

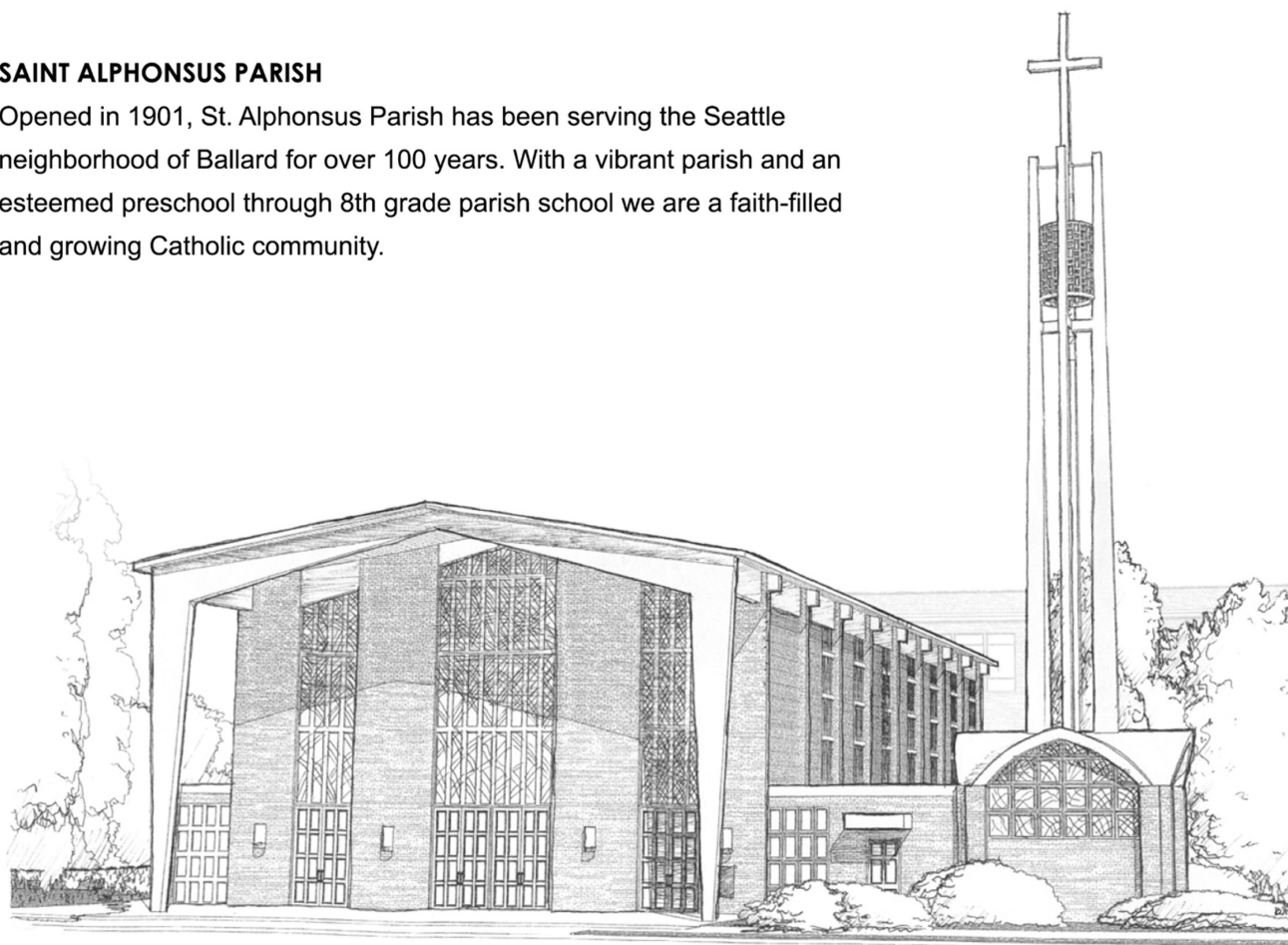
September 11, 2022

24th 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.



SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5pm Vigil
Sunday 9am

DAILY MASS

Tuesday - Saturday: 8am

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4-4:45pm

LIVE-STREAM INFO

Sunday 9am Mass live-streamed at
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Alphonsus-105432431086043/>

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday: 9 - 11am, 12 - 2pm
206-784-6464
www.stalseattle.org



SAINT ALPHONSUS
PARISH

REFLECTIONS



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9am INT St. Alphonsus Parish
- 10am Coffee & Doughnuts in Family Center
- 11am Holy Name Society Meeting in Family Center

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom

- 8am RIP Michael Finster

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 8:45am INT St. Alphonsus Parish School

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8am RIP Grace Norman

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

- 8am RIP Ella Javidando

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17

- 8am RIP Bob Norris
- 4pm Confessions
- 5pm INT St. Alphonsus Parish

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9am INT St. Alphonsus Parish

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

The immeasurable mercy and compassion of our God

(...the lost sheep, ...the lost coinand the lost son...)

{1st ..Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 2nd.. 1 Tm 1:12-17;

Gospel .. Lk 15:1-32}

Fellow parishioners, 9/11 is a painful Memorial Day of the deadliest terrorist attacks on the soils of the US. It is a day of prayers for the victims and their families, for healing of the whole nation and prayers of a change of heart for respect of human life worldwide. May the Merciful and compassionate Lord keep us safe today, tomorrow, and always.

It is very rare to have such a long gospel of a full chapter, except during the Holy Week. The three parables narrated (...the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son...), have something in common; the owner is determined to find the lost reality. On having it back, there is no reprimanding, cursing or any form of frustration. Instead, there is celebration and rejoicing. This is what I refer to, as *the immeasurable mercy and compassion* of the owner. We could perhaps ask ourselves: What profit would it make to leave the 99 sheep (*that can also get lost without the shepherd*) and go for the already lost-one? Or, what sense would it make to light a lamp, sweep the whole house to find the lost-coin, and then spend more than the lost-coin to celebrate its finding? In the parable of the prodigal son, why spend more on a debauchery son who has already dispensed all the resources given to him in a very irresponsible and evil way? To us, all these situations may not make sense according to our notion of Justice, but to God, it does.

In Spanish, there is an expression that would suit the love of God when it comes to saving us. *Dios se vuelve loco* = *God becomes crazy*. He does whatever it takes to reach out to us. He gives us time to think about our actions. He reaches out to us through daily occurrences (experiences). He invites us through friends, reflections, liturgical gatherings and even in daily happenings. Each one of us is so precious before Him. He bought each one of us with his own blood {I Pt 1:19}. Even before we were born, He knew each one of us {Jer. 1:5}.

Apart from the coin {a non-living item}, the sheep and the lost son cooperate with the master in order to regain their status on having been found. He puts the sheep on His shoulders, carrying it back home without resistance. The prodigal son comes to his senses and willfully walks back home to meet his Father. This reminds us of the fact that the master needs our *YES* and *cooperation* in order to accomplish the re-institution that we deserve in order to regain our status before our Creator. Sometimes the gravity of our distancing from our master can overwhelm us to the extent of discouraging us to make the walk towards the awaiting merciful compassionate Father, who is always there for us with open hands. Other times it is a mere postponement of the process of enjoying His mercy and compassion, lacking a serious move to respond to the Lord's call to repentance.

In all situations, let us always remember that God's love and mercy surpasses his anger and judgment. Moses, in the first reading, bases on this to plead for his people for forgiveness. St Paul, in the second reading, joyfully laments his weaknesses and ignorance basing on the abundance of God's love and mercy. We too can also be assured of the same privileges if only we make an effort to respond to His loving call to repentance. Amen.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marnie Ahern, Lillian Anderson, Linda Buchman, Famia Bryan, Emma Claire, Norma Curulla, Rosalia Dimaunahan, Bertha Eriksson, James Flynn, Norman & Jo Galloway, Espedito P. Galvão, Margaret Goodrich, Michael Hansen, Myrna Israkul, Dave Jebousek, Emily Jones, Joan Knebel, Daniel Love, Josephine Lynch, Norma Macke, Anne Manfredi, Ginny Massett, Tony Mononagus, Patricia Mulka, Jennifer Nagel, Ray Naidu, Gary Olsen, Roy Otness, Bob Pohlman, Lucy Rogers, Parker Scott, Nolette Serra, Jack Serwold, Abby Simpson, Fred Stull Cheryl Taylor, Fr. Bob Van Kempen, Jude Vidal, Christopher Walsh, Lillian Yamamoto, Kaitlin Yoder



Please help spread the mission of the Catholic Church in Western Washington by giving today to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Envelopes are available in the vestibules or you can give online (www.archseattle.org/GiveACA). Our parish goal this year is \$56,391. Please consider the average gift from our parish last year, which was \$391. We still need \$10,000 to reach our goal!

