

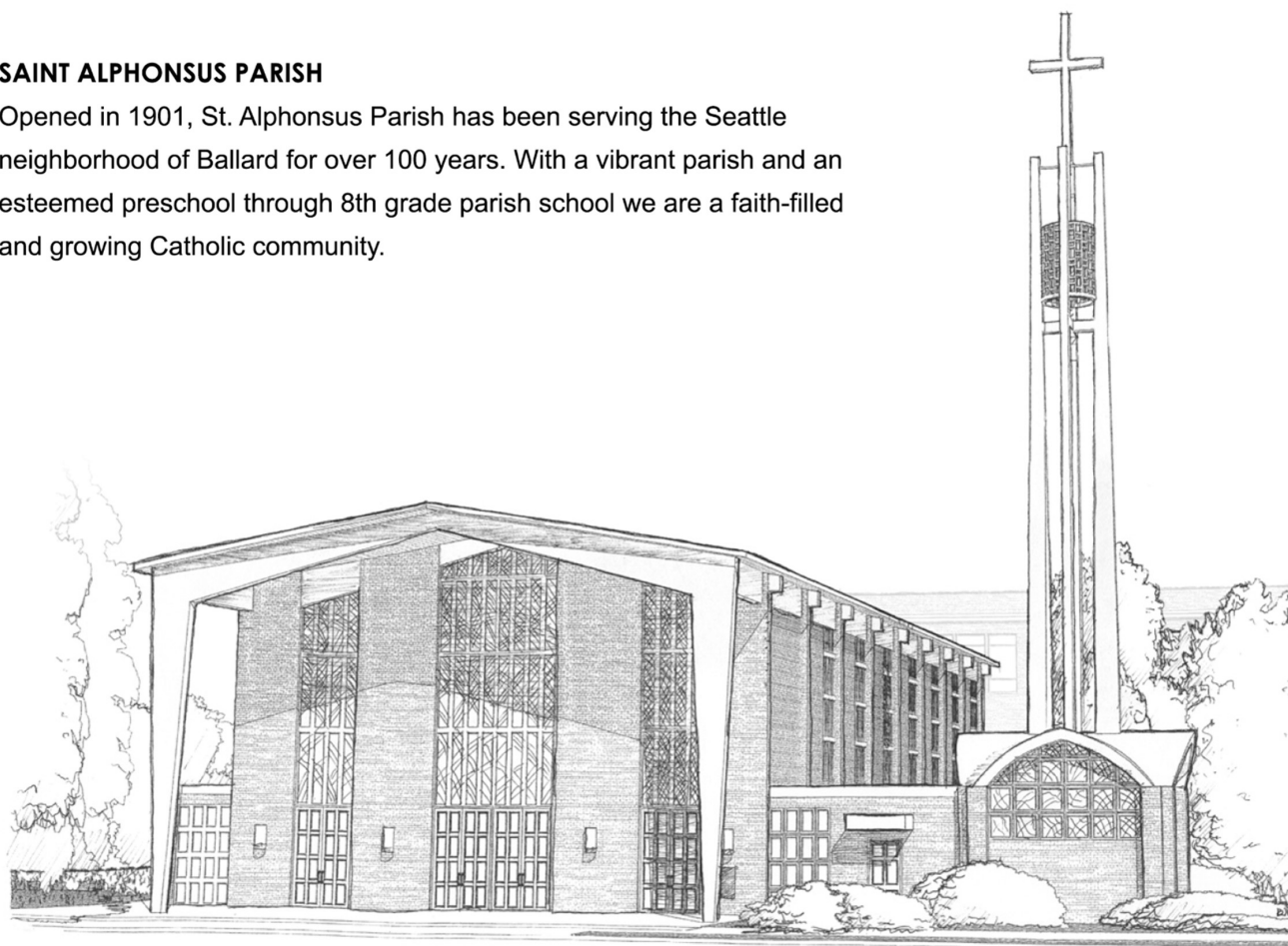
September 25, 2022

26th 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](http://www.stalseattle.org)



**SAINT ALPHONSUS**  
PARISH

# REFLECTIONS



## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27

**St. Vincent de Paul**

8am INT Roel & Brenda Miranda

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28

8:45am INT Dang Family

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29

**Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**

8am RIP Frank & Louise Garrett

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30

**St. Jerome**

8am RIP Graziella Renda

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

**St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

8am INT Fr. Richard Klepac, SOLT &  
SOLT Sisters  
4pm Confessions  
5pm INT St. Alphonsus Parish

## 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

## Twenty sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (2022)

Lazarus and the rich man.

