

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN**  
**FOR**  
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CORPUS CHRISTI -- JUNE 6, 2010

# *Saint Alphonsus*

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY MASS:** Sat. 5:00 P.M. and Sun. Morn. at 8:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

**WEEKDAY:** Mass held in Chapel next to Church. See bulletin each week or call Rectory for schedule of the 8:00 A.M. Mass which is not held every day (never on Sat morn).

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:** these days vary in time and obligation from year to year. See bulletin or call Rectory each time for details.

**CONFESSIONS:** Sat. from 3:30 to 4:30, and anytime by appointment.

**MARRIAGE, BAPTISM:** call parish office (six months before marriage).

**COMMUNION CALLS AND OTHER SERVICES:** call office for information.



**New Parishioners:** We welcome new parishioners whether newly moved into the area or those who have fallen off through inactivity. Welcome! Register by calling or coming to the parish office. Become an active, attending and supporting member of the parish. And please let us know if you move away or have your telephone or address changed. Thank you.

**Church Hall Telephone:** ..... (724) 274-2547

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline** ..... 1-888-808-1235

### PARISH OFFICES & STAFF

**ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER (RECTORY:** former Convent building)

(724) 274-5084

Marsha Etzrodt, Secretary

**Office Hours:** Mon. - Thur.: 8 to 4, Fri.: 8 to Noon

**LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES** (school building side entrance)

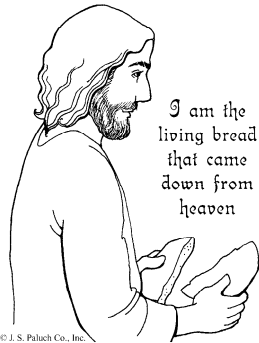
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himself given on the occasion of the multiplication of the loaves which fed five thousand. Some excerpts from Chapter VI:

### THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of **CORPUS CHRISTI** by which we proclaim our faith in Jesus who taught us that he is the Bread of Life, the true Manna which came down from heaven.

Saint John, in Chapter VI of his Gospel, says it best, for he reports the words of Jesus

- You should be working for food that remains unto life eternal, food which the Son of Man will give you. (27)
- It was not Moses who gave you bread from the heavens; it is my Father who gives you the real heavenly bread. God's bread comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. (32, 33)
- I myself am the bread of life. No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall ever thirst. (35)
- I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven for a man to eat and never die. I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. (48-51)
- If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood real drink. The man who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the Father who has life sent me and I have life because of the Father, so the man who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and died nonetheless, the man who feeds on this bread shall live forever. (53-58)

This is what Jesus taught us about the Eucharist. It provoked a mixed reaction:

After hearing his words many of his disciples said, "This sort of talk is hard to take. How can anyone take it seriously?" From that time on, many of his disciples broke away and would not remain in his company any longer. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you want to leave me, too?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? **YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.** We have come to **BELIEVE**; we are convinced that you are God's Holy One." (60, 66-69)

Today we join our voices to that of St. Peter: "**WE ARE CONVINCED THAT YOU ARE GOD'S HOLY ONE.**" We believe in Jesus' presence in the Holy Eucharist – really, truly and substantially ("vere, realiter et substantialiter" the words of the Council of Trent) simply because this is what he said and taught.

Finally, let us remember that the call to eat and drink the body and blood of Christ presupposes the proper intention, preparation and disposition. We should not receive as robots. Saint Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians, writes:

"Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes! This means that whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily sins against the body and blood of the Lord. A man should examine himself first; only then should he eat of the bread and drink of the cup. He who eats and drinks without recognizing the body eats and drinks a judgment on himself." (XL, 28-29)

-- Fr. Saladna



### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, JUNE 7**— Weekday Celebration (10<sup>TH</sup> Week in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Patricia C. Faith Drennen

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Zilla Family

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Delbert Funkhouser

**THURSDAY, JUNE 10** – No Mass scheduled for today

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11** – Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM Andrew Strcula

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12** – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Joseph A. Kushner (Birthday)

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 13** – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.

11:00 AM Deceased members of the Marietti and Mosovsky Families

**REST IN PEACE** -- The parish family of Saint Alphonsus wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the families of Helen Pastierik, John Petruny and Deborah Churchill. Please remember the deceased and their families in your prayers.

**C D OF A MEETING** – Wednesday, June 9, at 7 PM in the Church Hall.

**THE POPE AT FATIMA  
THE LIGHT THE SHEPHERD CHILDREN SAW WAS THE  
SON OF GOD**

VATICAN CITY, 13 MAY 2010 - At 10 a.m. on May 13, liturgical memory of Our Lady of Fatima and the tenth anniversary of the beatification of the shepherd children Francisco and Jacinta, the Pope celebrated the Eucharist on the esplanade of the shrine of Fatima in the presence of 500,000 people.

