Mission
“To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God”

Theme
“One Hundred Fifty Years of Standing on the Rock”

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASSES:
10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:
Monday  5:30 p.m.
(Tu, W, Th & F.)  11:30 a.m.
Saturdays:  9:30 a.m.

MONDAY:
Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS:
Exposition & Benediction:
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (1st — Tuesday) followed
by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass
Today we find ourselves back in Ordinary Time. The Lenten and Easter season is in the past, and we will be in Ordinary Time until Advent. We call it Ordinary Time because it is not a special time with feast days. When I was in the seminary, someone was asked to keep the annals of what was happening during our time, so that people who would come after us would have a sense of the history of the times in which we were living. Many times the letters R O A D were entered with nothing else being added. ROAD meant Regular Order All Day, which says there is nothing special happening.

In the Church’s calendar, the summertime is for regular order.

In today’s gospel, Jesus sends out the apostles and tells them not to be afraid. In fact, He tells them three times not to be afraid. It certainly is a natural human emotion to have fear over things from time to time. We may have fear over a variety of things going on in our lives, but Jesus calls us to trust in Him. Although we may have fear, we know Jesus is with us, and we do not want to let this fear paralyze us.

The fear that Jesus speaks of in the Gospel is the fear of giving witness to God. Jesus asks the apostles to go out and speak in His name, but many of the apostles were uneducated men and may not be accustomed to giving witness in this way. They may have been afraid of making fools of themselves. They certainly were afraid of being reviled and ridiculed. After all, Jesus Himself was mocked and talked about. It was not easy for Jesus to give witness, but He is asking each of us to follow in His footsteps. He calls us each day to give witness in His name and not to be afraid to do it. He will provide us with the courage and will help form the words in our mouths, but we must continue to be receptive to that word.

We must open ourselves each day to God and let Him form us into the people He wants us to be. That is the real key here. We must be actively attentive to the Word of God in our lives. We must pray and read the Bible regularly so that when the time comes for us to give witness, we are ready. We cannot afford to sit back in our comfort zone and look at the world from afar. Each of us is called, especially at this time in our society, to give witness to the injustice that takes place around us on any given day. Remember, you are not alone. We must stand together side by side, arm in arm. There is no reason to be afraid. The Lord Jesus Christ is right with us, also giving witness. The world may reject us for this witness, but certainly, we are held close to Jesus’ breast, and that should make all the difference in the world.

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:**
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father’s Day

**Monday:**
St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop
St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Tuesday:**
Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

**Wednesday:**
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

**Saturday:**
Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

**Sunday:**
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
**THE SPIRITUAL LIFE**

The term The Spiritual Life is a phrase that calls to mind our relationship with God. Most people I know are not aware that God is inviting them into a deeper and more profound sense of who He is every day. God is trying to communicate with us in varying ways, but I am not sure that most people are aware of this at all and so consequently experience little or no growth in Spirit.

Many can rattle off statistics about countless things or about what this or that person said about whatever topic, but so few can talk about their faith in any depth. Weekly attendance at Sunday mass is about all they are willing to do to enhance their spiritual life; this is unfortunate because all of us are called to a deeper relationship with God. This is not going to happen on its own. Like anything else worth pursuing, we have to take ownership of it.

I am not sure how people are spending their days now that we are asked to stay home. Because there isn’t as much activity in most of our lives, it offers us an opportunity to delve deeper into our relationship with the Lord.

St. Alphonsus developed a process called Alphonsian Meditation, where a person sits in God’s presence. That person offers themselves over to God for a few minutes. That person then will read a story from scripture. It could be the daily mass readings, and meditate and ponder what you have read. After a few minutes, he invites the person to focus on one area of their life they would like God to help them make a change, being more patient, for instance. A person is then called to offer God some petitions for whatever they want God to do for them. The person is then called to make a resolution as to how they are going to better follow God in the future. Finally, they make a profession of faith, hope and charity to God. This whole process, at least at the beginning, would take 15 minutes. After you become accustomed to it, it might be half an hour; this is an excellent way to make daily progress on your spiritual journey. This practice, along with the rosary, spiritual reading, the Divine Mercy chaplet, can make a difference in our spiritual life.

Just a reminder Mass is celebrated in the church Mondays 5:30 p.m., Tuesday—Friday 11:30 a.m., and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m. What a beautiful thing to be able to sit quietly with the Lord.

