

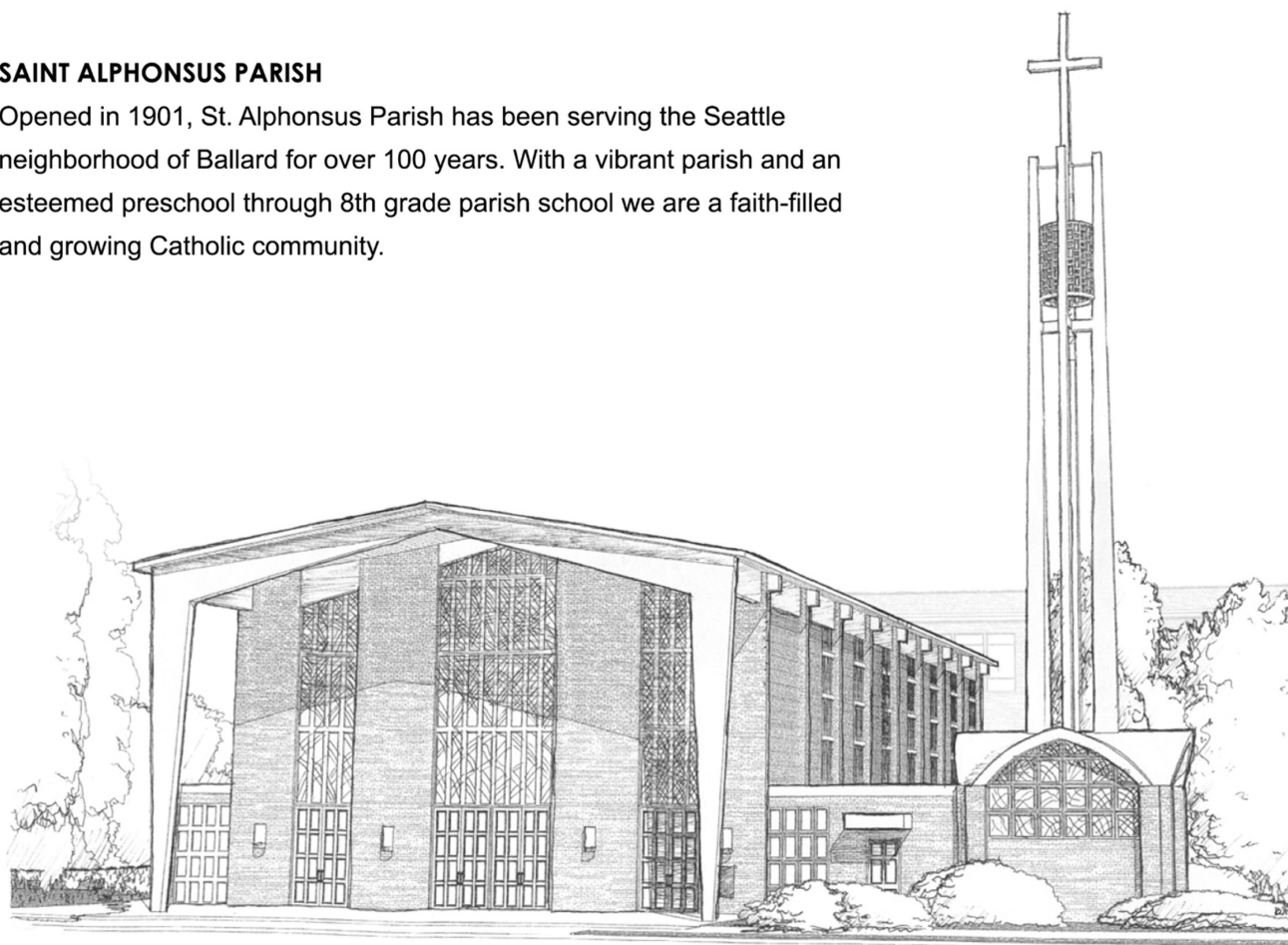
September 18, 2022

25th 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 18

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am INT St. Alphonsus Parish

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,

Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions

8am RIP Deceased Members of
Bertucci Family

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew

8:45am INT Caterina Valente

6:30pm School Curriculum Night

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22

8am RIP Betty Frieri

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8am INT Mary Lou Dressker

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24

8am INT Lillian Yamamoto &

Marnie Ahern

4pm Confessions

5pm INT St. Alphonsus Parish

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am INT St. Alphonsus Parish

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, year C

Being wise and shrewd in this world.... for the Kingdom of God

{Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113:1-2,4-6, 7-8; 2nd 1 Tim 2:1-8 and Luke 16:1-13}