In his homily the Holy Father made it clear that he had "come to Fatima to rejoice in Mary's presence and maternal protection; to pray, in union with Mary and so many pilgrims, for our human family, afflicted as it is by various ills and sufferings; to entrust to Mary's maternal protection priests, consecrated men and women, missionaries and all those who do good works".

But "the Scriptures invite us to believe", he explained. "God can come to us, and show Himself to the eyes of our heart. Moreover, that Light deep within the shepherd children, which comes from the future of God, is the same Light which was manifested in the fullness of time and came for us all: the Son of God made man. Henceforth our hope has a real foundation: Jesus of Nazareth".

"Faith in God opens before us the horizon of a sure hope, one which does not disappoint; it indicates a solid foundation on which to base one's life without fear; it demands a faith-filled surrender into the hands of the Love which sustains the world", he said.

The shepherd children "offered their whole lives to God and shared them fully with others for love of God", said the Holy Father, highlighting how "we would be mistaken to think that Fatima's prophetic mission is complete. Mankind has succeeded in unleashing a cycle of death and terror, but failed in bringing it to an end. In Sacred Scripture we often find that God seeks righteous men and women in order to save the city of man and He does the same here, in Fatima, when Our Lady asks: 'Do you want to offer yourselves to God, to endure all the sufferings which He will send you, in an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?'.

"At a time when the human family was ready to sacrifice all that was most sacred on the altar of the petty and selfish interests of nations, races, ideologies, groups and individuals, our Blessed Mother came from heaven, offering to implant in the hearts of all those who trust in her the Love of God burning in her own heart", he added.

Benedict concluded his homily by expressing the hope that "the seven years which separate us from the centenary of the apparitions" may "hasten the fulfilment of the prophecy of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to the glory of the Blessed Trinity".

At the end of the Mass, the Holy Father addressed some words to the sick people present, and to those following the event by radio and television.

"In all human suffering", he said, "we are joined by One Who experiences and carries that suffering with us". In other words, it is possible to "overcome the feeling of the uselessness of suffering which consumes a person from

within and makes him feel a burden to those around him when, in reality, suffering which is lived with Jesus assists in the salvation of your brethren".

"The divine Master, instead of explaining the reasons for suffering, preferred to call everyone to follow Him, saying: 'Take up your cross and follow me'. Come with me. With your suffering, take part in the work of salvation which is realised through my suffering, by means of my cross. As you gradually embrace your own cross, uniting yourself spiritually to my cross, the salvific meaning of suffering will be revealed to you. In suffering, you will discover an interior peace and even spiritual joy".

The Holy Father invited the sick to welcome the call of Jesus "and entrust to Him every setback and pain that you face, so that they become - according to His design; a means of redemption for the whole world. You will be redeemers with the Redeemer, just as you are sons in the Son. At the cross stands the Mother of Jesus, our Mother".

Before leaving Benedict XVI addressed greetings to the multitude pilgrims in various languages.

He then went on to visit the tombs of the shepherd children inside the basilica of the shrine of Fatima, before going back to the "Casa Nossa Senhora do Carmo" where he had lunch with Portuguese bishops and his entourage.

- Vatican Information Service

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- (A) OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** for the kiddies will be held here in the week of July 25 – from Monday, July 26 through and including Friday, July 30. VBS will be held in the evening on these days, from 6 PM to 8 PM. Mrs. Mueller is seeking helpers for this fun time for the little kids. Give her a call at 724-274-2547 if you are able and willing to help. Thank you. Parents of the kids should mark the dates on your calendar.
- (B) SUNDAY, AUGUST 1**, is the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, Alphonsus of Liguori. Our **PARISH PICNIC** will be held on that day, from 2 PM to 8 PM, on our parish grounds. Cathy Moxie is chairlady for the event, and she, too, is looking for volunteers to help make the annual picnic a great success.
- (C) FOURTH OF JULY** comes on a Sunday this year. The **FIREWORKS** will be on Friday, July 2, and the **PARADE** will be held on Saturday, July 3. Because the **PARADE** will be held on Saturday evening, July 3, and thus affect parking and entrance to our Church, we will simply **NOT** have a Saturday evening Mass on July 3. We will just have the two Sunday Masses, 8 AM and 11 AM Sunday morning, July 4.

**Offertory totals for Sunday, May 30, will be reported in the bulletin of June 13.**

**TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 6**, the second collection will be the monthly collection for Capital Improvements (first Sunday of the month).