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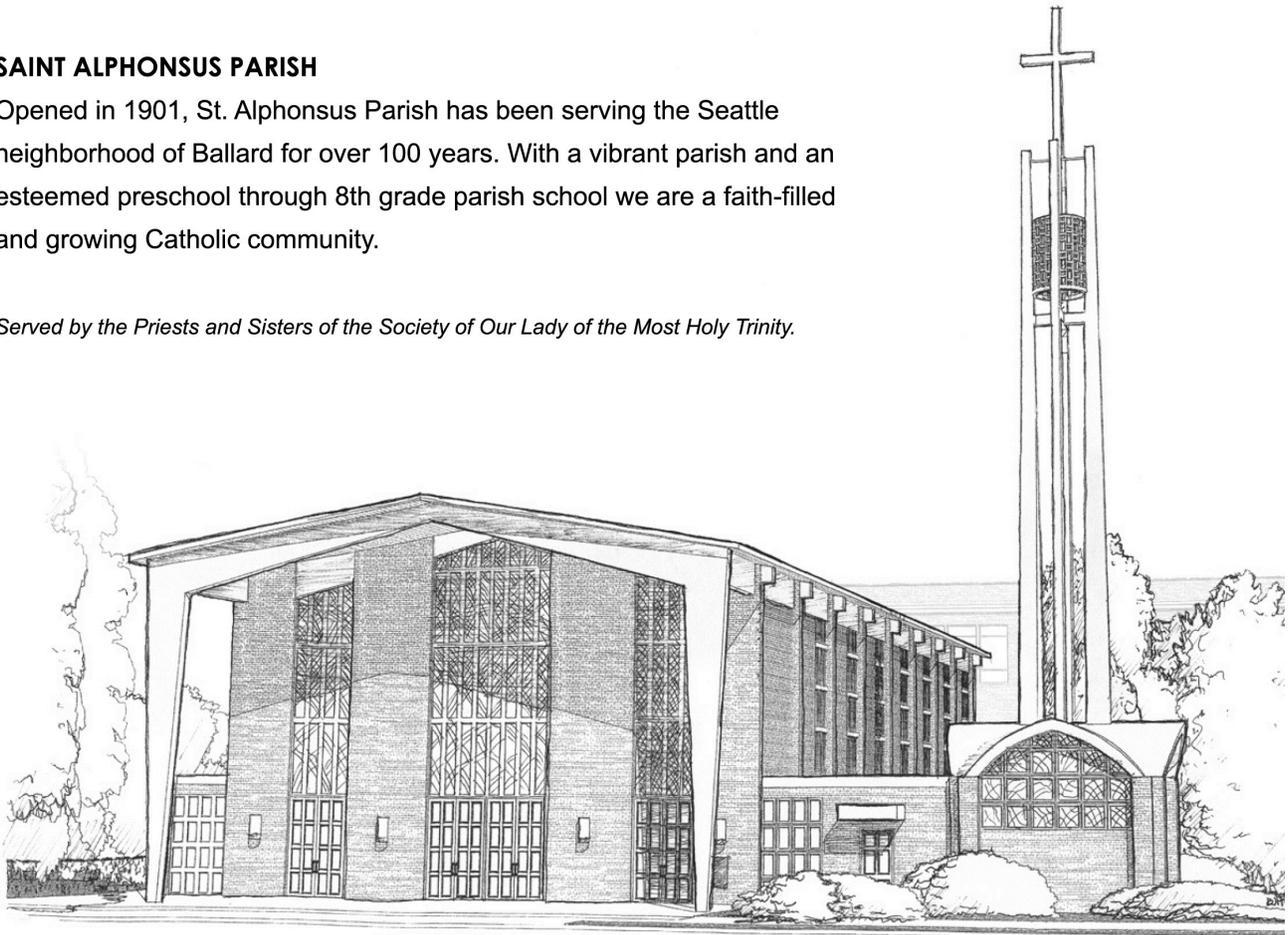
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 - Saturday:
740am via live-stream

CONFESSION

Confession by appointment only, please call 206-784-6464 or email lscholz@stalseattle.org to set up.

ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel is closed at this time.

OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is closed at this time.
206-784-6464
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SAINT ALPHONSUS
PARISH

LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR



SUNDAY JULY 19

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am INT St. Alphonsus Parish
10am INT St. Alphonsus Parish
3pm Holy Hour + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

MONDAY JULY 20

TUESDAY JULY 21

7:40am RIP Anita Sevilla
3pm Holy Hour + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

WEDNESDAY JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

7:40am RIP Fabian Morin
3pm Holy Hour + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

THURSDAY JULY 23

7:40am RIP Marie Wilkie
3pm Holy Hour + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

FRIDAY JULY 24

7:40am INT Warren, Sr. & Susie
Gourneau
3pm Holy Hour + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

SATURDAY JULY 25

St. James

7:40am RIP Norbert Klepac
3pm Holy Hour + Divine Mercy
Chaplet
5pm INT St. Alphonsus Parish

SUNDAY JULY 26

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am INT St. Alphonsus Parish
10am INT St. Alphonsus Parish
3pm Holy Hour + Divine Mercy
Chaplet

Call to Leaven in the World

I think we would all be in agreement to one degree or another that our world looks very similar to the parable Jesus uses in the Gospel today. While there is much good around us symbolized by the wheat in the parable, there is at the same time much evil. It has been a sad week to not only see the increase of COVID infections but doubly so with all the killings that have occurred. Hopefully, this has given us greater impetus to reach out to our Heavenly Father and ask for help. Pope Francis wrote on the importance of this saying, “the Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer”, but we should not be content with just praying no matter how essential.

In the longer version of the Gospel Jesus also speaks about “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.” Jesus calls us to be leaven in the world in which we live. Every random act of kindness is an act that allows good to flourish in the world and its impact cannot be understated.

Here is a simple example: Most hikers know that there are rules of etiquette on the trails like when hikers going downhill yield to those hiking uphill. This past Monday I bit off more than I could chew and hiked Mount Si. I can tell you the last 30 min were very difficult for many reasons. Every time I passed someone going downhill, I was tempted to ask “How much farther is it?”, but I refrained from doing so just in case their reply would convince me to change my mind. One of the last people I passed looked at me and must have recognized that I was exhausted because he simply said, “you don’t have much farther to go.” It was such a relief to hear those words that I found a burst of energy that was enough to complete the climb.

This is but a simple example how those simple acts of charity can go a long way in allowing good to leaven the world. It does not have to be complicated. Archbishop Paul in his pastoral letter stated, “Our greatest proclamation of the Gospel is an authentic witness of life.” In the context of the fruits of our participation in the Mass he also stated “that the faithful may also recognize the implications of the sending rite at the end of Mass as a commissioning to live this Eucharistic life in the world, to carry out the mission of Jesus in our day-today life.

In essence he is saying we come to the Eucharist to be fed and nourished by it so as to be those credible witnesses in the world...to be the Leaven that the world needs at this time.

Let us continue to keep each other in prayer. 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 Skomma, Fred Stull, Jude Vidal

Serving in Iraq & Afghanistan

Christopher Dowling

LIVE STREAMS

Mass continues to be live streamed from the convent chapel at 7:40am Tuesday thru Saturday. We will no longer be live-streaming Mass on Mondays. And please like the page while you are there! Friday Morning Prayer at 7:10am prior to Mass will be live-streamed as well. All parishioners are invited to pray with us each Friday. It is recorded for those who would like to watch later. <https://www.facebook.com/St-Alphonsus-105432431086043/>

ALWAYS

Be sure to stay up to date on everything occurring with the restarting of Mass by making sure you are on our email list. You can sign up via our website (www.stalseattle.org) at the bottom of the home page, or by emailing Lizzy at Ischolz@stalseattle.org.