This Sunday's gospel episode is one of the texts in the Bible that are often misunderstood. It is one of the commonly quoted and referred to texts in misconception of the Lord's message. There are many others, like; '*...give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, ...{Luke 20:25}, ...Judge not and you will not be judged...{Mt 7:1}...if someone slaps you on one cheek....{Lk 2:29}'.....*, just to mention a few. When taken literally, without proper interpretation, the message of God can be completely distorted. It is our responsibility to read the word of God and understand it in its proper context.

It is not unusual to have the impression that Jesus is praising and approving the actions of dishonesty of this man who is about to be fired. This man knew what to do in order to survive after losing his source of income and this seems to be the Lord's interest in him.

The actual fact is that the focus of the lord is not on this man's dishonesty in his last deals as a steward, in order to survive. After all, he is about to be laid off for the same cause. His greatness, as far as the Lord is concerned, lies in his capability and shrewdness to plan for his immediate future. It is in knowing what to do in order to survive, after he has lost his job. The Lord mentions that the children of this world know how to survive when faced with any challenge in life.

It is true we know how to get around the world's challenges, yet when it comes to spiritual realities for our future, we may not seem to be so eager. There could be a lot of chances that are offered to us for spiritual nourishment and enrichment, but it is absurd that sometimes we just let them go untapped. It is so easy for many of us to be attracted more to what is passing or to the realities of this world. How awesome it would be if we were to utilize the time given to us by the Lord while we are still alive; the sacraments, the media, even the material goods we have acquired to live and share the love of God with those around us and afar. In doing so, you and I, would be gathering eternal wealth that no moth, rust or thieves can destroy *{Mt 6:9}*. Our heavenly accounts would be enriched with good works of generosity, mercy, and love. 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!

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.

COMMUNITY DINNER

We have joined with other parishes in our area in supporting a ministry called Community Dinner. Every Wednesday evening from 4:30 - 6:30pm a group offers a meal at the Bitter Lake Community Center for the homeless, exploited and lonely in North Seattle.

As a parish, we will be "hosting" monthly. Hosting requires 4 volunteers to help set up and serve the meals. No cooking and cleaning is required. We'd like to have a pool of volunteers, so you would volunteer every 2-3 months.

If this is something you would be interested in please email Lizzy (lscholz@stalseattle.org) or contact the parish office. Please note, all volunteers must be up to date on Safe Environment (current background check and training). High school volunteers who are under the age of 18 are permitted to join if serving with a parent or guardian.

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.

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS NEEDED

Do you have 30 minutes after Mass to bring communion to someone who is sick and homebound? Such a small thing means the world to those who can't join us at Mass and many hands make for light work. Are you or do you know someone from our parish who is sick or homebound that would like to receive communion? Contact Angie Calvetti at 206-290-5371 or email to arosecalvetti@gmail.com to find out more.

RESPECT LIFE

Please join us in praying the Rosary daily as we support the North Seattle 40 days for Life Campaign. This campaign begins on Sept 28 and ends on Nov 6. Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families, and groups are asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus. We will publish the daily prayer intentions each week of the campaign. More information about the campaign can be found online at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/northSeattle>

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

*Autumn is around the corner.
But high temperatures say otherwise.
Tell me it isn't so.
Is this just fall in disguise?*

Prepare for fall with RaiseRight and get sweaters, boots, and raincoats from your favorite retailer. 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,
6:30-8:30pm
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.

VIRTUAL INFO NIGHT FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Each of the local Catholic High Schools will participate in a virtual informational evening from 6-8pm on September 27. This event will provide families the opportunity to meet students and school leaders and learn more about individual schools. Details and registration information will be coming soon.

Register here: https://s.visitdays.com/forestridge/ci/mvrgwnwww?mc_cid=24b8c395f1&mc_eid=2541ab2490

THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

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 9/30 @ 7:30pm - Joseph Adam, organ - Franck Bicentennial

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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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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