WE ARE HIRING

We are looking for an experienced, energetic person to serve as Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation. This person should be creative self-starter with a passion for evangelization, religious education, socials, service opportunities and more.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, develop and implement a faith formation program (Sacramental preparation, Bible studies, etc.); plan and coordinate events; recruit, supervise and provide formation for volunteers. This is a 30-40 hour per week position plus benefits with a mix of hours during the day, evenings and weekends depending on programs offered with some flexibility. Salary in accord with Archdiocesan guidelines.

Position open until filled. Email resume to Lizzy (lscholz@stalseattle.org)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

School has started! Please note that unless there is a holy day or no school, daily Mass on Wednesday will be at 8:45am.

LIVE-STREAM MASS

To view a live-streamed Mass at St. James Cathedral, visit <https://vimeo.com/event/196275>. This is available Monday - Saturday at 8am.

We continue to live-stream the Sunday 9am Mass.

ANGELS' CAFÉ

With the easing of COVID restrictions we are hoping to bring back Angels' Café, our monthly breakfast in the Family Center. If this is a ministry you are interested in assisting with contact Shelle at shelleb2@gmail.com!

CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Don't forget to pick up your 2022-2023 calendar! They are available at each church entrance or in the parish office.

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

This Sunday, come over to the Family Center for Coffee Hour after the 9am Mass. Hosted by the Holy Name Society.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

The Holy Name Society will hold its' monthly meeting in the Family Center on Sunday, immediately after coffee and donut cleanup.

RESPECT LIFE

Scientifically it's a human life. The textbooks teach us that. But is it right to take it out to solve a problem? This is why the Church is so strict on this issue of abortion because accepting this is kind of like accepting daily murder. Pope Francis

SCHOOL NEWS



ADMISSIONS

If you are interested in our school we still have openings in all grades, especially preschool and kindergarten! Please reach out to Carin Brown at admissions@stalseattle.org with 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 seattlearchdiocese.careasy.org/HOME.html or call 844-407-GIVE.

ALUMNI NEWS

Do you have any news of alums doing great things? Share them with us at angle@stalseattle.org. We'd love to hear from you and keep our community connected

SCRIP NEWS

The school year has started and so has school lunches. Bring a meal from home, or roll with the punches.

Lunch planning is made easy with RaiseRight to your favorite grocery store, so stock up today for a year of healthy meals. Check out www.raiseright.com for a full list of participating retailers and to purchase RaiseRight today. Contact Terra Hakam at raiseright@stalseattle.org for more info about RaiseRight.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 21,
7-8:30pm
Curriculum Night at school

Thursday, September 22
2 hour late start (10:30am)

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 development@stalseattle.org.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School Supply lists are available at [stalseattle.org/school/academics/supply-list?](http://stalseattle.org/school/academics/supply-list?mc_cid=ba71e520de&mc_eid=2541ab2490)
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THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE



STAND UP FOR LIFE GALA

Healing the Culture invites you to join Fr. Robert Spitzer and Camille Pauley for the 14th Annual Stand up for Life Gala on Friday, September 23rd at the Holy Family Church in Kirkland. Cost is \$125 per person. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available. For tickets and more info, please email ga-la@healingtheculture.com or visit www.healingtheculture.com/gala.

RETROUVAILLE

Considering Separation or Divorce?

Wait! There is an alternative. Retrouvaille has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential info or to register for our program Oct 14-16, call 206-706-2608 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.



NEXT STEP GALA

Join us on Saturday, September 24 at Holy Rosary in Edmonds for our biggest fundraiser. This is the best way for us to keep Next Step open and serving those women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. This event will feature a dinner, a dynamic speaker and a silent auction - as well as fellowship. Doors open at 6pm. Register at nssupport.org/gala2022 or call 425-329-4569.

For more info about Next Step Pregnancy Services visit nextstepnw.com/

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