

**THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

APRIL 26, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for May 3rd Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41

What preached message most “deeply shook” your heart?

Are you a part of “this generation gone astray?” How?

1 Peter 2:20-25

Have you ever “suffered for doing right?” How?

Have you returned insults when insulted? When?

John 10:1-10

By what route are you expecting to enter heaven?

Make an act of commitment to follow Christ as your shepherd.

WEEKDAY MASSES April 28 – May 1

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

Tues: +Bernice Larson
+Mike Sauer
Wed: +Kathy Case
+Gerry Waltz
Thurs: +Mary Mann
+Fr. Larry Haas
Fri: +Ron & Agnes Kram
+Ron Mikkelsen

WEEKEND MASSES May 2 - 3

Sat: St. Alphonsus People of the Parishes

St. Alphonsus +John E. & Jon Delvo

Sun: St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Art Spanier Family

St. Alphonsus +Joseph & Alvina Barron

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

Adult Envelopes	\$4,261.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,093.67
Plate	\$100.00
Fuel	\$25.00
Total	\$7,479.67

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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And this is where we find the two disciples on the road to Emmaus today. They are disappointed and afraid. They have witnessed the public humiliation and execution of their friend and leader, Jesus of Nazareth. Their hopes have been crushed and they are returning home to safety and to pick up the pieces of their lives. They have heard stories that Jesus is alive, but they don't believe them. They are unable to put all the pieces of the puzzle together until the stranger on the road to Emmaus helps to put their story into the context of the whole story of Israel. They should have expected that the Christ would suffer and so enter into his glory. However, their doubts are not resolved until the stranger blesses and breaks the bread as he shares a meal with them. Then their eyes are opened and they recognized the Lord, only to find that he has disappeared from their sight. Now they have faith, they no longer need to see him. They know that he continues to be present with them as they return to Jerusalem to share the good news.

Taken from The Living Word

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"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

Book of the Month: The Lamb's Supper – Dr. Scott Hahn – Of all things Catholic, there is nothing that is so familiar as the Mass. With its unchanging prayers, the Mass fits Catholics like their favorite clothes. Yet most Catholics sitting in the pews on Sundays fail to see the powerful supernatural drama that unfolds before them. Saint John Paul II described the Mass as "Heaven on Earth," explaining that what "we celebrate on Earth is a mysterious participation in the heavenly liturgy." *The Lamb's Supper* reveals a long-lost secret of the Church: The early Christians' key to understanding the mysteries of the Mass was the Book of Revelation in the New Testament. Beautifully written, author Scott Hahn will help readers see the Mass with new eyes, pray the liturgy with a renewed heart, and enter into the Mass more fully, enthusiastically, intelligently, and powerfully than ever before. **Be sure to check out all the titles for the Youth, CDs and books!!!**

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.

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.**

Welcome Karsyn Jean Pengilly, daughter of Cody & Jessica who was baptized last weekend. May she continue to be filled with grace.

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.

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 - 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 Wimbledon, 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.