

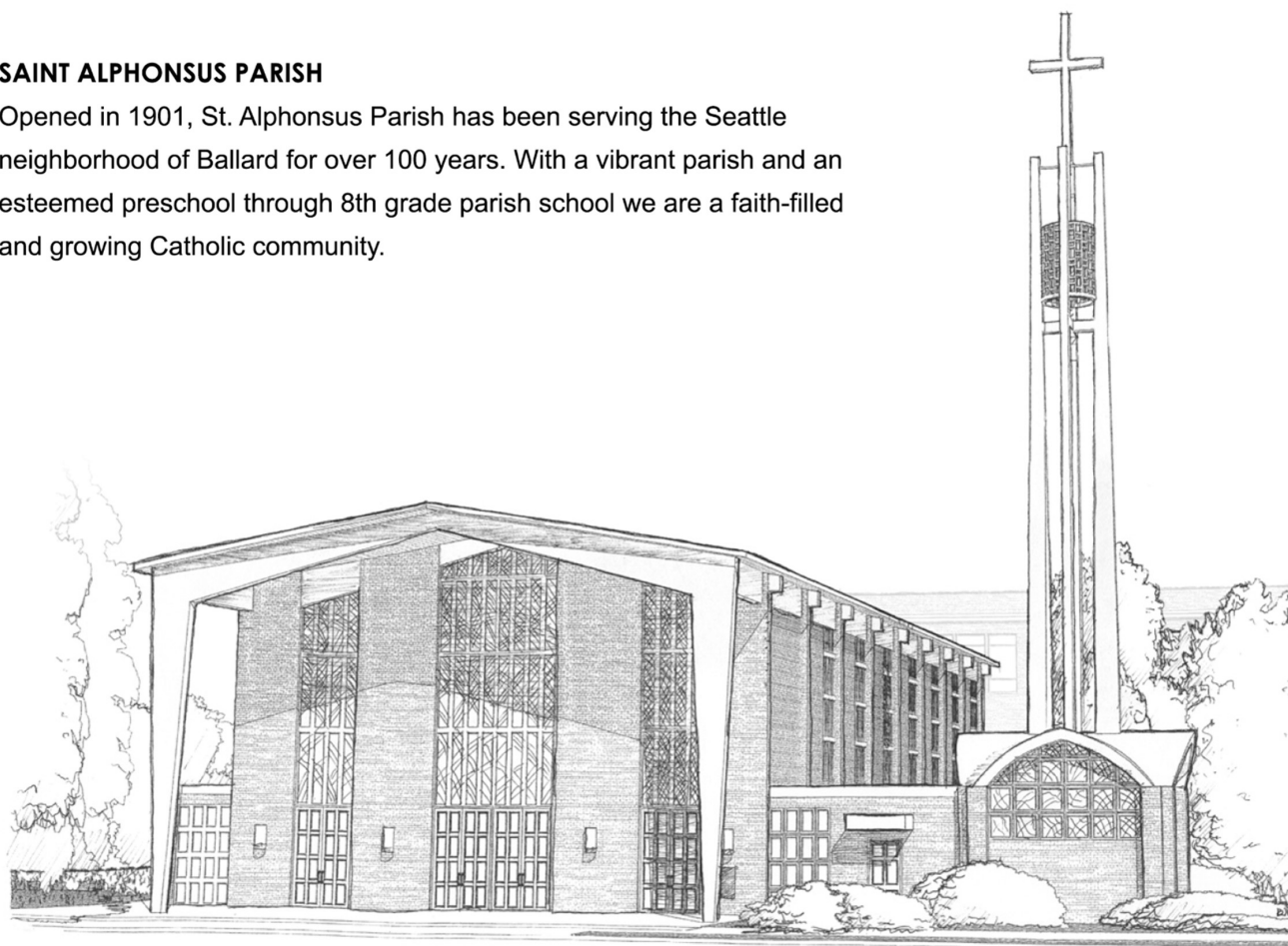
October 2, 2022

27th 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 OCTOBER 2

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am INT St. Alphonsus Parish
10am Respect Life Rosary in church
10am Ham & Pancake Breakfast
Family Center

MONDAY OCTOBER 3

TUESDAY OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

8am RIP Fred Stull

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5

8:45am RIP Fred Stull

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6

8am RIP Thersa Myers

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

8am INT Huntsman Family

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8

8am RIP Francisco Lampa &
Rebecca Lampa
4pm Confessions
5pm INT St. Alphonsus Parish

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am INT St. Alphonsus Parish
10am Coffee & Doughnuts

27th Sunday of the Ordinary Time, Year C

In faith...it is also okay to be angry with God.

