

The resurrection, the ascension, and the giving of the Spirit are part of the same event. In one action that goes beyond earthly time, Jesus emerges from the tomb, returns to the Father, and gives the Spirit. However, from the viewpoint of the first disciples, who continued to live on within time, these actions are described as having taken place at different times: They found the tomb empty on Sunday morning; the risen Lord appeared to them on that day or subsequently; the termination of the appearances caused them to realize that Jesus was now permanently with God; and they received the Spirit.

The theological meaning of this feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making him Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

In both the First Reading and the Gospel Jesus gives a mission and makes a promise to his followers.



On this Memorial Day weekend, we welcome any and all visitors who joined us today to celebrate the Eucharist. We hope all our families who are traveling over the weekend have safe arrivals to their destinations and a safe return home later on. We ask you all to be careful on the highways, byways and waterways this busy weekend.

This weekend we remember all who gave their lives for this country and for the freedoms we so often take for granted. Please remember them in your prayers today.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.



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**



An Altar Society Potluck Luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 3rd at 12:00 Noon at Jocelyn's on Hwy 90 in Ocean Springs.



Fr. Mike will be on a Poland and Medjugorje Pilgrimage from June 5th – 16th.

Msgr. James McGough and Fr. Richard LaCorte will be filling in during the time Fr. Mike is away.

Listed below is the schedule of daily Masses during this time: (The Mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday will remain the same)

June 5, 6, 12, 13: There will only be a 6:30 a.m. Mass

June 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16: There will only be an 8:15 a.m. Mass

As a daily option: Nativity BVM Cathedral has a 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Elizabeth Seton has a 7:00 a.m. Mass.

If you have not yet given to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal, please consider making a contribution during the coming week.

To date **113** pledges (out of 1008 registered families) have been made which total **\$41,446.00**. This leaves us a total of **\$19,551.00** to reach our parish goal of **\$60,997.00**. 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. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Dick & Lisa Daniels

**Altar Society Members for next week
Lois Leaghty and Mary Ann Bounds**

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY MAY 29

Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

6:30 am Mr. R. J. Domingue
8:15 am Int. Mr. Austin McClellan

TUESDAY MAY 30

Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a

6:30 am Int. Ms. Jan Hamilton
8:15 am Mr. Fred Schillinger, Sr.

WEDNESDAY MAY 31

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56

6:30 am The Carroll Family
8:15 am Ms. Margaret Jobes

THURSDAY JUNE 1

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

6:30 am Audrey, Claire and Margaret Brou
8:15 am Int. Larry and Arlene Murph

FRIDAY JUNE 2

Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 am Alma and Nick Garlick

SATURDAY JUNE 3

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

8:15 am Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan
Mr. Gregory Hebert
Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
Mr. Nolan Fremin
Ms. Connie Seymour
Int. Mr. Eugene Pinkert, Jr.
Int. Armando and Linda Ravera

Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

4:00 pm Mr. Gary Gollott

SUNDAY JUNE 4

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

7:30 am Congregation
9:00 am Ms. Marian Sullivan
11:30 am Ms. Diane Farragut
5:30 pm Ms. Mary Ladnier Bosarge
Mr. Bobby Bosarge

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,444.42
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: John Anglada, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Marthann Ello, 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 Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Ruth Neeley, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley Norman, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Hayden Pilgrim, Nony Raether, Anna Raley, Pat Reiling, Elba Smolcich, Edna Spell, Lorraine St. Onge, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templett, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Jane Walker and Barry Zuber.



St. Alphonsus Parish wishes to recognize and congratulate all our Seniors who already have or will be graduating from a local High School at this time. Our students attend Ocean Springs, St. Martin or St. Patrick High Schools. They are: Karley Ann Bishop, Conner Henderson Bond, Marie Elise Bourgeois, Bailey Cameron Brickson, Marina Ann Cole, Christina Marie Dalton, Lauren Nicole Descher, Zoe Alexandra Dudiak, Chaney Elise Ferrill, Noah Channing Fountain, Jacob Bishop Freeman, Donna Grace Gonzales, Anslee Day Harris, Hannah Nicole Ladd, Rosalyn Marie Lindsey, Marc James Malloch, Laina Marie Menendez, Mary Agnes Mestayer, Cameron Brady Mitchell, Wesley Ngo, Sara Marie Pleasant, Haley Nicole Roll, Sarah Elizabeth Ryan, Taylor Breeanne Smith, and Katherine Conway Wilson.