*{...the sin of indifference/omission}*

*{ Amos 6:1A, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31 }*

Fellow parishioners, this weekend I would like to share with you a specific aspect of the parable of Lazarus and the rich man who dined sumptuously. Allow me to approach this parable not as a narration of specific offenses committed, but rather as an illustration of NOT doing what we are supposed to do. At the beginning of every Holy Mass, we always acknowledge our sinfulness, beg for forgiveness, and renew our lives. In the traditional penitential prayer *{Confiteor....}*, we always mention all the forms of sinning; *(I confess to almighty God....in thoughts, .....words.... in what I have done... .... and in what I have failed to do.* Thus, can also sin by *not doing* what we are supposed to do. This is can also be termed as *the sin of omission*.

The *Lazarus* mentioned does not seem to correspond to the Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, whom Jesus brought back to life. This is only a parable meant to bring home a specific teaching. As a matter of fact, the rich man does not do anything physical against the poor Lazarus who has nothing to eat. He does not even mind chasing Lazarus away from his entrance. We are neither told that the rich man is a gluttony nor a corrupt person, gaining wealth in an unjust way. He does not even seem to be bothered by the presence of the beggar, Lazarus, at his gate. He only minds his life and goes on to enjoy the fruits of his labor and this has nothing to do with Lazarus the beggar. There is one important note that the parable mentions; the rich man is aware of the presence of Lazarus who had nothing to eat but did nothing to alleviate his suffering. Unfortunately, both die and find themselves in a reversed reality; Lazarus in consoled life (Paradise) and the rich in tormented flames of fire, a place of suffering. It is only this unfortunate exchange of reality that makes him realize what he would have done to the poor Lazarus while on earth. And now it is Lazarus who seems to have access to the rich man's relatives if they are to be warned about their ways of life in order not to end up in the same situation. From this parable we can still look at the failure of NOT doing what we are expected to do when the chance avails as a sin of indifference. It is a manifestation of not caring at all or not being concerned with what others are going through. It is a fact of being too preoccupied with our business without reaching out to the needy.

We may not anything bad or anything to harm others, and that would be nice, but our faith urges us to do something positive for the wellbeing of others. Unfortunately, even not wanting to do anything, can disqualify us from the Kingdom of God. Christianity means not only being interested in our spiritual and bodily welfare but also of those around us. We are an *ecclesia*, an assembly, one body of Christ *{1 Cor 12:12-17}*. Whatever affects one part of the body of Christ, affects the other. We pray that we may always be concerned for one another because we profess one and the same faith. At the end of the mass, the priest/deacon dismisses to and be doers of Christ's mission but not mere spectators. We can enjoy our lives with what we have as long as we do not find excuses for any indifference or failure to do what we would have done to help the needy. 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, Cheryl Taylor, Fr. Bob Van Kempen, Jude Vidal, Christopher Walsh, Lillian Yamamoto, Kaitlin Yoder

## 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. Contact Angie Calvetti at 206-290-5371 or [arosecalvetti@gmail.com](mailto:arosecalvetti@gmail.com) to find out more.

## 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](http://www.archseattle.org/GiveACA)). Our parish goal is \$56,391 and we still need \$10,000!

## HAM & PANCAKES RETURN

Next 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.

## NEW PASTORAL ASSISTANT FOR FAITH FORMATION

We are so excited to welcome Claire Shea to our staff. She will be serving as our Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation. See her biography below, and say hello at Masses this weekend!