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.

MASS IN THE CHURCH

You must register for Mass prior to attendance. Each week between Monday at 9am and Wednesday at 6pm you can register for Mass online at stalseattle.org/parish/about/events/ or you may call the office at 206-784-6464 (if calling please leave the names of those attending, a phone number and your top two Mass preferences). For those that call and leave a message, we will notify you if you do not get your top choice, if you do not hear from us, you are confirmed to attend your top choice. For those that register online, you will be notified which Mass you are confirmed to attend by Thursday at 2pm. You will receive a confirmation email upon registering, but please note, this is not confirmation of Mass attendance, just that we received your request.

We are keeping our normal Mass schedule of 5pm Saturday Vigil and 8am and 10am on Sunday. And don't worry, we will still be live-streaming one of our Sunday Masses each weekend, **this weekend we will live-stream the 8am Mass**. We intend to continue to live-stream at least one Mass on Sunday for the foreseeable future.

We are still in need of volunteers, especially for the 8am. If you are able to help with checking in people, assisting people in finding their seats and/or sanitizing the church please contact Lizzy at Ischolz@stalseattle.org. We do ask that anyone who volunteers be under the age of 60 and have no contact with those who are vulnerable or at-risk (i.e. your elderly parent lives with you, or you regularly visit someone who has a medical condition putting them in an at-risk category).

SCHOOL NEWS



SCRIP NEWS

*Bright hot sun and nice warm breeze.
Kids splashing by the pool.
People on jet skis, having fun.
Think safety first - don't be a fool!*

Enjoy the beautiful weather. Just don't forget the essentials. Check out www.shopwithscrip.com for a full list of participating retailers and to purchase Scrip today. Sign up to order online and get your e-cards instantly. Please note that we are no longer placing orders for plastic cards so be sure to select e-cards when making a purchase. These can be used online or can be printed out at home and taken to the store just like a plastic card. You can also send gifts of e-cards by checking the gift box when ordering and entering the recipient's email address. Contact Heather Lakefish at hcbakefish@hotmail.com for more info about Scrip, or to get the school code to sign up online.

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.

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.

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.

MENTOR FAMILIES

We have a bunch of new students and families starting with us in the fall! We are excited to welcome them into our St. Al community. In the past we have paired current families with our new families to be a point person and answer their questions and usher them in. If this is something you would be interested in please reach out to our Admissions Director Kaitlin Andrews and we will get you placed with one of our incredible new families: admissions@stalseattle.org

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

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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. You can donate via the envelope mailed to you or at <https://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Stewardship/ACA/Donate.aspx>



From Archbishop Etienne's Pastoral Letter: *The Work of Redemption: Eucharistic Belief and Practice in the Archdiocese of Seattle*

I invite all of us in this local Church to a renewed focus on the heart of our faith and the center of our parish life: the Eucharist. The Eucharist is an inexhaustible source of grace, the Paschal Mystery of Christ's dying and rising daily renewed for our salvation and for the salvation of the whole world. The Eucharist is the living presence of Christ in our midst. That presence does not, must not leave us unchanged: Receiving the Body of Christ, we become the Body of Christ. The Eucharist unites us to Christ, and, in Christ, to each other. And the Eucharist commits us to the poor, sending us forth in service and love.

When it comes to the Eucharist, we can always go deeper. No matter whether we have spent years exploring Eucharistic theology, or are still preparing for our first Holy Communion, there is always more to discover about the Eucharist. And no matter the resources of our parish communities, with care and attention our liturgies can always be improved, to reflect more clearly the Christ who truly presides at every celebration of the Eucharist. During the coming year, I ask every Catholic and every parish community to commit themselves to deepening our understanding and experience of the Eucharist, and strengthening our Eucharistic liturgies.

Full Text Available at: <http://nwcatholic.org/features/nw-stories/the-work-of-redemption.html>