

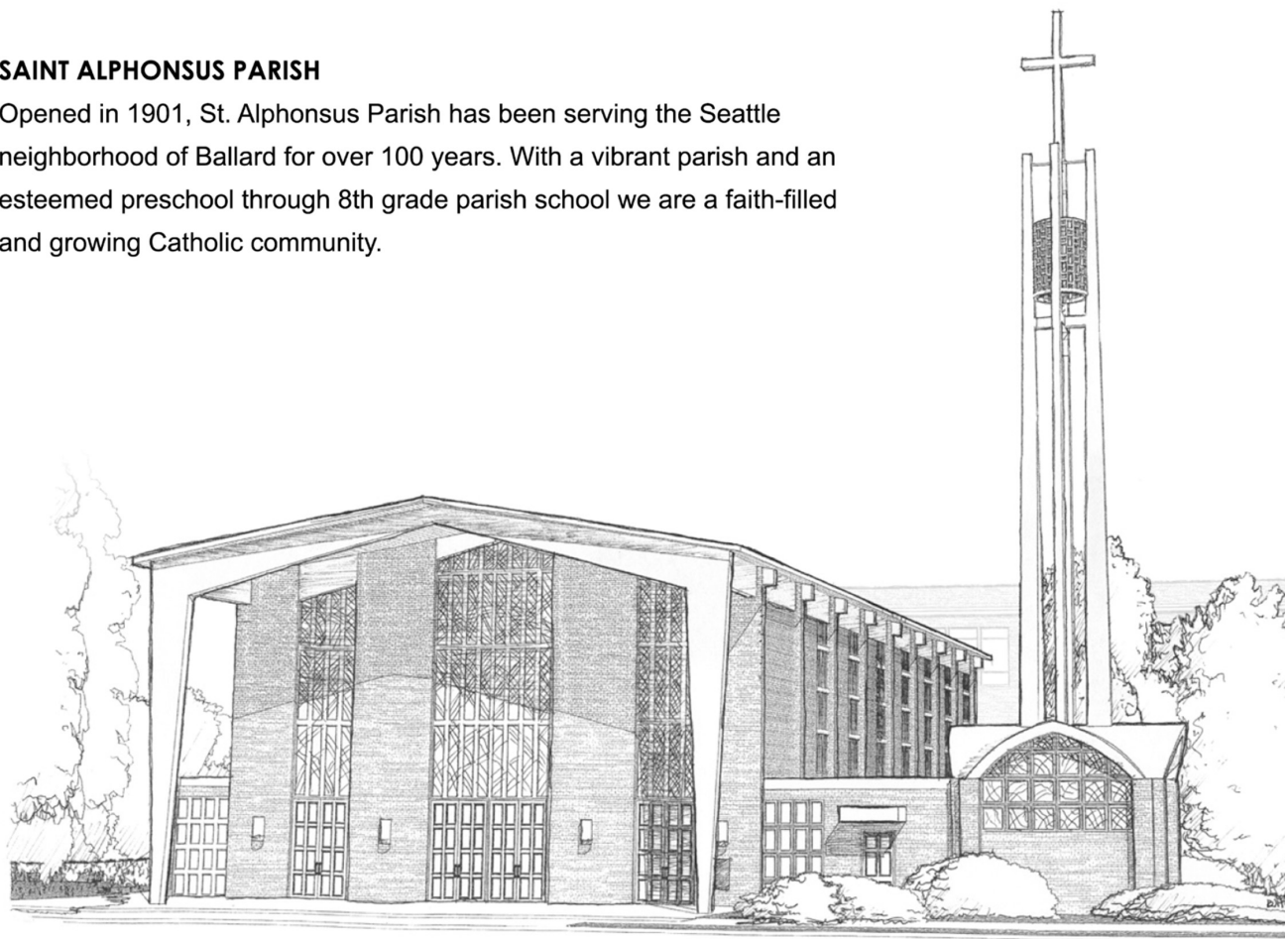
September 4, 2022

23rd 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
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SAINT ALPHONSUS
PARISH

REFLECTIONS



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am INT St. Alphonsus Parish

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6

8am RIP Ella Javidando

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7

8:45am INT St. Alphonsus Parish School

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am RIP David Orvosh

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver

8am RIP Fr. Dan Abalon, SOLT

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10

8am RIP Bob Rutledge

4pm Confessions

5pm INT St. Alphonsus Parish

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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

To be Jesus' disciple

'.....hating one's Father and mother, wife and children...and one's life.....'