We congratulate them in their achievements and wish them well in their future educational endeavors. May God continue to lead and guide them on their life's journey.

We also congratulate the thirteen Sixth Graders who graduated from our Elementary School at a graduation Mass on Friday morning. We wish them every success in their education in the years ahead and ask God to continue to lead and guide them as they grow and develop. They are: Michael Sean Cabrera, Camryn Carter, Isabella Davis, Jaden Joelle Fusia, Conner Owen Galle, Conner Owen Gipson, Juliana Claire Ladnier, Presley Belle Mullinax, Jonathan Tate Poole, Juliana Sabagh, Emma Grace Scruggs, Rebecca Janis Weiderholt, and Hunter Joseph Winters.

Family and Youth Calendar

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Kids Camp Marvelous Mystery of the Mass comes Alive! June 12th – 16th

A week of fun is planned for those attending as they learn more about the incredible treasure of the Mass and deepen their love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

Catholic Kids Camp has reached maximum capacity – therefore registration is closed. There is a waiting list in case anyone drops out. Your position on the waiting list is determined by the order in which the registration form was turned in. For more information, contact our Family & Youth Director Jane Sema.

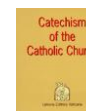
National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC): The Diocese will be taking a bus to Indianapolis, Indiana for NCYC November 16th, 17th, and 18th. The cost of the trip is \$550 and includes: registration, travel by bus, some meals, hotel, a t-shirt and give-a-ways at the Convention. If you are between the ages of 15-19 (9th – 12th grades) and are interested in participating, please contact Jane Sema.



St. Michael Church in Biloxi will hold a 100th Anniversary History Event to celebrate the history of the parish on Thursday, June 1st at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. **A Deceased Fisherman's Mass** will be held immediately after at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) during the week of June 5th – 9th. If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Norma Williams at 875-2636. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



Catechism of the Catholic Church - Learn what is in this book and how to use it! Wednesday's at 9:00 a.m. Class is held at 13605 Paso Road in Gulf Hills. All are invited! Call Sue Mihal for more details at 601-573-0020.

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.



The annual Feed the Need fundraiser for The Lord Is My Help is scheduled for June 4th at Government Street Grocery.

The Lord Is My Help currently serves over 4,000 meals each month at a cost of \$2.77 per meal. Approximately 62% of the meals prepared are delivered by volunteer

drivers to the homes of elderly, ill, and/or disabled individuals in the Ocean Springs and D'Iberville/St. Martin areas within Jackson County.

Demand on their pantry has continued strong in 2017 with an average of 287 households, or 645 persons per month being assisted. Donations for the first five months of fiscal year 2017 are down 23% from the same period in fiscal year 2016. All donated non-perishable food items are welcome and needed to keep the pantry stocked.

For more information, please call The Lord Is My Help at 872-2331 or visit them at 1205 Desoto Street.

Baptized and Confirmed, Now What? New Catholics and Future Catechumens: Bring your friends and join us on Wednesday nights beginning June 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room for a "Come As You Are," **multi-parish** summer program. We will explore the "WHAT CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE" DVD series. Dr. Ray Guerendi and Father Kevin Fete engage in an insightful and sometimes very entertaining dialogue to dispel the misrepresentations and misunderstandings of historic Christianity with scripture and tradition.

To register please email faith@loribrannon.com or call the Rectory Office at 875-5419. *FAITH * FUN * FELLOWSHIP



The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi will again offer a 3-year program called "New Wine" beginning in September of this year. The program provides education and formation for

adults interested in being involved in lay ministry. Interested individuals should contact their Pastor, Principal, DRE or Parish Religion Coordinator no later than June 9th.

Women's Cursillo June 22-25: The Cursillo weekend is for Catholics who are looking to deepen their faith and love for Christ. Consider giving yourself a gift this year! For more information contact Laurie Blue @ 601-297-9606 or Melanie Martin @ 228-326-2016.

Parishioner Registration: When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass. It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

If you missed the Ordination and Installation of Bishop Kihneman when it was aired live, the rebroadcast is archived on the main page of the diocesan website (<http://www.biloxidiocese.org>). You can also find the Vespers Service.