

St. Alphonsus - St. John Catholic Church

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Sacramental Life

Eucharist

St. Alphonsus- Sundays at 8:30am
Saturday Vigil at 5:00pm
Holy Days- 7:00 pm
St. John- Sundays at 10:30am
Holy Days- (Vigil) 7:00pm

Reconciliation

St. Alphonsus- Saturdays from 4:30-4:55
Anytime by appointment
St. John- Anytime by appointment

Baptism

St. Alphonsus- Third Saturday of the month following parent preparation class. Contact the office 2 months prior.
St. John- Third Sunday of the month following parent preparation class. Contact the office 2 months prior.

Matrimony

St. Alphonsus & St. John- Contact the parish office 6 months before the wedding.

Funeral & Other Emergency

St. Alphonsus & St. John- Contact the parish office 24 hours a day

February 2, 2020



A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

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SAINT AGATHA (died 251)

Feast Day: February 5

"Of noble birth and great beauty," so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman's offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means "good," goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not. So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

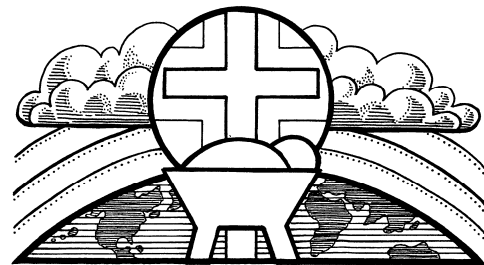
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St. Alphonsus

February 3 Monday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
February 4 Tuesday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
February 5 Wednesday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
February 6 Thursday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
February 7 Friday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
February 8 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Kimberly Ulrich BY: Ulrich family
February 9 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Krissy Little BY: Vinyard family

St. John

February 9 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Maxine Tonsor BY: Robert & Peggy Boente
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The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2020

He had to become like his brothers and sisters
in every way.

— *Hebrews 2:17a*



LITURGICAL ROLES

1/26 St. Alphonsus

Regular.....	\$1,956.00
Loose.....	\$444.00
Total Collected.....	\$2,400.00
Needed to meet budget 1/20 - 1/26.....	\$2,822.58
Deficit for week.....	-\$422.58
Maintenance.....	\$45.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$519.00
ACSA.....	\$395.00
Catholic Times.....	\$30.00
First Offering.....	\$10.00

1/26 St. John

Regular.....	\$1,050.00
Loose.....	\$107.00
Total Collected.....	\$1,157.00
Needed to meet budget 1/20 - 1/26.....	\$1,016.13
Surplus for week.....	+\$140.87
Maintenance.....	\$60.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$302.00
ACSA.....	\$285.00
Catholic Times.....	\$60.00
Food Pantry.....	\$70.00

Pray For

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Dan Kitzman, Kevin Goss, Dave Pranger, Abel Green, Richard Cox, Joan Cox, Roger Loy, Greg Green, Rachel Muffley Huddelston, Jacquelyn Howser, Angie Stassi, William Swarnes, Mary Hurd, Lindell Thompson, Geneva Quirk, Sher Lyerla, Bobbi Ulrich, Sherry Tuttle, Brantley Noble, Patricia Alward Johnson, Alice Greeling, Ronald Bellitto, Mabel Grace Rench, Zoe Kienstra, Ben Howell, Theresa Mayhall (sister of JoAnn Wheeler) Charlie Wolff, Jessie Highfill, Linda Partridge, Joan Kerkemeyer, Marilyn Rose, Deborah Olney, Peggy Kahl, Allen Garrett, Mary Cambron, Paul Griffin, Frank McDowell, Carroll White, Sandi Ozee, Scott Beilsmith, Kane McCauley, Gene Miller, Cliff Woodson, Minnie Richards, Ron Hicks, Jeremy Hawkins, Mark Golike, Anna Mae Mills, Dan Kallal, Pat Schetter, Michelle Miller, Mike Reno, Kathy Risley, Nancy Quirk Stinnet, Brayden Granda, Steven Ahrens, Lawrence Albert, Patty Carpunky (cousin of Jan Rimbey), Mike Gibbons (son in law of Cal Vonnahmen), Don Keil, Dolly Grube, Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Denise Horton, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle, Mike Mohr, Carolyn Hernandez, Rita Ortman, MaryAnn Pranger. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

St. Alphonsus

	February 8 Saturday 5:00 pm	February 9 Sunday 8:30 am
Servers	Clayton Allen	James Brockway
Lector	Lyn Miller	Grace Berry
E. Min.	L. Hawkins L. Beilsmith P. Schetter Volunteer	J. Hanneken S. Allen G. Walden S. Lyerla
Gift Bearers	Ushers	K. Walden family
Ushers	S. Wolff T. Wolff	K. Walden M. Allen

St. John

	February 9 Sunday 10:30 am
Servers	O. Alward M. Alward
Lector	K. Wilson
E. Min.	D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer L. Longmeyer
Gift Bearers	Ushers
Ushers	B. Muffley P. Tonsor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Alphonsus Spring Rummage Sale will be held at the Christian Life Center on Friday, March 6th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, and Saturday, March 7th from 8:00am to 12:00pm. *Call our office if you have gently-used unwanted items that you wish to donate.*