1st Wis 9: 13-18b; [Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,17](#);

2nd Phlm 9b-10, 12-17; Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Being an ardent follower of Jesus, is a fundamental choice in life. It is a dynamic choice (*not static*) whereby whoever chooses to embrace it has to not only make a onetime choice, but a daily and constant choice of doing what the master requires. It may appear to be a burden to an onlooker (*an outsider*) but, it makes the followers (*disciples*) free to enjoy their lives in full {*Truth shall make you free.....Jn 8:23*} and to love one's father and mother, wife and children and even one's life all the more.

I would say the catch word in this Sunday's gospel is *to hate*. In the ancient languages from which the bible was translated (especially *Hebrew* and *Greek*), the word '*to hate*' was not used in a strong sense of the modern world perspective which might have labeled Christianity as a hateful religion. Instead, it pointed to *a feeling of dislike, prefer less or choosing something of greater importance*. Taking God's word seriously and living it is most likely to contradict with even our closest associates like the family members. Much as we still love them, Christ calls us to preach to them by a new way of life of love, fear of God and service of mankind even beyond our family boundaries. It requires commitment to prayer and worship as well as a life of action as advocated by St James. We may differ in opinion and advice in accordance with the guiding spirit of the Lord and all this makes us *prefer more* of what faith dictates while *preferring less* (*hating*) of what our family members demand of us.

The second reading gives us a practical example of '*hating oneself*' or '*one's likes*' for Christ's sake. Paul writes to Philemon requesting him to receive one of his run-away slave, Onesimus, as a son or a brother in Christ. Normally, he would have punished Onesimus severely for running away from his master, but by embracing Christianity, Philemon became Paul's partner in preaching and living the Gospel. In the same spirit Philemon prefers to do the contrary of how he would have treated the *run-away slave*, by offering him the best hospitality.

There is no way Jesus is asking us to hate our family members in the worldly sense of this concept, but instead to bring them too to the love of God so that they too may enjoy the life of God. In other words, the best way to love our children, brothers, our sisters, our mother and father and all friends is to love Jesus first. He will teach us how to not only love them here on earth but also to help them enter into eternal life. Once we seek God, the rest falls in line {*Mt 6:33*}. Amen.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marnie Ahern, Lillian Anderson, Linda Buchman, Famia Bryan, Emma Claire, Norma Curulla, Donna Day, 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 \$11,000 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 starts this week! Beginning Wednesday, September 7 the Wednesday Mass will be at 8:45am.

A slight change this year, there will be no Mass on the first day of school (Tuesday, September 6). The first Mass will be the following day, on the regularly scheduled school Mass day of Wednesday, September 7.

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

Next 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 next Sunday, immediately after coffee and donut cleanup.

RESPECT LIFE

"I have heard that it is in fashion, or at least customary, in the first months of pregnancy to have certain exams, to see whether the baby is not well, or has some problems. The first proposal in that case is: 'Shall we do away with it?' The murder of children. In the last century the entire world was scandalized over what the Nazis were doing to maintain the purity of the race. Today we do the same thing, but with white gloves." - 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 final weekend
before back-to-school.
Have fun and enjoy.
Don't be a fool.*

It's the last long weekend before the kids head back to school. Let RaiseRight help you make the most of it. 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

Tuesday, September 6

First Day of School!

Wednesday, September 7, 8:45am

First School Mass

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)
[mc_cid=ba71e520de&mc_eid=2541ab2490](http://stalseattle.org/school/academics/supply-list?mc_cid=ba71e520de&mc_eid=2541ab2490)

THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE



JASON EVERT EVENT

We are excited to announce an incredible event for families, ages 13 and up, that will take place on Sunday, October 9, at St. Brendan Catholic Church in Bothell and will feature international speaker and author, Jason Evert, who has spoken to more than one million teens on the topic of chastity.

The event will include a presentation for teens and parents about dating relationships and God's plan for human love, followed by a time for adoration and reconciliation:

- 4 - 6pm: Purified for teens & families 13+
- 7 - 8:30pm: Gender and the Theology of Your Body for everyone 13+

One Evening - Two Great Events - Come to One Event or Both! We strongly encourage you not to miss this INCREDIBLE opportunity! Visit chastity.com/event to reserve your ticket.



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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