



Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church  
1225 Highway 51 South  
Covington TN - 38019

Rev. Carlos Donato, JCL - Pastor

## December 7th, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Mass Schedule Horario de Misas

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 pm  
Sunday Solemn Mass 10:30am  
**Misa en español** 12:15pm

#### Daily Mass/Misa Diaria

Monday to Thursday 8:00 am  
Saturday 8:30am

#### Confessions/Confesión

Thursday at 8:30 am  
Saturdays: 3:30-4:15pm  
Sunday 11:40am -12:05 pm  
Or by appointment

#### Eucharistic Adoration Adoración Eucarística

Thursdays 8:30 am  
First Saturday 9:am

#### Holy Rosary/ Santo Rosario

Monday – Wednesday 8:30am  
Saturday 8:00 am  
**Sundays** before every Mass

For the celebration of other  
sacraments, please contact the  
parish office at:

[office@stalphonsuscovington.org](mailto:office@stalphonsuscovington.org)

### *From Your Pastor*

My Dear Parishioners,

This Second Sunday of Advent presents to us the figure of **John the Baptist**, the last prophet of the Old Covenant. His mission is not only to prepare the way for the Messiah but, even more, to point Him out to the world, to show forth **the Lamb of God**, the long-awaited Messiah of Israel. John the Baptist is therefore the **precursor of the Messiah**. His voice is clear and direct: *“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths,”* and be ready, for salvation is near.

Tomorrow we will celebrate the great **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, for which we have been preparing through our novena. This sacred day commemorates the moment when **Saint Anne conceived the Blessed Virgin Mary**, who, from the first instant of her existence, was preserved from every stain of original sin **by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God**, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ. In other words, Mary is the first redeemed by her Son, redeemed in a preventive and most perfect way.

As the Daughter of Zion, Mary was preserved and redeemed so that she could be a worthy dwelling place for the Eternal Word, who took flesh from her. Blessed Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 1854, in the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*, drawing on the theological insight of Bl. John Duns Scotus, OFM: *“God could do it, it was fitting that He do it, and therefore He*

did it.” “You are all beautiful, O Mary, and the stain of original sin is not in you!”

Tomorrow is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, and all the faithful are expected to attend Mass. To knowingly miss Mass on such a day without a grave reason is a serious sin. In other words, if I do not see you at Mass, I will see you in the confessional!

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, intercede for our nation and for our diocese, of which she is the patroness.

A blessed Advent and a joyful feast day to you all.

*Fr. Carlos Donato, JCL – Pastor*

**This Week's Activities/Actividades de la  
semana**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am Mass  
3:00 pm Choir Practice  
5:00pm Mass  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>:  
9:30am FOTP/ Food Pantry  
1:00pm Tiny Blessings  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>:  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>:  
8:00am Holy Hour, Adoration & Confession  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus  
Friday 12<sup>st</sup>:  
5:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

**Nov 30- Dec 5th Stewardship/Financias  
Del 30th al Nov -5th del Diciembre  
Donations/ Donaciones**

Vigil:	\$ 4,958
10:30	\$ 10,872
12:15	\$ 1,699
Maintenance/Cap	\$ 1,912
Holy Days	\$ 569
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 20,010</b>

**Total Expenses:** \$ 12,008

**Net:** \$ 8.002

**Mass attendance/ Asistencia a la misa**

Vigil Mass: 69 adults/adultos  
Solemn Mass 77 adults/adultos  
Mass in Spanish 52 adults/adultos  
Youth/Juventud: 54 children/niños  
Total participation: 252 faithful/feligrese

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule/ Lista de  
Servidores**

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>: Vigil Mass**

Sacristan: M. Griffis  
Deacon: D. Hessling  
Servers: Z. Richardson  
J. Daily  
J. Watkins  
Lector: E. Teer

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>: Solemn Mass**

Sacristan: J. Wheeler  
Deacon: D. Hessling  
Servers: M. Buda  
C. Gogel

A. Gogel  
E. Gogel  
Lectors: N. Gogel  
J. Buda

Dec 14<sup>th</sup>: 1215 Mass in Spanish

Sacristan:

