



Saint John XXIII Parish

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 26, 2025

Very Rev. Robert Glasgow, V.F.
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00 PM St John Evangelist
Saturday, 6:00 PM Infant Jesus
Saturday, 7:30 PM (Brazilian) Infant Jesus
Sunday, 8:30 AM St John Evangelist
Sunday, 10:30 AM Infant Jesus
Daily Mass (Tue/Thu), 8:30 AM Infant Jesus
Daily Mass (Wed/Fri), 8:30 AM St John Evangelist

CONFESSION

Saturday, 3:30 PM St John Evangelist
And after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered on request.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office

INFANT JESUS
121 Allds St, Nashua

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
25 Library St, Hudson

TO LIVE FOR GOD

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. —Jer 29:11

The excerpt below recounts the turning point in the life of St Alphonsus Liguori (d. 1787, bishop). One of the deadly sins is sloth, not solely in the sense of lethargy, but as indifference to what is good and holy. It's remedy is zeal, the fruit of faith. At the age of 26, St Alphonsus attended a retreat which would change the course of his life. From that time on, the spiritual disciplines he wholeheartedly embraced increased his desire more and more to live for God. In short, to be a saint.



THE time came when there was a change in the spiritual fervor of Alphonsus. He lived amid applause and honor; he was feted and fawned upon by those whom his talents had served [he was a brilliant young lawyer], and society opened its ranks to him of its best. He began to find it all very agreeable. His father insisted that he visit here and there, that he become acquainted with this prominent personage and that, until the time came when it was almost physically impossible to perform his accustomed spiritual exercises, and he would omit them with scarcely a qualm.

It could easily have been a sad turning point in his life, and had it not been for the depth of his convictions about sin, he might have lost all the character he had built up through his earlier years. In his old age he looked back upon this period, which lasted almost a year, which such



Portraits of
SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, C.S.S.R.
as Priest and as Bishop

unfeigned horror that the impression is given that he did fall into the worst evil. The evidence is to the contrary, however: he became lukewarm in his love of God, lax in fidelity to his spiritual exercises, but he never really gave himself over to sin. An old man who had been a lifelong friend of Alphonsus was once asked whether he had ever seen or heard of improper behavior on the part of Alphonsus in his youth. The old man answered simply: "No. He was always a model young man. I would tell a lie, I would tell a lie," he repeated, "were I to say otherwise."

It was a retreat that roused him from his spiritual lethargy, one he made at the instigation of a friend in March, 1722. Alphonsus was often to call that retreat one of the choicest graces God had bestowed upon him. How well he remembered it is clear from the dedication of one of his books, written many years later, to the superior of the Vincentians in whose house the retreat was made, in which he says: "It was in your house that I learned to know God and to turn away from the world." The meditations conducted for him on the purpose of life and the dangers of toying with sin profoundly impressed him; he immediately recognized the folly of his past worldliness and determined that it would come to an end.

The effect of the retreat showed itself principally, when he returned to the world, in the beginning of his extraordinary and lifelong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. He would seek out churches where the Forty Hours' Adoration was being held, and would spend hours on his knees before the altar in prayer. He loved to buy flowers for the altar on occasions of this kind, and would himself arrange them about the tabernacle to the edification of all who saw him. From that time on, he was to be an apostle of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Later in life he was to look back and attribute all the graces of his vocation to the fervor of his visits to the Blessed Sacrament during these days. In the introduction to an edition of his Visits to the Blessed Sacrament he says: "In this little book I feel myself bound, at least out of gratitude to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, to declare that through the devotion of visiting Him, I had lived until I was twenty-six years of age. Fortunate indeed would will you be if you can detach yourself from that world at an earlier age, and give yourself without reserve to the Lord, Who has given Himself without reserve to you."

From that time on he was determined to become a saint. What changes this would effect in his life he himself did not yet dream.