*Claire Shea comes to the St. Alphonsus community with a heart on fire for the Blessed Mother and her Son. She's been active in ministry most of her life, and even met her husband on a youth ministry retreat as a teen. She has worked over the last 9 years as a birth and postpartum doula, empowering families during some of their most vulnerable times. Originally from the north suburbs of Chicago, Claire has now lived in Seattle for 12 years and is a mom to 3 energetic and happy kids. A perfect Saturday would be going on a PNW adventure with her family, coming home to play Mario video games with her kids, eating Pho with her husband, and then listening to audiobooks while knitting, sewing and quilting.*

## COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

Come and visit with each other after Mass this Sunday. Celebrate that God has given us to each other.

## 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 United States celebrates **Respect Life Month**, and the first Sunday of October is designated as **Respect Life Sunday**. On Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will pray a pro-life rosary after the 9am Mass in the church. In Washington state, we are encouraged to support the PREPARES program as well as our local pro-life pregnancy resource center, Next Step Pregnancy Services.

Please also join us in praying the Rosary as we support the North Seattle 40 days for Life Campaign, 9/28 - 11/6. 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. Prayer intentions for this week:

**Day 1 Wednesday (9/28):** *That we may use these 40 Days for Life to plead for God's mercy and grace upon all those involved in the sin of abortion.*

**Day 2 Thursday (9/29):** *Let us pray that pastors may not be distracted from the priority of caring for human lives.*

**Day 3 Friday (9/30):** *We pray for God's gift of strength as we strive to protect human life during these 40 Days for Life.*

**Day 4 Saturday (10/1):** *For each female who is faced with an unplanned pregnancy to know that she is loved, supported, and favored by God.*

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



# SCHOOL NEWS



## FALL BOOK FAIR

Our Fall Book Fair will take place the last week of September in the Wilson Room of the Family Center (gym). Mark your calendars and plan to stop by during our open hours. No appointment needed!

Monday - Friday, September 26-30  
Open after school every day until 5:30pm  
(M-T-Th-F 3:15-5:30; W 2:15-5:30)

We are looking for volunteers for each day of the Fair. Please check out our SignUp Genius to find times that work for you: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FABAE29AAFE3-stals>

We'll see you at the Fair!

## ALUMNI NEWS

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

## SCRIP NEWS

*The pantry is empty.  
There's nothing to eat.  
Let's hit the stores,  
get on your feet!*

Restock your pantry with RaiseRight. Check out [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) for a full list of participating retailers and to purchase RaiseRight today. Contact Terra Hakam at [raiseright@stalseattle.org](mailto:raiseright@stalseattle.org) for more info about RaiseRight.

## 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.

Register here: [https://s.visitdays.com/forestridge/ci/mvrgwwnwww?mc\\_cid=24b8c395f1&mc\\_eid=2541ab2490](https://s.visitdays.com/forestridge/ci/mvrgwwnwww?mc_cid=24b8c395f1&mc_eid=2541ab2490)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, September 26 - 30**

Scholastic Book Fair in Family Center

**Friday, October 14**

No School - Teacher Retreat

## 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](mailto:admissions@stalseattle.org) with questions.

# THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

## ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX & ST. CHARLES DE FOULCAULD RE- TREAT

**When** October 14 - 16

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

This retreat will present the major points of the spiritualities of St. Thérèse of Lisieux & St. Charles de Foucauld who were contemporary French citizens of the late 19th & 20th centuries. Though they are uniquely different, our approach will be based on Bonnie Thurston's text, *Hidden in God*, where she notes how "three locations...central to the life of Jesus...are metaphors for an aspect of spiritual life and ministry."

Through exposure to their lives and writings, reflection and discussion, as well as prayer, music, opportunities for confession, adoration and mass, we believe that the witness of these two unlikely contemporaries will deepen our own love for Jesus and living out that love with others today.

Register at <https://archseattle.org/archbishop-brunett-retreat-center-retreats/>

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## MUSIC AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

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