

The Catholic Church of **St. Alphonsus**

Brooklyn Center
Founded 1959

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Parish Mission Statement

St. Alphonsus is a Roman Catholic Community providing a spiritual home for people of diverse ages, ethnicity and economic status.

As a Christian community, we seek to welcome all individuals and families to grow in faith and express it.

We affirm Christ's presence in all people and value service, giving, worship, and education in all forms.

We strive to be the vibrant body of Christ in all its parts, energizing and evangelizing both ourselves and others.

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JANUARY 3, 2010 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



From the Pastor's Desk

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May 2010 be a year that brings you peace and joy, good health, the rich blessings of friends and family, and a deeper awareness of God's passionate love for you everyday.

I pray that our parish family grows in gratitude for the many blessings we have as a community. Everyday may we praise our God for His generous love. Everyday may we thank God for the precious gift of life. Everyday may we thank God for all the volunteers and their ministries that touch so many people. Everyday may we simply say "THANK YOU, LORD," May 2010 be a year of gratitude in St. Alphonsus Parish.

THANKS to all our liturgical ministers who sang, played, ushered, lectured, distributed Holy Communion, decorated, and cleaned. Many new folks came to decorate the church and CSSR Hall this year and made it possible to get it all done in one morning! Bless you all for giving of your time and energy.

THANKS to all parishioners who generously give of their financial means. Folks give not only in the regular envelopes but have responded very well to the Debt Reduction and other special collections. We are keeping a tight reign on expenses and using wisely the resources entrusted to our keeping. God bless your generosity to St. Al's and its mission.

The Catholic Bishops of Minnesota have designated this Sunday, January 3, 2010, the Feast of Our Lord's Epiphany, as Minnesota Statewide Immigration Sunday. On this day, we are reminded that all human beings—regardless of their ethnicity, nationality, race, creed or status—are "coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus." We are called to treat all people as daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers in Christ, and temple of the Holy Spirit. As members of Christ's Body, we are also called to advocate for immigration policies that are humane, just and build the common good. Believing that "the Church is the sacrament of the unity of the human race," let us work together to achieve justice for our immigrant sisters and brothers. (Quotes are from the Minnesota Catholic Conference information packet. For more information please visit: www.mncc.org)

After communion we will pray together the "Prayer for our Immigrant Sisters and Brothers" found in the pews.

God bless us all!

Gratefully,
Fr. Pat, CSSR

A Redemptorist Community

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Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
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Mass Schedule

Saturday
5:00 PM
Sunday
7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM,
12:30 PM (in Spanish)
and 5:30 PM

Holy Days As Announced

Weekdays Mon-Fri

7:00 AM & 8:30 AM
6:00 PM (During Lent)

Saturday morning

8:00 AM

Confessions

Every Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM
Also in Vietnamese
the 1st & 3rd Saturday

Parish Staff

763.561.5100

Pastor

Rev. Pat Grile, C.Ss.R.

Redemptorist Pastoral Staff

Rev. Bill Bueche, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Brian Gilles, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Wil Lowery, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Thomas Pham, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Joseph Stenger, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Martin Stillmock, C.Ss.R.

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Deacon John Winkelman

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503.3344
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503.3340
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Youth Ministry Coordinator

Teresa Rousseau
503.3349

Bilingual Pastoral Assistant

Michael DePass
503.3326

Director of Music

Mary Raeker
503.3322

Mass Intentions for this Week

A † before a name indicates the person is deceased.

Monday, January 4

7:00 AM † Deceased Waletski Family Members
8:30 AM † Frank Zeck

Tuesday, January 5

7:00 AM † W. E. Madden
8:30 AM † Lloyd Olson

Wednesday, January 6

7:00 AM † Sue Jude
8:30 AM Endowment Members

Thursday, January 7

7:00 AM Adolph Engel Family
8:30 AM † Rev. Mr. Joseph Nhac Nguyen

Friday, January 8

7:00 AM Ambrose McGrath Family
8:30 AM † Ev Doyle

Saturday, January 9

8:00 AM † Wence Johnston
5:00 PM † Tom & Ev Doyle

Sunday, January 10—Baptism of the Lord

7:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
8:30 AM † Victor Weidenbach
10:30 AM † Arlene Sullivan
12:30 PM Intentions of the Day
5:30 PM † Mike & Laura Boser
Victor & Florence Kaiser

