

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for April 26th Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Have you witnessed any of Jesus' signs and wonders?

Are you filled with joy in God's presence?

1 Peter 1:17-21

How would God judge your present actions?

Is your hope centered in God?

Luke 24:13-35

Do you read Scripture; open to Jesus; explanation?

Does your heart "burn within" as you received Eucharist?

WEEKDAY MASSES April 21 - 24

"Our priests are offering two Masses a day for our intentions."

Tues: +Caroline Daugherty

+Edi Ann Otto

Wed: +Sonia (Chaput) Heinle

+Don Girodat

Thurs: +Dale & Isabelle Fetsch

+Fr. Gerald McCarthy

Fri: +Tootie Hall

+Dorothy Schroeder

WEEKEND MASSES April 25 - 26

Sat: St. Alphonsus People of the Parishes

St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Marvin & Bernadine
Mikkelsen Family

Sun: St. Alphonsus +Oscar, Peggy & Greg Beauchamp

St. Alphonsus +Mary Shankar

Weekly Reflection for April 19, 2020: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$4,712.00
Intentional Givers	\$10.00
Plate	\$46.00
Fuel	\$20.00
Total	\$4,788.00

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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Second Sunday of Easter

All of us have probably, at some point in our lives, been in a situation where we have been afraid. The disciples are exactly the same as us; in today's Gospel account we find that the disciples are afraid and have locked themselves away in a room. It may be partly that they remember how they were terrified at the time of Jesus' passion, and they all let the Lord down and ran away. Now they are hearing that Jesus is alive from the dead; if it's true, what will he have to say to them? Perhaps they are thinking that Jesus might have good reason to come back to the disciples in a foul mood: "Where were you when I needed you, how could you have run away, did you not promise that you would die for me?" However, Jesus is the giver of peace and the communicator of peace. Now risen and alive, his first words to the disciples are, "Peace be with you."

Maybe Jesus realizes that the disciples are confused and have not taken in his gift of peace, and so he says for a second time, "Peace be with you." This is something for us all to take to heart. Jesus is speaking the same words of peace to us. This peace is not some peace of human origin, but comes from the prince of peace. With the peace of Jesus gifted to us, we can be people at peace with ourselves, at peace with the Lord himself; and then become people of peace in our world, which truly needs peace. Taken from The Living Word

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" (John 20:19)

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

CD of the Week: 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy - Vinny Flynn - In this talk, Vinny Flynn draws from Scripture, the teachings of the Church, and the Diary of St. Faustina to reveal the heart of Divine Mercy. Through his 7 secrets, Vinny offers an invitation to experience the transforming power of Divine Mercy. Understand this powerful devotion like never before and discover how to respond to Pope Francis's call "to live lives shaped by mercy." **Thank you for your generous support of Lighthouse Catholic Media!**

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The last 10 years, the annual **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES** prayer event has seen people from various nations throughout the world pray hundreds and thousands of Rosaries for an end of surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. Participants have prayed for the unborn babies after Masses, in classrooms and at home. This will not be possible this year as schools and Churches are closed but saying the rosary as a family is a great idea.

This year, **Saint Michael the Archangel Organization** (organizer of the prayer event) is hoping at least one million Rosaries will be prayed for the unborn babies from May 1st through May 3rd. Obviously, it will take many people to pray at least one million Rosaries for the unborn babies within a three-day period. But it is certainly possible. I am very much hoping many people will register to pray at least one rosary said Patrick Benedict, director of the St. Michael the Archangel org. said. You can register by going to the web site www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org. The Catholic Daughters will also have a sheet to sign your name and number of rosaries you plan to pray. The sheet will be on the podium in the entry of the church. We will send in the number of rosaries prayed by our parish.

NOTICE: We are planning to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Alphonsus School next summer (2021) Fr. Phil has asked us to work on establishing a data base of all who have attended St. Alphonsus School since 1921 (not necessary to have graduated). If you have a class list or know of someone who does we would appreciate getting that information. Parents, it would be helpful if you could supply information on your children too. Any information would make our job much easier. What we need is name (maiden and married), years attended, living or deceased, address and maybe email. You can email information to us dbbrooks@utma.com or call us at 701-370-5266.

Thank you . . . Bill & Darlene Brooks

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Please check out our parish website www.stalphonsuslangdon.com For the following: **Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 9:30am, Homilies, Sunday celebration guide, talks and up to date information.**

Confessions: our new weekly schedule – Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:00PM, Saturdays 4:00-5:00PM will be held in the Adoration Chapel.

Our webpage has updated information. It is a good way to connect during this challenging time of social distance. We invite you to check our website regularly.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th **Confessions only** from 2:00 – 3:00pm in the Adoration Chapel (no service)

Sunday Masses at 9:30AM will be live-streamed each week during the pandemic. Go to our website, stalphonsuslangdon.com. It can also be viewed any time after the live broadcast.

Thank you! A special thank you goes out to all who helped to make our Holy Week Liturgies inspiring and beautiful. Volunteers helped with setting up for the liturgies, decorating, music and live-streaming. Because of all this, we were able to connect with our parishioners during this time of isolation.

Great news! We submitted an application to the Federal Government for a Small Business Loan. We were approved for a loan in the amount of \$105,400.00. This is to be used for payroll, retirement and utilities. We still have other expenses and bills to pay. Your continued contributions are needed and deeply appreciated.

Reminder: our new Donation Contribution Boxes are installed. They are located at the main entrance of the church, the handicapped entrance and the front door in the school.

Due to COVID-19, the St. Alphonsus School Foundation annual meeting will not be held this year. If you have any questions you may contact Holly Lyons at 256-3717.

Observing The Lord's Day at home

Sunday has been observed as The Lord's Day since the time of the apostles. Ordinarily, we attend Mass. However, since for the time being we are unable to celebrate Mass publicly, it is necessary for us to observe The Lord's Day in our homes. To there are many ways to do this.

1. Find our Sunday Celebrations at Home program on our website (or call the parish for details)
2. Recite the rosary as a family
3. Spend thirty minutes to an hour reflecting on the scriptures of the day
4. **Watch a TV Mass - 10:30am – WDAZ Channel 8/WDAY Channel 6** Just because the world has shut down doesn't mean or faith shuts down too. We can pray to God under any circumstances.

Bulletins are available at the church entrances or on our website. Our Sunday Visitor newspapers are available at the church entrances.

Fellowship Hall cleaning for April - 18 – Nancy Kram & Jeannette Schefter; **25** – Carol Dinius & Bernice Schneider

CANCELLED: The Middle School Extravaganza (Rally) is cancelled. This event for students in grades 6-8 was to happen on Saturday, April 18, 2020 in Wimbeldon, ND.

Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic we will not be having this event this spring.

The SEARCH weekend for April 17-19, 2020 has been cancelled. Again because of the Coronavirus Pandemic we will not be having this last weekend of Search for this school year. Stay tuned for next school years SEARCH weekends.

REDEEMED Women's Conference scheduled for March 27-28 has been canceled.

Plans are currently underway to reschedule the conference for early 2021. The new dates will be communicated in the weeks to come.