1st reading: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2nd reading: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Gospel: Lk 17:5-10

Fellow parishioners, welcome to the month of October. October is a special month dedicated to the Blessed virgin mother Mary. Its specialty goes with several feasts dedicated to her during this month. We are called upon to recite the Rosary as often as we can, for the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother.

In the first reading we are presented with the prophecy of *Habakkuk*, one of the twelve minor prophets of the Old Testament. *Habakkuk* is revered by Jews, Christians and Moslems as well. He lived around 600 BC, probably being more prophetic during the reign of King *Jehoiakim* of Judah and his climax in prophecy is around 612 BC. His concern was about the indifference of the Lord to Violence, strife, and widespread corruption in Judah. He is so angry with God for not intervening to arrest the situation with His mighty power. Even when God responds, the response is not in the way of thinking of the prophet, because God uses the Babylonians who are ruthless, merciless in punishing and disciplining the Israelites.

Habakkuk is not the only one who is upset with God in the Bible. Moses, on several occasions was frustrated and angry with God because of the hardness of hearts of people {Ex 8:11; Numb 20}. Prophet Jeremiah {Jer 12} had the same experience. Job also did not escape this challenge {Job 19:7-17}. Prophet Jonah {4:1-2} could hardly hide his anger to God for the Ninevite mission. He even tried to run away from it. In the New Testament, although it was not an expression of anger against God, Joseph, Mary's husband, did get confused about Mary's condition since she was already with a child. He decides quietly to leave her and listens to God's response. Jesus' biggest fear is expressed in the Garden of Gethsemane, for what was awaiting him in order to save mankind. He finally subdued to His Father's will {Mk. 14:32-36; Matt. 26:36-39; Lk. 22:41-44}.

Brethren, I think it is okay to be upset with God in faith. It is fine to bring our deepest concerns, confusions, dissatisfaction, and challenges to God once we feel there is no response from Him to our deepest concerns. The traditional prayers we have are good, but we can also rightly use our actual sincere feelings and words to express what we have at heart to God in dissatisfaction and confusion for His response. I have no doubt that this is how the Psalms we have in the Holy Bible were composed. The focus is not on our anger to God, but on our inability to comprehend God's ways of unfolding His plans and responses regarding our challenges. It is okay to emotionally end up in tears! It is fine to shade tears for God! But in all this we are seeking God's felt response to our pleas, and it often comes in different ways. Jesus tells his disciples to have faith in God in all situations even in anxiety. If with faith, trees can be uprooted and mountains moved {Mt 21:21}, why not our urgent concerns?

The Lord is our Shepherd {Ps 23}. The Lord is with us {*Emmanuel...Isaiah 7:14*}. Even in anger, frustration and confusion or dire need, He is always with us. Amen.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marnie Ahern, Lillian Anderson, Linda Buchman, Famia Bryan, Emma Claire, Lilia Corcoro, 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, Cheryl Taylor, Fr. Bob Van Kempen, Jude Vidal, Christopher Walsh, Lillian Yamamoto, Kaitlin Yoder

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BEER & BRATS

Join us on Saturday, October 8 from 4-7pm for Beer & Brats in the Family Center put on by the Knights of Columbus!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Please help spread the mission of the Catholic Church in Western Washington by giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Envelopes are in the vestibules or you can give online (www.archseattle.org/GiveACA). Our parish goal is \$56,391 and we still need \$7,000!

HAM & PANCAKES RETURN

This Sunday Oct. 2 the Holy Name Society will serve up a Ham & Pancake breakfast after the 9am Mass. Plan to come to the Family Center next week and enjoy a 50 year old tradition.

MUSIC WORKSHOP

As congregational singing has returned to our parish, perhaps your voice is feeling a bit rusty or you do not know how to make sense of the notation in the hymnal; or perhaps you have heard the calls for more cantors and choir members but do not feel confident in your abilities. Do not let this hold you back from making a joyful noise to God! Our Director of Music, Andrew, is offering a monthly class covering topics of basic musicianship. This class is open to all parishioners high school age and older and will cover basics of how to read musical notation and how to sing in a healthy manner.

The next class will be Saturday, October 29 at 2pm in the Wilson Room.

Class will last 1-1.5 hours and will be entirely group instruction. The material will be cumulative, but each class will begin with review of previous sessions' material. No prior musical experience is necessary, simply come ready to learn and grow as a musician.

2022 AMERICA FOR FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Join us for a public square rosary crusade October 15 at noon in the large parking lot. Since Our Lady's apparition at Fatima in 1917 she requested the most Holy Rosary be prayed for the conversion of our world. We offer this rosary for world wars, continued suffering from the pandemic, rioting, looting, murder, moral and societal collapse, anti-religion, and hatred in our society.