Servers: D. Gobellan

E. Moreno

J. Gobellan

Lector: C. Moreno

### **Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la misa**

Sunday 12/7

10:30am Pro Populo of St. John  
and St. Alphonsus Parishes

12:15pm Souls in Purgatory +

Monday 12/8 Marie San Firmin +

Tuesday 12/9 Knight Donovan L Ashpole +

Wednesday 12/10 Sunny Afton (int)

Thursday 12/11

Saturday 12/13



### **Readings for the week of Christ the King/Lecturas para la Semana de Cristo Rey**

Monday Gn 3:9-20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-12 Lk 12:6-38

Tuesday- Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-13 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-10 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1-13 Mt 11:11-15

Friday Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18-19 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Sir 48:1-11 Ps 80:2-19 Mt 17:9-13

Sunday Is 35:1-10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

### **Announcements**

#### **Key Dates and Observances in December**

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Masses at 8 am & 5 pm  
It is a Holy Day of Obligation**

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass is at 5 pm

Dec 13<sup>th</sup>- Opus Dei Monthly Recollection from 10:15 to 11:30 am at the Catholic Center

Dec 14<sup>th</sup>-St. Alphonsus Christmas Party at 6 pm

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>- Choir Practice at 4 pm

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>- Christmas Decorating 10 am

Dec 24<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm

Dec 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Midnight Mass

No Mass on Christmas Day- Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup>-Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. Mass at 5 pm. It is a Holy Day of Obligation**

#### **Activities To Do**

Create a Jesse Tree

Start a Daily Advent Giving Box

Read Christmas Stories

Celebrate the Saints in December

**Prayer list- Pray for our priests,  
parishioners, family & friends**



**Fr. John Hourican**

**Fr. Jolly Sebastian**

Sandy Burkhardt

Gene Gross

Virginia Duff

Jack Duff

Derek Durham

Jim & Lois Hayden

Jackie Hubbard

Maria & David McConnell

Jerry & Rose Mills

Maria Ines Lugo

Elaina Prizina

Holly Schaefer

Cyburn Sullivan

Dottie Wellbrock

Irma Wilson de Roze

Maryana Leon

Robert Sorrentino

Shirley Arnold

Robin Barnett

Joe Bergen

Jane Bringle

Dan Browers

Liam Bryan

Joe Bynum

Angela Canady

Patrick Christy

Bella Crosby

Bobby Jean Crouse

Samuel Day Family

Gina Sedinger

Rob Engel

**Fr. Burke**

**Fr. Bryan Timby**

Kathryn Barnoud

Dixie Duncan

Evan Greuling

Jen Greuling

Pat Haynes

Beverly Jimenez

Annette Tustin

Patton Williams

Kathy Laxton

Maria Vasquez

Eva Wright

James Barnett

William Barrett

Pattie Blume

Darlene Brooks

Randy Eastwood

Jerry Guy

Christina Cahaly

Alissa Chandler

Douglas Clements

Liz Crosslin

Enrique Davis

Danny Duff

Michael Ellis

Willie Ferrell

Karri Flannigan

Luke Garza

Ronda Gentry

Pam Grimsley

Roy Harper

Shannon Heindel

Gunther Hitchcock

Betty Hopper

Jane Isome

Christie Johnson

Anna Kay

Ed Kilpatrick

Judy Kovach

Sondra Lewis

Nancy McClanahan

McCully Family

Alex Medford

Dr. Mark Olson

Sandra Pellegren

Sonja Peter

Joan Robertson

Russom Family

Andrea Stafford

Toni Swindell

Peter Vanderven

Donna Williams

Lee Ward

Richard Whitehorn

Conor Miller

Kathy Baggett

Larry Phelps

James Adams

Tammy Freeman

Kathy Gentry

Elizabeth Guntert

Sally Greuling

Guy & Julie Hassan

Kay Hernandez

Lisa Hogan

Larry Isome

Terry Jergens

Ester Jones

Cynthia Kilpatrick

Phyllis King

Cindy Lavelli

Louanne Little

Kieran McCoy

Linda Medford

Danny Miller

Sally Paulus

William Perry

Beverly Pratt

Diane Robinson

Mike Sadler

Jay St. John

Jennifer Tidwell

Bobby Ray Vaught

Steve Williams

Virginia Whitehorn

The Lavery Family

Ian Rattle

Kayden Dill

Patricia Adams

Rose Greuling

**Please notify the Parish Office if your  
loved one can be taken off the prayer list.**