Mother Of Perpetual Help Devotion and Mass each Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

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**INTENTIONS 06/09/20**

Dyle, Ayrielle
Fite, Maudelle
Garnett, Pat
George, Roberta
Hearns, Zyesean
Perry, Kameron
White, Evan

**INTENTIONS 06/16/20**

George, Darrion
Goss, Michael
Jackson, Tamica
Pickett, DaShaun
Reedy, Judy
Reedy, Sid

**SICKNESS 06/09/20**

Atherton, Andrew
Atherton, Vertibe
Caprese, Brittany
Hart, Edgar
Hood, Rosalind
Howard, Yvonne
LaBerta, Steve
Latham, Jean
Moore, Brenda
Remsburg, Cory Snt.
Schnelle, Laverne
Smith, Melba
Smith, Paulette
Strode, Fred

Strong, Betty
Thompson, Mary Ann
Weaver, Stephen
Vet, Alphonse

**SICKNESS 06/16/20**

Bell, Gilbert
Collins, Tony
Cunningham, Rodrick
Dampier, Angel
Duncan, Kara
Duplantier, Tyron Sr.
George, Betty
Haine, William (Bill)
Hatchett, Sylvia
Jones, Josephine
King, Calvin
Luster, Juanita
Lyons, Sharon
Martin, Maxine
McGinnis, Theresa
Mozez, Sylvester
Parran, Rodrick
Reedy, Christian
Serio, Jessica
Stamps, Arlecia
Valle, Jr., Robert (Bobby)
Voss, Greg
Watkins, Darnell (Chef D)
Whitfield, Edna (Mother)

**Prayer For Renewed Strength**

O Lord, my God,
Please give those listed above the grace to maintain their hope in You
Through all of life’s changes
and to taste and see Your goodness.
Amen

**NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks**
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...**

**BAPTISM GUIDELINES:**

Newborn – 6 years old. A parent or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation class, instruction materials are provided.

Ages 7 – 10: The child must attend special Baptism preparation classes and the parent(s) or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation session prior to the ceremony.

Ages 11 – 17: The young person must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program.

Age 18 and Older: The Candidate must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

**MATRIMONY** – Engaged couples, seeking to be married at the Rock Church, must meet with the Pastor before setting a date.

**RCIA/RCIC – ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a group to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

*For information on requesting any of the above Sacraments and/or to register for classes, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Sharon Cooney-Smith at 314-533-0304 ext. 1001, or via e-mail @ scooneysmith@stalphonsusrock.org.*

**LITURGY NOTES...**

**Ordinary Time --** Because the term ordinary in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that! Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

Ordinary Time is a feature of the current (post-Vatican II) liturgical calendar. In the traditional Catholic calendar used before 1970 and still used in the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass, as well as in the calendars of the Eastern Catholic Churches, the Sundays of Ordinary Time are referred to as the Sundays After Epiphany and the Sundays After Pentecost.

In any given year, there are either 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time. Because Easter is a moveable feast, and thus the Lent and Easter seasons "float" from year to year, the number of Sundays in each period of Ordinary Time vary from the other period as well as from year to year.

We look forward to returning to a more normal schedule of activities and sacramental celebrations, you are invited once again to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal by making a gift.

If your circumstance permit and your family is blessed with good health and employment, please consider increasing your gift to make up for those who are unable to make a gift at this time.

More information can be found at aca.archstl.org. Your gift will help many who have been impacted by the Covid-19 outbreak in our archdiocese.

The Harden Center Food Pantry is open on Tues. and Thurs. from 10 a.m.—12 noon.

Volunteers are needed to help pack bags and assist in distribution.

Donations needed include peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned chili, ravioli, soup (not tomato). The pantry is asking for toiletries—soap, body wash, toothpaste, mouthwash, lotion, deodorant, etc.

Terri Schneider

On August 4th, the issue of Medicaid Expansion will be on the ballot. The Peace and Justice Committee in conjunction with Catholic Charities of St. Louis, is offering information on the Sundays’ leading up to the election.

According to the Missouri Budget Project, Medicaid expansion would result in more than $100 million in state general revenue savings and new revenue for the state of Missouri.

Sponsored By The Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative, In Solidarity and Action

- Prayer/readings/silence
- We will gather on sidewalks and in cars on the parking lot across from the church
- Sound system will reach those in cars
- Bring signs

Saturday, June 27, 2020
11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus “Rock” Church
1118 N. Grand Ave

TO CARE FOR ALL, MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED

For more information contact:
Kathy McGinnis 314 369-3821
Financial Corner...

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Stewardship Prayer…
That we have the strength and courage to be joyful witnesses of our Catholic faith in all circumstances.

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”
(Matthew 10:32)

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Trust in the Lord

Three times in the Gospel today, our Lord tells the disciples that they should not be afraid. This phrase and related variants occur in Scripture more than any other phrase. We all struggle with worrying and being fearful about many aspects of our lives, but Christ reminds us to trust in Him and His abundant love for us. We have been adopted as sons and daughters of God by the death and Resurrection of Christ. We can live a new life in hopeful confidence that God will provide for our needs and care for us as the loving Father who desires who desires “all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

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Maudelle Fite
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Wanda Garner
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Alonzo Green
Angela Harris
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LaMarr Huddleston
Monica Huddleston
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Yetta Kilgore
Helene Laberta
C.C. Lee
Pamela Leong
Sharon Lyons
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Laurel Martin
Charles Martin
Brenda McDonnell
Deborah Miller
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Ernest Nashville
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PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Don't Fear Change

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Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon Tuesdays. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS

"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Call and leave your hospital information at the office.