RESPECT LIFE

In October, the Catholic Church in the U.S. celebrates **Respect Life Month**, and the 1st Sunday is designated as **Respect Life Sunday**. Today, Sunday October 2, we will pray a pro-life rosary after Mass in the church. Please join us in praying the Rosary daily as we support the North Seattle 40 days for Life Campaign. Each day, we are asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus. Prayer intentions for this week are:

Day 5 Sunday 10/2: *May the truth of the final judgment shape our thoughts, priorities, and choices here on earth.*

Day 6 Monday 10/3: *That knowing the shortness of life, all may value it more deeply*

Day 7 Tuesday 10/4: *May we have a heart and a zeal to save the poor and release the oppressed.*

Day 8 Wednesday 10/5: *That we may recognize the Samaritan "Woman at the Well" in every encounter with persons within the context and even outside of our pro-life efforts.*

Day 9 Thursday 10/6: *May we grow in joy, knowing we serve a living God.*

Day 10 Friday 10/7: (for our local pregnancy help center Next Step Pregnancy Services) *for those who answer calls from women considering abortion, those who provide ultrasounds, and those who personally help mothers prepare to parent or place for adoption.*

Day 11 Saturday 10/8: *Let us keep focused and faithful to the Lord's calling to champion life.*

Day 12 Sunday 10/9: *May the King of the Universe, who entered this world as a helpless infant, give us the humility to be healed.*

SCHOOL NEWS



St. Alphonsus School is incredibly excited to announce their 34th Annual Night Under the Stars Auction & Gala scheduled for Saturday, November 5. The Auction is St. Al's largest fundraising event of the year and has been around for over 30 years. This fun evening brings our community together to celebrate and raise funds for scholarships, facility maintenance, and supplies for our classes, all funds go straight to the heart of our school. We hope you can join us at this special event!

SCRIP NEWS

Going here.

Going there.

Running errands everywhere!

Don't let an empty tank stop you from doing your errands. Fill up your gas tank using RaiseRight. 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.

PARKING LOT REMINDER

When parking in the "preschool lot" (NW side of school next to church), please do not block the entrances, the rectory garage, or the NW door/extended care entrance. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 14

No School - Teacher Retreat

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Day - No School

6TH GRADE SELLING SEE'S CANDY!

The 6th grade is attending Camp Waskowitz! This is an incredible opportunity to connect with nature and experience personal growth. Students will explore the forest, Snoqualmie river, and overnight community living. The during their stay the program will engage students in science and environmental education.

To defray the cost of the weeklong camp, the 6th grade students will be selling See's Candy. Please be on the lookout for 6th graders and their paper forms! Have your check book ready! Pay for your candy in advance and it will be delivered to you before the Christmas break! See's Candy makes great gifts and your order promotes science education...do you really need a reason?

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.

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.

THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE RETREATS

"Come away with me and rest for a time" (Mark 6:31). God is calling you to grow closer in your relationship with him. Follow Jesus to a beautiful place without distractions to hear his voice and deepen your love for him. Pray, listen to renowned retreat leaders, enjoy good food and return home prepared to share the Spirit with those you love. Register at <https://archseattle.org/archbishop-brunett-retreat-center-retreats/>

Spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Charles, October 14-16

Led by Deacon Jim Fish, Diana Jorda & Fr. Val Park

Go! Make Disciples Men's Retreat, November 11-13

Led by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Betrothed Marriage Prep Retreat, Nov. 18-20 *led by Fernand & Debra Ricard*; Jan. 27-29 *led by Nathan & Sarah Bartel*

Silent Advent Retreat, December 9-11
Led by Fr. Jim Northrop

King Henry V: A Profile in Leadership Retreat, January 27-29
Led by Fr. Stephen Rowan, PhD

14 Rules for Ignatian Discernment Retreat, March 24-26
Led by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OVM

Marriage Retreat, May 5-7
Led by Fr. Sean Raftis, Bill & Angela Schneiders

Mother's Day Retreat, May 12-14
Led by Fr. Jim Northrop



MUSIC AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

Join us for our 2022-2023 concert season. Tickets and more info available at www.stjames-cathedral.org/music.

Upcoming events include:

Friday 10/14 @ 7:30pm - Capella Romana - Heaven & Earth

Wednesday 11/2 @ 7pm - All Souls Requiem - Duruflé

Friday 11/11 @ 7:30pm - Capella Romana - Kyr: *All-Night Vigil*

Friday 11/18 @ 7:30pm - Joseph Adam, organ - Franck Bicentennial

Saturday 12/3 @ 8pm - Medieval

Women's Choir - Devotio
Saturday 12/10 @ 8pm - Opus 7 Vocal Ensemble - Of a Rose is all my Song

Friday 12/16 @ 7:30pm - A Service of Readings & Carols - adult & youth choirs

Saturday 12/24 @ 9pm - Christmas Eve Carol Service

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