RIP Mark Riordan
3pm Holy 30 Minutes + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

SATURDAY MAY 16

7:40am INT Lou & Maurna Complita
3pm Holy 30 Minutes + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

SUNDAY MAY 17

6th Sunday of Easter

8am INT St. Alphonsus Parish
3pm Holy 30 Minutes + Divine Mercy
Chaplet



“The way.”

When I think of what this term means from a human perspective, I think of trails, maps or my GPS which has saved me on numerous occasions from getting lost. Each one of these in their own way is a guide.

When I was around 9 years of age and living in Scotland, we were blessed to have a forest behind the house that we lived in and as young boys my brothers and I would spend countless numbers of hours exploring it. We discovered thickets of bamboo, large waterfalls, and many interesting things. We would generally follow trails which took us to particular destinations and always brought us safely home. As I think back, we never thought of encountering any wild animals and thankfully we never did.

As I'm reminded also of the trail that I have hiked but only part way. It is the one that takes a person to the top of Hurricane ridge. Yes, it is still on my bucket list and who knows if this summer will provide an opportunity to check it off the list. In a way, I recognize a desire within to discover something else. It is a desire to see what is on the other side that evidently makes it worth hiking to the top.

Jesus this weekend and maybe especially during this time of “Stay at Home” ordinances, is using the same metaphor to help us recognize a desire that exists in the depths of each human heart and that would be eternal life with God. Just like the trail, the part I have already hiked, up to Hurricane ridge there are parts that are easier than others, but nevertheless people are drawn to get to the top. Jesus, who is the way, understands that this is part of our earthly journey also and that we are in one of those more difficult stretches, but He says follow me and it will be alright. In the midst of our days, where we might be filling our day with things that get us through the moment but never really satisfies the deepest longing of our heart, let us strive to set aside intentional time to commune with Jesus. We could ask Him “Am I on the right path.”

Happy Easter everyone and God's blessings to you and all your loved ones.

To Jesus through Mary

Fr. Richard Klepac, SOLT

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marnie Ahern, Lillian Anderson, Tricia Anderson, Shelle Bjolstad, Patricia Browne, Linda Buchman, Ade Domingo, Bertha Eriksson, James Flynn, Espedito P. Galvão, Shirley Hegge, Joshua Hillery, Dave Jebousek, Emily Jones, Joan Knebel, Sylvia Knowlton, Stephanie Kunkler, Josephine Lynch, Norma Macke, Anne Manfredi, Theresa Morrone, Patricia Mulka, Jennifer Nagel, Ray Naidu, Alice Nitteberg, Grace Norman, Roy Otness, Bob Pohlman, Lucy Rogers, Scarlett Selland, Cathy Shea, Nolette Serra, Jack Serwold, Patty Skommesa, Fred Stull, Jude Vidal

Serving in Iraq & Afghanistan

Christopher Dowling

MASK DONATIONS

We are collecting mask donations on behalf of CCS as part of their goal to make 10,000 masks! Please see this visit the CCS website (ccsww.org/sewing-bee/) for more info including sewing instructions. Contact Lizzy to coordinate a no-contact mask drop-off!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our SVDP chapter is available and ready to help with rent, utilities and food vouchers. Those seeking help should call the St Vincent de Paul intake line at 206-767-6449. All assistance is confidential.

If you'd like to make a donation to our SVDP chapter, you can give online on our website (www.stalseattle.org) or mail your contribution to the parish envelope (either in one of the envelopes included in your monthly bundle or include a note that it is for SVDP).

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office is closed to visitors. During this time, email will be checked, and updates will be sent out regularly. The voicemail will be checked as well, and if you or your loved one has a sacramental emergency, please still call the office. Father will be visiting those in need of this important sacrament, and there is an Archdiocesan plan in place for administering the sacrament to those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are showing symptoms. Mail will also be checked, so if you send in your envelope or any other correspondence, it will be received.

Like most parishes, most of our revenue comes from the generous support of our faith community. This generosity supports the basic operations (payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc.) and ministries of our church. Most of these are fixed costs, that we must pay despite Mass not occurring. If you are able and not already doing so, please consider giving online via our website (www.stalseattle.org) or mailing in your envelope (an extra pre-addressed envelope is included in your monthly envelope bundle).

We also want to assure you that we are taking care of our staff during this time, both financially so they do not go without pay, and in taking extra safety precautions for those who are still working on-site.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during these difficult times. And rest assured, the St. Alphonsus Parish Community continues to be in the prayers of Father Richard and the parish staff.