Liturgical Ministers for Next Week

Jan. 9 & 10—Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lectors Phyllis Laing & Christina Wilson
Cantor Mike McGovern
Accompanist Carol Vickery

Sunday 7:00 AM

Lectors Mike Kraemer & Vicki Lokken-Paverud
Cantor Jean Olson
Accompanist Anthony Vella

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lectors Barb Slagle & Robert Thell
Cantor Ed Dziedzic
Accompanist Beth Kirscht

Sunday 10:30 AM

Lectors Preston Hardy & Vincent Iteghete
Cantor Ken Shallbetter
Accompanist Kathy Drew

Sunday 5:30 PM

Lectors Elizabeth Feuerborn & Rick Vonderharr
Music Youth Praise Band

The CCW Invites All Parishioners

Join us in showing our appreciation to the St. Al's priests on Sunday, Jan. 10th during and after the 10:30 Mass. Stop by after the 10:30 Mass to chat with the priests, sign the "Thank You" banner and enjoy donuts and coffee at the Friendship Sunday.

Adoration

Please come any time! Three hours that needed regular adorers have been recently filled but we do need people to fill the following hours regularly: Sunday 3 AM; Monday 2AM and 4AM; Thursday 1AM, 2AM, 3AM; Friday 7PM; Saturday 1AM, 2AM, 1PM, 4PM, 6PM, 7PM. If you have any questions, please call Gerri at 763.494.3163

Make a Date with Your Lifelong Mate

2010 Archdiocesan Newly Married Retreat **Saturday, February 6th from 9:00 AM-2:30 PM.** Fr. Peter Laird will be speaking on the Importance of Marriage, Finances - Communication - Parenting - Holiness - and more. Church of St. Charles Borromeo in NE Mpls For more information go to www.archspm.org/family or call 651.291.4553 Cost is \$35 - Register by January 29

2010 Winter Bible Study Parables of the Kingdom, Part 2

The St. Alphonsus Parish Bible Study will continue "Parables of the Kingdom - Part 2" in January and February 2010. This study focuses on the parables unique to Matthew, and those developed by Luke. The parables offer a glimpse into the kingdom of God and invite us to think in new and fresh ways. You can choose to attend this 6-week session on Thursday mornings or Sunday evenings. Home study includes reading from the commentary booklet and workbook questions. Returning participants please remember to bring your Commentary Book from the Fall Study.

Thursdays 9:15 AM-11:15 AM January 21 thru February 25, 2010, in the CSSR Hall.
or

Sundays 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

January 24 thru February 28, 2010, in the Faith Formation Bldg.

The cost of materials is \$7.50 payable at the first session of Bible Study. Register by calling Rose Gordon at 763.566.4193, or Carol Alm at 763.566.4297. Please register early.

Parish Events

- January 3 Latino Ministry
- January 4 Virtus Training
- January 5 Latino Baptism Prep
- January 5 Perpetual Help Devotions
- January 7 English Baptism Class
- January 9 Spanish Baptism
- January 9-10 Blood Pressure Checks
- January 10 Friendship Sunday
- January 10 Parent-Teen Retreat
- January 12 Youth Volunteer Training
- January 12 Cribbage Tournament
- January 19 Branch Meal
- January 20 Faith Form. Prayer Service
- January 21 Winter Bible Study (Thurs)
- January 21 St. Al's Seniors
- January 23 Faith Form. Prayer Service
- January 24 Winter Bible Study (Sun PM)
- January 26 Sharing & Caring Meal
- January 27 First Reconciliation
- January 30 First Reconciliation
- January 30 Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
- February 1 CCW Quarterly Meeting

T-Shirt Special

There are some St. Alphonsus Parish 50th Anniversary T-shirts still available. Only \$5 at the parish office.

