

St. Luke exploits Jewish tradition which saw Pentecost as the feast of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. According to the legend a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. In a further refinement, the fire split into seventy tongues of fire corresponding to the seventy nations of the world: the law was proclaimed, not only to Israel, but to all humankind. Luke, too, has the mighty wind and tongues of fire coming upon the group of disciples. But for Luke the universal proclamation was not that of the Law, but of the Good News, a proclamation that has undone the sentence of Babel and re-united the scattered nations.

St. John has the giving of the Spirit happening on Easter day. However, we must avoid any impression of a twofold solemn bestowal of the Spirit. John and Luke are both saying the same thing: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit and inaugurates the mission of the Church. That they differ in their dating is due to theological concerns.



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.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4th

Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.

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

To date **118** pledges (out of 1008 registered families) have been made which total **\$45,146.00**. This leaves us a total of **\$15,851.00** 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.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Sharon Tilmon, sister of Barney (Gail) Banks of this parish who passed away May 23rd in Monroe, Louisiana.

Roosevelt "Rooster" Langlinais, husband of Joyce Langlinais and father of Kenny (Charlene) Langlinais of this parish, who passed away May 31st.

We extend our sympathy to both families 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**

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 5
Tobit 1:3; 2:1b-8; Mark 12:1-12	
6:30 am	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 am	No Mass
TUESDAY	JUNE 6
Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17	
6:30 am	Mr. Wayne Alliston, Jr.
8:15 am	No Mass
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 7
Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Ms. Iris Holloway
THURSDAY	JUNE 8
Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Ms. Marietta Fountain
FRIDAY	JUNE 9
Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Ernest, Violet and Bennie Cole
SATURDAY	JUNE 10
Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44	
8:15 am	Special Intention C.M. Special Intention R.C. Mr. Wayne Cole Mr. Rufus Mallett Mr. Donald Cole Leo and Tommy Noble Ms. Doris Jarrett Mr. Nolly DuBose
4:00 pm	Mr. Bobby Beaugez
SUNDAY	JUNE 11
Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; John 3:16-18	
7:30 am	Mr. Raymond Beaugez
9:00 am	Ms. Mary Louise "Lady" Brennan
11:30 am	Congregation
5:30 pm	Ms. Brandy Lesso Hebert

WEEKLY OFFERING

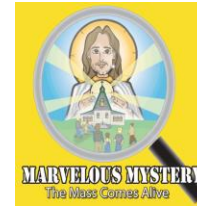
Sunday Collection.....\$10,432.87
Catholic Communication Collection.....\$ 1,166.93
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



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 Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Jane Walker and Barry Zuber.

Family and Youth Calendar

Jane Sema 228-217-1392 jsema@osstalphonsus.org



June 12 - 16

St. Alphonsus Catholic Kidz Camp Marvelous Mystery of the Mass comes Alive!
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 Kidz 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.

June 15: Family Adoration, 6:30 p.m. in Church

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.



The annual Feed the Need fundraiser for The Lord Is My Help is scheduled for this Sunday (June 4th) at Government Street Grocery. Donated non-perishable food items are also 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.



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.

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

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. John M. Scanlon, June 16, 1995
Very Reverend Patrick E. Hayes, June 26, 2007

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 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.

HURRICANE PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.

Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.

We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Save and pray frequently)

Why do Catholics use a Lectionary and not a Bible for Liturgy?
This goes to just what is a Lectionary? We know that by the third century or so our Jewish ancestors were using lectionaries. In other words, they had certain passages of scripture chosen in advance, intended to be read publicly on particular days. These were kept in their own particular book. The practice has been with us ever since - for Jews and Christians.

Excerpts from the Diary of Sister M. Faustina Kowalska:

When I asked the Lord Jesus for a sign as proof 'that You are truly my God and Lord and that this request comes from You,' I heard this interior voice, **I will make this all clear to the Superior by means of the graces which I will grant through this image.**

Websites that may be good for people with problems, addictions, etc.:
www.americanaddictioncenters.org; www.narcononcolorado.org;
www.al-anon.org; www.catholicsdivorce.com;
www.cancersupportcommunity.org; www.rachelsvineyard.org;
www.catholicmenconquerporn.com; www.yourbrainonporn.com