Father D. F. Miller, C.S.S.R. and Father L. X. Aubin, C.S.S.R., St. Alphonsus Liguori: Bishop, Confessor, Founder of the Redemptorists and Doctor of the Church (1696-1787), (Rockford, IL: TAN Books and Publishers, Inc., 1940), pp. 18-20

St Ignatius Loyola (d. 1556) begins his Spiritual Exercises with "The First Principle and Foundation":

THE goal of our life is to live with God forever. God, who loves us, gave us life. Our own response of love allows God's life to flow into us without

limit. All the things in this world are gifts from God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily. As a result, we appreciate and use all these gifts of God insofar as they help us to develop as loving persons. But if any of these gifts become the center of our lives, they displace God and so hinder our growth toward our goal. In everyday life, then, we must hold ourselves in balance before all of these created gifts insofar as we have a choice and are not bound by some obligation. We should not fix our desires on health or sickness, wealth or poverty, success or failure, a long life or a short one. For everything has the potential of calling forth in us a deeper response to our life in God. Our only desire and our one choice should be this: I want and I choose what better leads to God's deepening his life in me.



The SUSCIPE [Lt., "Receive"], a prayer attributed to St Ignatius Loyola (d. 1556):

TAKE, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace.
That is enough for me.

OFFERING

19 Jan '25 (2nd Sunday Ordinary Time):
not available at press time
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Jan 26, Sunday — 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM | Sunday Mass (SJE)

10:30 AM | Sunday Mass (IJ)

Jan 27, Monday: Office Hours (8:00 AM-2:00 PM)

Jan 28, Tuesday — St Thomas Aquinas, Priest

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Jan 29, Wednesday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

Jan 30, Thursday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Jan 31, Friday — St John Bosco, Priest

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

10:00 AM | Leona Belanger Funeral

Feb 1, Saturday

4:00 PM | Sunday Mass (SJE)
6:00 PM | Sunday Mass (IJ)
7:30 PM | Sunday Mass (Brazilian)

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 25, Sat 4:00 PM (SJE) Irene Jean - 3rd Anniv. (req. by family)

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grief & Share
Grieving the **death**
of a loved one?

13 SESSIONS

Join us at any time in the series

WHEN:

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM
Starting February 19

WHERE:

St John Neumann Hall
708 Milford Rd., Merrimack
Contact: Deacon Brian Lester,
deacon@sjnnh.org

Catholic Charities New Hampshire's February 22nd "MARDI GRAS GALA"

The MARDI GRAS GALA—Catholic Charities NH's signature fundraising event of the year—returns to Manchester on February 22nd! The evening will feature a festive New Orleans experience with authentic Cajun cuisine, entertainment, a live auction with exclusive getaways and sports tickets, and more. Attendees help us continue our mission to follow the footsteps of Jesus, bringing comfort, healing and empowerment to our neighbors most in need. To register or for more information:

visit: www.cc-nh.org/mardigras

—or—

call: Becca @ (603) 663-0207

TAX NOTICE

If you would like a statement of your 2024 contributions to the parish, please fill out the **CONTRIBUTIONS REQUEST CARD** (located in the back of the church) and place it in the collection basket. You can also request a statement by emailing us your:

- Name
- Address
- Phone #
- Envelope #

Statements will go out in February. Your financial support, especially during the past few months, has been very much appreciated!

Fr. Mike Schmitz's podcasts—"THE BIBLE IN A YEAR" and "THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR"—begin each year on January 1st. There's no cost although Ascension Press offers materials in support of both studies. For more information:

ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear
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NOTES

1. The parish would like to establish a PRAYER LINE. Should you know of anyone in need of prayer, please submit their name (First Name only) by way of email or by calling the office, and we will list them in the bulletin asking the entire parish to lift them up in prayer.
2. To request a MASS INTENTION, please visit the St John XXIII office on Mondays, or call (603) 880-4689 (St John Neumann). Mass Intention Cards are available upon request.
3. If you would be willing to serve as a COUNTER, please let Father know. We've had to reorganize our count of the Sunday offering in order to comply with diocesan guidelines. The count needs to be on Mondays (or Tuesday in case of a holiday).
4. We're making an effort to restart two parish ministries: LECTOR and GREETER. If you would be willing to serve, please submit your name, ministry, contact information, and Mass(es) you would want to serve at. Clipboards are in the back of both churches.

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