This Week From Dave

Parish Administrator David Johnson



Dear Parish Community,

New Year's is the time for resolutions. One resolution you might consider this year is electronic funds transfer (EFT) giving. Thankfully a growing number of parishioners are using EFT as a way to insure the steady support of their parish home. When you give electronically your parish saves time, resources and volunteer counting team work. Moreover our Finance Commission is better able to budget and plan secure in the knowledge of electronic contributions. Since most of us know in advance what level of support we plan to provide automatic checking or savings withdrawal weekly or monthly is a matter of filling out the application forms. Our household has been doing it for years and it works quite well.

If your personal circumstances should ever change the business office will graciously help you make necessary adjustments. You are always in control of your contributions. Forms are available in the parish office or by calling the business office at 763-503-3389.

God Bless! Dave

Parish Phone Numbers

- Parish Office 763.561.5100
- Fax 763.561.0336
- Email parishoffice@stalsmn.org

Parish Office Hours

- Mon-Thurs 8:30-8:00 PM
- Friday 8:30-4:00 PM
- Saturday 8:30-7:00 PM
- Sunday 8:00-1:00 PM

Business Office

763.503.3389

School

763.561.5101

Parish Health Ministry

Message Line 763.503.3331

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Open 24 hrs. every day

Parish Trustees

- Randy Pearce 612.886.1800
- Lynne Wyffels 763.315.3432

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Council meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the Parish Office.

Parishioners are welcome to contact a council member if you wish to include an item on the agenda.

Council Meeting Minutes are available at the Parish Office.

Dave Muehlberg, Chair
763.315.9375

- Bob Byrnes 612.490.3790
- Gerie Fischer 566.3222
- Katherine Hibbs 561.6796
- Brian Johnson 425.6418
- Joe McCue 493.5754
- Mike Rose 493.5158
- Kami Schmitz 425.8735
- Ryan Snee 566-8583
- Luz Zagal 612.889.2658

Finance Commission

Ed Daley, Chair
763.566.5232

FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Religious Education Classes

The first semester was completed before Christmas, and the 2nd Semester Begins:

Pre K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade	Sunday January 10	10:30—11:30 AM
2nd through 6th grades	Wednesday, January 13	6:30—8:00 PM OR
	Saturday, January 16	9:30—11:00 AM
9th Grade	Wednesday, January 13	6:30—8:00 PM
Foundations of Faith	Wednesday, January 13	6:30—8:00 PM OR
	Saturday, January 16,	9:30—11:00 AM

Have a Joyful New Year!

Youth Praise Band Is Back – We Need YOU!!

We are desperately **seeking an accompanist** or a couple of accompanist who would be available regularly to assist the youth praise band in rehearsals and in leading worship at Mass. We need YOU to continue on worshipping. Without an accompanist we may be forced to discontinue the Youth Praise Band. Please help us!!

Call Teresa for more info. 763-503-3349!

St. Al's Leadership Team

The next meeting of the SALT team is Wednesday, January 6th, from 6:30 – 8 or so pm in the Youth Room. Have a great holiday break and we will resume in 2010. If you have any questions or concerns, call Teresa at 763-503-3349.

Latino Youth Group

Latino Youth Group meets every other Sunday from 2-4 pm in the Youth Room of the church. Join us for fellowship and fun! Anyone in Jr. or Sr. High School (Grades 7 – 12) is welcome to come. English speaking or Spanish speaking who cares, just come for fun!! Our next youth group is, December 27th. For more information call Michael DePass, Bilingual Pastoral Associate at 763-503-3326 or Teresa Rousseau Coordinator of Youth Ministry at 763-503-3349. And just a reminder – All Are Welcome!!

Snowtubing – January 17th

The snow is here for awhile, so lets play in it! Join us on Sunday, January 17, 2008, for a fun day of snowtubing. This day is open to all Jr. High, Sr. High, and Young Adults. We will be heading to Eko Backen for an afternoon of snowtubing, hot chocolate and fun!! The cost for bus rental and hot chocolate is \$20. We will leave St. Al's parking lot at 2:30 pm and return at 8 pm. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 14th and forms are available in the Parish Offices. Call Teresa for more information – 763-503-3349!!!

Jr. High Lock-in!

Join St. Al's and several area churches for an all-night faith community lock-in! This event is open to youth in grades 6 – 9! The date for this fun event is Friday, January 22nd, 2010 starting at 10:00 PM (registration begins at 9:30) and ending at 6:00 am on Saturday, January 23rd. Activities will include swimming, DJ dance, ice skating, open teen center, great music, karaoke, open gym, movies, food & more! Cost for entire evening is \$20.00. Please bring a non-perishable food item to help us stock the local food shelves. Registration deadline is Sunday, January 17th!! Forms available at parish office. For more information call Teresa at 763-503-3349!!

•Barb Walhood – 763.503.3340, •Jon Heyer – 763.503.3342,
•Teresa Rousseau – 764.503.3349, •Michael DePass, en Español – 763.503.3326

Year for Priests

In support of, thanksgiving for, and in appreciation of priests, all women are invited to offer a day of prayer at St. Anne's House of Prayer for Women. Thursday, Friday and Saturday each week from 9:30—3:30 PM. Call Patricia at 763.512.1279 for more info.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jacob Breth and Robert Brown of Troop 454 (meets at St. Al's) who became Eagle Scouts in a ceremony in the CSSR Hall December 19. At the event were family, friends, honored guests, KCs district presenters and the U of M Raptor Center.

Sacramental Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:15 PM

Confesiones

Todos los Domingos 30 minutos antes de la misa en Español.

Baptisms

A program for both parents is offered before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office for the date of the program and to register.

Bautismo

Pláticas Bautismales el 1° Martes de cada mes a las 7:00 PM. Llamar para reservar su lugar 763.503.3326

Bodas

Contactar Padre Bill 763.503.3313

Weddings

Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

Rosary

After the 8:30 AM daily Mass Please join us!

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday after 8:30 AM Mass

Prayer Request Box

A box to receive special prayer requests is located by the Baptistry. These requests will be remembered during the daily rosary.

St. Alphonsus Endowment Fund

Please contact the parish office for more information on how to donate to the Endowment which provides long term support for the parish.

St. Alphonsus School Endowment Fund

Brochures are available at the parish office, or on our web site www.stalsmn.com



Alumni News

We have received word from DeLaSalle High School that junior Jeffrey Weiss (St. Al's class of '07) has been admitted to the National Honor Society. Jeff joins another St. Al's alum, senior Andrew Essington ('06) on the De chapter of the National Honor Society. Congratulations to both!

Volunteer Coordinator E-Mail Address

Our new Volunteer Coordinators – Shelly Gruenke, Cathy and Krist Shelstad now have a permanent joint e-mail address (volcoord@mystals.org). This will make it easy for you to reach them with school volunteer issues.

Virtus Sessions Scheduled at St. Al's

Jon Heyer has announced two upcoming Virtus sessions at St. Al's in January: Monday, January 4th at 6:30 PM and Sunday, February 7th at 1:00 PM. The Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis requires that **ALL** volunteers in Catholic schools and Parishes **Must** complete the following steps: Consent to a Criminal Background Check; Sign a Code of Conduct for Volunteers; Attend a Virtus Training Session for **Adults** (Sorry, no children are allowed to attend.) You must register online at www.virtusonline.org for valid participation. Although we strongly believe in the value of the training sessions we must insist that each parent volunteer complete all three of the requirements –including this training – before they can be around our kids at school.

St. Al's Students – Back to School Tomorrow!

Welcome Back, St. Al's students - tomorrow, Monday, January 4th. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break!



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat For Healing After Abortion

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on January 8-10, 2010 in the Twin Cities area. For more information or registration contact Nancy at rvr-nancy@usfamily.net or 952-882-2072. Additional information can also be found on the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

CEAP Thanks You

CEAP (Community Emergency Assistance Program) would like to thank St. Alphonsus Parish congregation for their generosity throughout 2009. There have been challenges during the past year to meet the needs of the community during the downturn of the economy. St. Al's people stepped forward with financial donations, groceries, volunteerism, and more. The CEAP December Christmas Party served 699 families, providing toys to 1963 children and food totaling 19,200 pounds to 3,158 individuals. Many of you helped and donated to this important event. Thanks to all from CEAP President, Byron Laher, the CEAP Staff, our spectacular volunteers, and all the people served.

St. Alphonsus Kindergarten

Registration for the 2010–2011 School year is now open to all parishioners. For a tour or further information call 763.561.5101.

Financial Stewardship

December 19 & 20, 2009

	Weekly	Year to Date
Actual	\$42,463	\$731,361
Budgeted	\$33,882	\$694,787
Variance	\$8,581	\$36,574

For Debt Reduction \$6,680

Christmas Eve and Day, 2009

Actual	\$31,767	\$763,128
Budgeted	\$35,748	\$730,535
Variance	(\$3,981)	\$32,592

December 26 & 27, 2009

Actual	\$28,392	\$791,520
Budgeted	\$41,328	\$771,863
Variance	(\$12,936)	\$19,657

For Debt Reduction \$2,340.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2009

Sunday
Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Monday
1 Jn 3:22—4:6 / Mt 4:12-17,
23-25

Tuesday
1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday
1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52

Thursday
1 Jn 4:19—5:4 / Lk 4:14-22a

Friday
1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

Saturday
1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14;
3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Please Pray for the Sick

Joanne Larson

Kathleen Branham

Zachary Wollersheim,
Grandson of Patricia Savage

Tom Legierski,
Friend of Al and Lee Stoltz

Irene Shovelain,
Mother of Jerry Shovelain

Alex Eggert,
Gread grandson of Gerry Belland

Riley Zehm

Gerri Cunningham

Eternal Rest, Oh Lord

Lucille Morek

Donald Olds
Brother-in-law of Donna Duevel

Cindy Brinkstrom,
Daughter-in-law of
Dorothy and Don Ostrom

Jennifer Ryan,
Niece of Jerry and Joan Braun

Susanna Toomey,
Mother of Anna Hardy-Brown

Chung Nguyen,
Mother of Chien Tran

Irvin Braun,
Brother of Jerry and Dean Braun

Pray for Our Service Men and Women

Rob Shallbetter, son of
Gertrud and Ken Shallbetter

NOTICIAS DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo 2010

En ésta Navidad, permítenos ver más allá de los regalos recibidos y apreciar el regalo más grande nunca dado a ningún ser humano:

Nuestro Dios y Salvador, Cristo Jesús.

La Cena de Caná

Un evento tan especial para todas las parejas. Damos la oportunidad renovar sus votos matrimoniales, aprender de la importancia del Sacramento de Matrimonio, disfrutar una cena deliciosa, y pasar la noche bailando. Es algo muy especial que se puede hacer para la persona más importante en su vida. Será **sábado, el 13 de febrero** empezando con una **Misa**. Es necesario comprar sus boletos antes del evento. Para mayor información llame al 763.503.3326.

Chequeo de Presión de Sangre

Hay chequeos de presión de sangre el segundo domingo de cada mes inmediatamente después de la Misa de 12:30 PM en el cuartito del pasillo principal. Es de gratis y para todos.

Nuestra Escuela Primaria St. Alphonsus School

Es tiempo para inscribir a sus niños para Kindergarten del año escolar de 2010-2011 en nuestra escuela primaria de San Alfonso. Si tiene interés, sería mejor llamarnos lo más pronto posible al 763-503.3326. El cupo es limitado.

Rezar el Rosario en Casa

Si necesita alimentación espiritual o el apoyo del Ministerio de Oración. Por favor llamar al teléfono 763-503-3326.

Agradecemos a las Sacerdotes

El Grupo de Mujeres, CCW, les invita a todos al salón de la iglesia para agradecer a nuestros sacerdotes de San Alfonso domingo, 10 de enero a las 11:30 am. Habrá donuts y café y la oportunidad firmar el Letrero de Agradecimiento.

Nuestro Programa de Catecismo

Primera Reconciliación (Confesión) para los niños de **segundo grado solamente** será el miércoles, 27 de enero o sábado, 30 de enero en la Iglesia durante la hora normal de clases. Es muy importante que entregar la Fe de Bautizo una semana antes de la fecha o al menos avisarnos si hay un problema de conseguirla para poder recibir este sacramento. Gracias. Para los **estudiantes de tercer grado a sexto grado** la Primera Reconciliación (Confesión) **será en marzo o abril del 2010**. Les avisaremos cuando se acerca la fecha.