LIVE STREAMS

Father Richard continues to live stream daily Mass at 7:40am and Sunday Mass at 8am as well as Holy 30 minutes to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet to gain the indulgence for all those who have died from the COVID-19 virus each day at 3pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Alphonsus-105432431086043/>

FORMED

Now is a great time to access FORMED if you haven't already! As a parishioner of St. Alphonsus you can sign up for a free account at stalseattle.formed.org ! FORMED has inspiring movies and video-based studies, audio talks and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors! So register now to access great Catholic content including works from The Pope Emeritus, Pope Francis & Mother Teresa, movies about the saints, talks by people like Sister Miriam James, Scott Hahn & Bishop Robert Barron and videos that walk you through bible studies, retreats, and much more.

SPRING CLEANING?

Donate your expired monthly Magnificats to the Cathedral Kitchen. Their patrons include the homeless and low income men & women from the area who are thrilled to read them. There will be a basket in the vestibule when we reopen. Thank you!

SCHOOL NEWS



SCRIP NEWS

She cooks, she cleans, she makes our beds.

She always has a shoulder for our heads.

When we're down, she knows exactly what to say.

So make her feel special this Mother's Day.

Treat your mom with Scrip. Check out www.shopwithscrip.com for a full list of participating retailers and to purchase Scrip today. Please note that only electronic cards are available at this time. We apologize that due to the closure of our school and parish, we are unable to physically sell and distribute Scrip. Contact Heather Lakefish at hcbakefish@hotmail.com for more info about Scrip, or to get the school code to sign up online.

AMAZON SMILE

Don't forget that when you buy from Amazon you can use Amazon Smile to help give back to St. Alphonsus. Visit smile.amazon.com and select St. Alphonsus Parish School! If you have any questions contact Kaitlin at development@stalseattle.org.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Submit them to the Rosary Group that meets via zoom on Friday mornings. Contact christine.cavanaugh@outlook.com to join or to ask us to pray for you or someone else.

PARENT CLUB EVENTS

We will be following all the school guidelines that have been emailed out by Principal Daspit. All events will be postponed until a later date (family game night, Father/daughter dance etc.). We will let you know when they are rescheduled. Please reach out to pcboard@stalseattle.org if you have any questions.

CAR DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have donated a vehicle to St. Alphonsus; your gift is very appreciated!

If you have a vehicle you would like to donate for the benefit of our parish, parish school or an Archdiocesan campaign visit www.seattlearchdiocese-cardonations.org or call 844-407-GIVE.

BOOK FAIR

Our school will be hosting a Virtual Scholastic Book Fair through **May 17**.

The Virtual Fair is a fantastic way to get books in the hands of your students now to keep them reading at home. While this is not the same as an in-person fair, like we had planned and would prefer, this virtual fair does provide an additional resource for books during this period of remote learning.

- All purchases benefit our school and earn rewards
- Shop Book Fair exclusives, best-sellers, skill-builders and more
- Orders ship direct to home
- Book-only orders over \$25* receive FREE shipping
- Over 6,000 items to choose from through the Scholastic Store Online

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click "Shop Now" to get started: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stalphonsusschool1>

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP ETIENNE

Please see this message from Archbishop Etienne regarding the current COVID-19 Crisis: <https://vimeo.com/416006936>.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE SURVEY

All practicing lay Catholics in the Archdiocese are invited to complete an online survey that seeks to better understand the experiences, beliefs, needs, desires and faith trajectories of Catholics across western Washington.

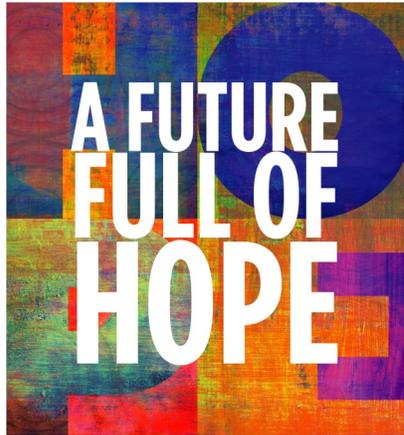
<https://survey.cmix.com/0D2AEABF/G10DF6LT/en-US>, or visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org.

DAILY MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP ETIENNE

Archbishop Etienne continues to celebrate daily Mass at 8:30am. You can check out the livestream at <https://vimeo.com/archdioceseofseattle>

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Con el Obispo Elizondo: Sábado 8:30am & Domingo 11:30am.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This year's Annual Catholic Appeal has us reflect upon A Future Full of Hope: Passion for our Faith, Promise for our Future, Care for our Community, and Love for our Family. Please prayerfully consider giving to the needs of our Archdiocese as we conduct the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal over the next four weeks. Some of you have already made your donation, and we thank you.

You can give via the envelope mailed to you or give online at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate.