

In his address to slaves (see Second Reading), Peter urged them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore his sufferings for love of us. Slavery was a fact of life in New Testament times. The New Testament writers do not, as might have been expected, lead a campaign against it. Even if they had wanted to do so, they must have been aware that such a stance could only be judged subversive and would imperil the tenuous foothold Christianity was gaining in the world of the day. Peter's words have a wider application. He singled out slaves only because their burden of suffering was heavier than that of others.

All of us are called to bring hope to our brothers and sisters in need. A special way to bring hope to others is by supporting the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. If you have not yet given to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal, please consider making a contribution during the coming week. To date 69 pledges (out of 1008 registered families) have been made which total \$21,036. This leaves us a total of \$39,961 to reach our parish goal of \$60,997. In the past St. Alphonsus Parish has always went above the goal that was set by the Diocese – please help us do so again this year. Remember – when our parish reaches its goal, all funds raised over our goal are returned to the parish for our use. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Friday, May 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



First Communion at St. Alphonsus is May 13th! Our Lady of Perpetual Help bookstore invites you to stop by and browse the latest deliveries of First Communion books, bibles, rosaries and gifts.



Saturday, May 13th marks the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Blessed Mother to the children in Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore has received a new selection of books that are perfect for those looking to learn more about the significance of her apparitions and how they relate to us today.

In honor of this event, all are also invited to recite the Rosary at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Biloxi (May 13th) beginning at 12:00 Noon on the grounds surrounding the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima. Bring your lawn chairs if needed.



Registration has begun for Catholic Kids Camp! Join us for a week of fun June 12th – 16th as the Marvelous Mystery of the Mass comes Alive! Don't miss out as we learn more about the incredible treasure of the Mass and deepen our love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Space is limited so please register early. For more information, contact our Family and Youth Director Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonusus.org



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of The Mayfield, Burkhardt & Seymour Families



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Marthann Elio, Jackie Endt, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Joey Fountain, Carmen Gaethe, Margaret Miller Griffith, Doris Haynes, Ron Hoogstra, Margaret Betty Horton, Lucia Hourihan, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Earline Huster, Tommy Jones, Theresa Jones, Clarence Jordan, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Audrey King, Ann Eleece Kouns, Jeff Kouns, Daisie Laborde, John Langan, Nathaniel LaSalle, Bob Mayer, Bernie McGinley, Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Patricia Merlau, Edna Miguez, Deacon Greg Miller, Eunice Misko, Robert M. Mitchell, Margaret Murray, Sophia Myers, Patricia Liscoe Nance, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Ruth Neeley, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley Norman, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Nony Raether, Anna Raley, Pat Reiling, Elba Smolcich, Edna Spell, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Jane Walker and Barry Zuber.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY MAY 8
Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18
6:30 am Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 am Elvin Asher Family

TUESDAY MAY 9
Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
6:30 am Special Intention
8:15 am Mr. Alson Young

WEDNESDAY MAY 10
Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50
6:30 am Ms. Kay Taylor
8:15 am Bill, Duke and Ethel Hosey

THURSDAY MAY 11
Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
6:30 am Ms. Patricia Gunkel
8:15 am Ms. Monica Goretski

FRIDAY MAY 12
Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
6:30 am Int. Ms. Katie Swanson
Mr. Ken Swanson
8:15 am Ms. Berthe Mangin

SATURDAY MAY 13
Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
8:15 am Mr. Donal Snyder, Sr.
Ms. Doris Jarrett
Mr. Nolly DuBose
Ms. JoAnn Wavra
Int. Ms. Jackie Endt
Special Intention C.M.
Intention for Reparation
4:00 pm Ms. Nellie Williams
Carrol and Lelia Sonnier
Ms. Sylvia Diaz

SUNDAY MAY 14
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12
7:30 am Mr. Jesse W. Dobbins, II
9:00 am Int. Ms. Gina Dasher
11:30 am Ms. Julia Beaugez
5:30 pm Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,783.54
Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection.....\$ 1,625.61
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
Eunice VanLoon, mother of Dennis (Margaret) VanLoon of this parish, who passed away April 26th.
Donnie Cole, brother of Betty Noble and Evelyn Hosey of this parish, who passed away April 29th.
Paul Derouen, brother of Rachel Milsted of this parish, who passed away May 2nd.
We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

Altar Society Members for next week:
Janell Alliston and Juliana Skelton

Religious Education News

Pat Cronin – 872-2652; pcronin@cablone.net; www.stal.cc

May 10: First Holy Communion Practice in Church 5:30 p.m.
May 11: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
May 13: Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Church, 10:00 a.m.
May 14: Religious Education / May Crowning 10:10 a.m.
Adult Study Class 10:10 a.m. EPIC – a study on Church History Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds



Bishop Louis Kihneman administered the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Tuesday (May 2nd). We congratulate those who received this Sacrament and pray that they will continue to grow in their Catholic faith in the years ahead. They are: Hunter Balius, Aaron Beaugez, Matthew Bisner, Shelby Briggs, Brett Burton, Abby Chapman, Chloe Coulter, Jacob Fountain, Jacob Futch, Hannah Gautier, Metaya Geissing, Madeline Girouard, Alexander Goff, Darcy Howell, Emma Hunt, Connor McClellan, William McMackin, Julianna Mohler, Joseph Murphy, Hailey Nguyen, Nora Nimmo, Brandon Pasquini, Stephanie Pinto, Hannah Ryan, Reagan Scarborough, Lauren Skinner, Allison Streiff, Brittany Toche, Cole Wagoner, Slay Wagoner and Lindsey Wescovich.

Family and Youth Calendar

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Registration Going on Now for Catholic Kids Camp
May 7: **Bake Sale** after 9:00 & 11:30 a.m. Masses Benefits Catholic Kids Camp
Middle School Youth Group (10-14 years old) Family and Youth Office 4:00-5:00 p.m.
May 10, 24: Parent Group Family and Youth Office, 9:00 a.m.
May 18: Family Adoration, 6:30 p.m. in Church
June 12-16: **SAVE THE DATE – CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has selected the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System in Biloxi to host the 31st National Veterans Golden Age Games (NVGAG) May 7-11, 2017. The Golden Age Games are the premier senior adaptive rehabilitative program in the United States and the only national seniors program designed to improve the quality of life for all senior Veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities and disabilities. The Games provide a multi-event sports and therapeutic recreation program for military Veterans 55 years of age and older who receive care through a VA medical facility. Throughout the week more than 800 men and women who have worn the uniform of the United State and defended our country with honor and dignity will compete. You are invited to be a part of this exciting nation event by becoming a volunteer. To sign up, please go to www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, please call Robert Davis at 228-523-5763 or robert.davis854f4@va.gov.



Attention Graduating Seniors: There are two \$500 Scholarships available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Rodney Fountain at rodney@rfountaincpa.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 1, 2017**



Bishop Kihneman's homilies will be available each week in audio form on Nativity BVM Cathedral's website. To access these homilies, visit nativitybvm.podbean.com.

School Subsidy Policy

Registration for the 2017/2018 School Year Going on Now

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School. In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.
3. The family MUST attend weekend Mass with the Parish Family at St. Alphonsus.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

May 10: First Holy Communion Practice in Church 5:30 p.m.
May 12: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.
May 13: Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Church, 10:00 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

At St. Patrick Catholic High School, our faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions. To learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit our website at www.stpatrickhighschool.net. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please contact Mr. Matt Buckley at 228-702-0500.

May 7: Boys Basketball Banquet 1:00 p.m.
May 8: AP Biology Exam 8 a.m.
May 9: AP Calculus Exam 8 a.m. / 11th Grade Retreat 8:15 a.m.
May 10: AP English Lang / Comp Exam 8 a.m.
May 11: AP World History Exam 8 am / Senior Farewell Mass 9:40 am
May 13: Blood Drive 9:00 a.m.



Our Lady of Fatima Church in Biloxi invites you to their annual Fatima Spring Fest May 19th – 21st. There will be live entertainment, pay one price rides every day, delicious food, arts and crafts, books and plant sale, silent auction, \$7,500 drawdown and Classic Cars on Sunday. Hours of operation are: Friday, May 19th from 4:00 – 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 21st from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Excerpts from the Diary of Sister M. Faustina Kowalska:
When I told this to my confessor, I received this for a reply: "That refers to your soul." He told me, "Certainly, paint God's image in your soul." When I came out of the confessional, I again heard words such as these: My image already is in your soul. I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

Reverend Msgr. Patrick J. Carey, May 1, 1979
Reverend Msgr. Patrick K. Bambrick, May 1, 2002
Reverend John T. O'Brien, May 18, 2009

Pray for Vocations

For information, go to www.biloxidiocese.org