

St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori, August 2

Advocate of those who suffer from arthritis, rheumatism, sciatica, joint pains ~
For the last 30 years of his life, St. Alphonsus de Liguori was crippled with these pains.

St. Alphonsus was a pious youth, a brilliant lawyer, a saintly priest and bishop, and founder of the Redemptorists. His health was always poor, but soon after being made bishop, he had a sudden severe attack of arthritis and sciatica, bringing high fever and unbearable pain. His right leg became paralyzed, putting his diocesan visits and preaching on hold. He recovered and returned to work, arthritis and all. Pain deprived him of sleep and of any position in which he could find ease. Gradually, he was able to walk again, first with a crutch and then with assistance. He started travelling by carriage, being lifted in and out - until he fell and could no longer get into the carriage. But still his work in the diocese and his writing continued. Alphonsus' arthritis became worse, progressing from his hips and pelvic region to his spine. It eventually affected the length of his spine and developed into curvature of the spine. His whole body became deformed and bent to one side. It forced his head downward and forward until his chin was pressed into his chest. The pain was intense. He prayed ceaselessly, resigning himself to the will of God. A doctor noticed that Alphonsus' bent chin and beard had caused a raw, infected wound in his chest. He had a high fever and infection spread through his whole system. The slightest movement caused him agony.



With medicine, the wound cleared up, but he never stood erect again. His head remained bent and his spine twisted. Seen from behind, he seemed to have no head. Indeed, he joked that he was "a headless man" and "a bag of twisted bones." And still he could not sleep.

Most of all, Alphonsus wanted to say Mass. But because his head was down on his chest, he could not receive the Precious Blood from the chalice. For over a year, he did not say Mass. Eventually, an friar suggested that at the time of Holy Communion time, Alphonsus recline in a chair and lean back as far as he could, in order to drink from the chalice. And so he offered Mass with considerable difficulty – and with great love.

He did not like being put in a wheelchair, but it at least enabled him to be wheeled to the chapel. Perhaps it was during this trial of his latter days that he authored the "Visits to the Blessed Sacrament" that have been the inspiration of countless souls over the following centuries.

Early in the evening on July 31, 1787, Alphonsus made his final request. "Give me my Lady," he whispered. They placed a picture of Mary in his hands. He spent the night in prayer with the Blessed Mother. The next day at the stroke of the noon Angelus, Alphonsus died at the age of 91.

St Alphonsus, lover of Jesus and Mary, hunter of souls,
preacher of the love of Jesus Crucified, pray for us!

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



"All the faithful should be aware that to participate in the Mass is their chief duty and supreme dignity." Pope Pius XII

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MASS SCHEDULE

Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, August 2

10th Sunday after Pentecost /
St Alphonsus Maria Liguori, BCD
Pro Populo
Private Intention
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8:00 AM
10:00 AM
4:00 PM in Roland

Monday, August 3 *no Mass*

Finding of the Body of St Stephen
Private Intention

Tuesday, August 4 8:00 AM

St Dominic, C
Int. of Chris Knight

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 AM
6:00 PM
(no confessions)
Dedication of Our Lady of the Snows
Release of the Souls in Purgatory
Rosary, OMPH devotions, Prayer for Priests
~ *for our priests and for many fervent vocations!*

Thursday, August 6 8:00 AM

Transfiguration of Our Lord / St Sixtus II, P
In Thanksgiving

Friday, August 7 8:00 AM

St Cajetan, C / St Donatus, BM
For abandoned souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 8 8:00 AM

BVM Saturday / Ss Cyriacus, Largus & Smaragdus, Mm
Int. of Jim and Bobbie Couron

Sunday, August 9

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
4:00 PM in Roland
11th Sunday after Pentecost / St John Marie Vianney, C
Pro Populo
Breen Williams
Private Intention

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a specific intention, the intention may be submitted to the Priest. If it is for a person, please specify whether the person is living or deceased, and Catholic or non-Catholic. The customary stipend for offering the Mass is \$25.00.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today – second collection for the Bishop, blessing of religious articles.
- First Friday occurs this week, with the usual devotions.
- The Banns of Matrimony are announced for the second time for John Perkins and Hannah Taber. If anyone knows of any impediment to this marriage, they are obligated to contact Father.
- Closing hymn for August: O Mary of Graces, p 97, #53.

Saint Dominic and the possessed Albigenian

- The entire text of this incredible (and consoling) event is inserted with today's bulletin. -

One day in 1215, Saint Dominic was preaching the Holy Rosary near Carcassonne. There were more than twelve thousand men to hear him. An Albigenian heretic possessed by the devil was brought to him. The Saint exorcised him in the presence of all the people.

The demons who possessed this poor wretch, being obliged to answer in spite of themselves to the interrogations which the Saint made to them, affirmed: 1) that there were fifteen thousand of them in the body of this miserable man, because he had attacked the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary; 2) that Dominic, by the Rosary he preached, put terror and fear into the whole of hell, and that he was the man of the world whom they hated most because of the souls he took away from them through the devotion of the Rosary.

Saint Dominic, having thrown his Rosary around the neck of the possessed man, asked this legion of demons who, of all the saints in heaven, they feared more and who should be more loved and honored by men.

At this questioning, they made such frightful cries that most of the listeners, seized with fear, fell to the ground. Then these evil spirits, in order not to answer, wept and lamented in such a pitiful, touching manner that many of those present, seized with fear and extreme sadness, wept themselves. . . . *continued* . . .

Pray for the living: Joan Taber, Jayme Shedenhelm, Daniel Kramer, Mark Narlesky, Tony Gable, Jones family, Amaranta Torres Rodriguez, Cecilia Rodriguez and baby, Melvin Geckle, Joe Dias, Manuel Cordova, Mickey Ellis, Shelby Littlejohn, those affected by Hurricane Helene, Don & Babette Lobban, Gil Credeur, Diane & John Pawlowski, Luis Martinez, Kristine Neal
Pray for the faithful departed: Fred Nardecchia, Evelyn Craney, Manuel Cordova (Fr Ephrem's father), Audrey Hockel, Sr Mary Claretia, Fr Leo Carley, Linda Io, Milt Nelson, Ted Jones, Nancy Ciccone, Gerald Crochet, "Ernest," Eddie Solomon, Mary Tarnowski, Guillaume Bega, Joseph Vogel, Patsy Nash, Josie Mascarenas, Fr James Thielen, Carlos Zepeda Sr, Kathy Winter

Monthly Collection

May 2026: \$8,978.85

June 2026: \$4,170.81

July 2026: \$5,456.72

"For from the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblation: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts." *Malachi 1:11*