



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church ■ stalphonsus.net

Are you new here? Welcome! No matter who you are or where you're from, we're so glad you've joined us. Stop by the Welcome Desk, we'd love to meet you!

March 8, 2020

MESSAGE SERIES: When God Doesn't Make Sense // When we look at the world, we see evil and injustice. Bad things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people. Why does an all-good and all-powerful God allow injustice to happen? Why does God seem to answer some prayers but not others? These questions are nothing new. In this series, we will look at some of God's ways that don't seem to make sense. We'll examine what to do in the face of such questions and look at ways we can grow to understand God's perspective.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

6PM - Soup and a bun - Parish Hall **7PM** - Stations of the Cross - Sanctuary

VANTAGE POINT // Please pray for all the candidates going through the Vantage Point experience as they approach the celebration of their sacraments at the Easter Vigil and join our faith family.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT: Countering A Culture of Loneliness // The world today is facing a quiet epidemic of loneliness. In a day and age where people have ready access to many through social media, we long for real connection, truth and understanding. We long to be known. We were created by God to need relationships, first and foremost with God himself, but also through friendships and community. Join us **after 7pm Stations of the Cross in the main church on April 3rd** for a Lenten reflection on how to combat loneliness through the eyes of faith with **special guest speaker Teresa Hartnett**. All welcome.

HOLY THURSDAY/GOOD FRIDAY // Watch for info about our "Last Supper" and Fish Fry.

TINY DISCIPLES

Tiny Disciples is a drop-off worship experience for Kids ages 2-5. Kids get the chance to have fun and learn that God loves them while their parents get some quiet time to participate in worship. Tiny Disciples runs every Sunday at the 9AM and 11AM Masses. Just follow the signs to the Tiny Disciples area or stop by the Welcome Desk to learn more.

KIDS CHURCH

For children in grades 1-5, we offer Kids Church, a worship experience for our younger members. How does it work? Children go to Mass with their families; after the opening prayer, they're invited to gather in a separate area for readings, a message, and a fun worship experience geared to their age. Kids Church runs every Sunday at the 9AM and 11AM Masses.

SWITCH

Switch is our program for students in grades 6-8. At Switch, students worship through powerful music and grow through the relevant message of the Gospel. And they have fun too! Students meet in small groups where they ask questions, and discuss the message as it applies to their life. It's here where life change begins. Switch meets Wednesday nights 6:30 – 8:30PM in the parish hall.

IMPACT

iMPACT is our program for high school students. At iMPACT, teens worship, learn, and grow as they get to know the Lord Jesus. iMPACT small groups are where students go deeper with one another and adult mentors, and form life-long friendships. iMPACT meets Saturday nights 6:30 - 8:30PM in the meeting space behind the parish office. Free Supper at 6PM!

PASTORAL VISITS // If you know of anyone, or are yourself, unable to leave your home to attend Mass, please call the parish office and leave your name. During Lent, Fr. Jerry would like to visit our shut-ins to offer anointing of the sick, Holy Communion or just a short visit with a cup of tea in the comfort of their home.

EASTER DECOR // Envelopes can be found at the church doors for donations to help make the sanctuary beautiful for Easter. They can be made in memory of loved ones who's names will be published during the Easter season. Please write your name and envelope number, or name and address if you do not have envelopes, as well as names of loved ones you would like remembered.

19 THINGS // To consider giving up for Lent - never too late to start!

Fear ♦ The need to please everyone ♦ Envy ♦ Impatience ♦ Sense of entitlement ♦ Bitterness and resentment ♦ Blame ♦ Gossip and Negativity ♦ Comparison ♦ Fear of failure ♦ A spirit of poverty ♦ Feelings of unworthiness ♦ Doubt ♦ Self-pity ♦ Retirement ♦ Excuses ♦ Lack of counsel ♦ Pride ♦ Worry

STARTING POINT // We would love to formally welcome you to our parish family. New members (over the last year or so) are invited today, Sunday, March 8th at 12:30PM in the Parish Hall for some lunch, meet other new members, the parish staff and learn more about what we do.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - CARITAS CANADA // **International Women's Day** At the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019, Yesica Patiachi Tayori spoke, "We, the Indigenous peoples, have been, are and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone's responsibility, not just that of Indigenous peoples." Let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defence of the land, water and people. Watch Yesica's testimony at devp.org/campaign/yesica.

E-BULLETIN // Go to stalphonsus.net/newsletter/, sign up with your email and have this bulletin sent directly to you weekly *and* you can help save paper from going to the landfill.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., March 9 8AM Frances Jones

Tues., March 10 7PM Prayers for prompt healing

Anita Neuman, Helen Hartnett, Frank Hammond

Wed., March 11 7PM Gerald Coughlin

Thurs., March 12 7PM Living and Deceased members of CWL

Fri., March 13 8AM Ray Dicrescenzo

Third Sunday of Lent

Sat., March 14 5PM Jack Herr

Sun., March 15 9AM Marv LeClair

Sun., March 15 11AM Missa Pro Populo (for the people)

WEEKEND WORSHIP

Saturday 5PM

Sunday 9AM*

11AM*

*Children's Ministry for ages 2 to Grade 5

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays 6:15-6:45PM

Fridays after Stations of the Cross

Saturdays 3:30-4:30PM

OUR TEAM

Pastor ▸ Fr. Jerry Tavares

Youth Minister ▸ Nicolas DuBonnet

Lay Pastoral Assistant ▸ Samantha Miller

Administrative Assistant ▸ Hanna Dracup

Operations ▸ Peter Doyle

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