Clases de Educación Religiosa para Niños

Si su niño(a) **ya** hizo su Primera Comunión, se puede inscribir ahora al Programa de Educación Religiosa que empieza el día 13 o el día 16 de enero. El curso consiste de una clase cada semana de enero a abril. Ofrecemos clases los miércoles de 6:30 a 8:00 PM o los sábados de 9:30 a 11:00 AM. Todos los niños deberían de continuar estudiando Nuestra Fe cada año hasta el grado 10 cuando comienza el Programa de Confirmación. Favor de llamarnos lo más pronto posible al 763.503.3326.

El Grupo Juvenil Latino

Nos reunimos 2 o 3 veces cada mes después de la Misa de las 12:30 PM. Jóvenes de los grados 7 a 12 están invitados.

El Grupo Juvenil-Snowtubing

Domingo, el 17 de enero. Todos los jóvenes de grados 7 a 12 están invitados. Les daremos mayor información cuando se acerca la fecha o puede llamar a Teresa al 763-503-3349.

Clínicas de Salud de St. Mary's

Si necesita ayuda médica, las clínicas de St. Mary's pueden dar tratamiento sin seguros médicos. Para determinar si usted es elegible para recibir servicios, llame al 651-690-7029.

Horario de las Misas

En Español

Domingo—12:30 PM

En Inglés

Sábado: 5:00 PM

Domingo:

7:00 AM, 8:30AM, 10:30 AM,
y 5:30 PM

Días de la semana
(lunes a viernes)

7:00 AM y 8:30 AM
sábado – 8:00 AM

Información De Los Sacramentos

Confesiones:

Todos los domingos 30 minutos antes de la misa en español.

Bautismo

Pláticas Bautismales el 1°
Martes de cada mes a las 7:00
PM. Llamar para reservar su
lugar 763.503.3326

Bodas:

Debe hacer una cita con
Padre Bill.

Confirmación:

Llama la oficina a
763.503.3326.

Unción de los Enfermos:

Llama la oficina a
763.503.3326.

Estamos aquí para servirles.
Paz y alegría en Jesucristo,
Nuestro Salvador,

Padre Bill Bueche,

Ministerio Latino

Michael DePass, Asistente

**Se puede llamarnos a
763.503.3326.**

Special Devotion to Our Lady Returns for a Limited Engagement

Starting the new year right, beginning the first Tuesday of the Month, January 5, and every First Tuesday, at 7:00 PM, Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion and Benediction will take place at St. Alphonsus. As we celebrate this special year for the priesthood, (concluding in June), we come before the Most Powerful intercessor of prayer we have, the Holy Mother of God.

This is a special time of prayer before Our Lord exposed at Eucharistic Benediction. This sacred prayer Devotion with Our Lady under the title of Mother of Perpetual Help is for people of all ages and is a special faith-filled prayer opportunity. We especially seek her intercession for an increase in priestly and religious vocations, for all of our priests, and for intercession for family conversion. As we gather in community, we lift up our needs to her, our powerful prayer partner, and give thanks for all our answered prayers.

Join us as we seek to get spiritually healthy, holy and happy in 2010. Our Holy Mother is waiting. Refreshments to follow. Questions, please call Margaret 763.566.4990, Lois 763.560.7371.



Confessions in Vietnamese

Cha Tuyển sẽ giúp giải tội cho quý anh chị em bằng Việt Ngữ mỗi thứ Bảy tuần thứ nhất và tuần thứ ba hàng tháng vào lúc 4:00-5:00 giờ chiều. Mong quý anh chị em dùng cơ hội này để giao hòa với Thiên Chúa và tha nhân.

Fr. Pham will be available to hear confessions in Vietnamese every First and Third Saturday of the month from 4:00-5:00 PM. Confessions will take place in the confessional room next to the main entrance. Don't worry if you don't speak Vietnamese—Fr. Thomas also speaks English very well!