

Peter, James, and John were given the privilege of glimpsing something of the Godhood of Jesus in the event we call “the Transfiguration.” They were being strengthened to endure the sight of Jesus’ being put to death. We, like these disciples, must be strengthened as well by the gift of God’s mercy.

ATTENTION: The Gulf Coast Family Counseling (509 Jackson Avenue) allows parishioners to use their parking area on weekends for Mass provided they do not have anything else going on that they would need the area for. Unfortunately last weekend they had roped the area off so that it could not be used and somebody took the rope down which resulted in the parking lot being used. We ask that you please only use this parking if it is available so that we may continue to use it.



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 coming week (August 7th - 11th). 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.



Tuesday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Vigil Mass will be on Monday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. On Tuesday, Masses will be at 6:30 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. (school children will attend), and 6:00 p.m.



The floor repairs are complete, but we found a few other unexpected repairs that needed to be taken care of before reopening the Bookstore. The projected date for reopening will be on Tuesday, August 15th. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

The Biloxi Diocese has announced plans for a new Formation Class for the Permanent Diaconate to begin in the fall of 2018. Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. until 12 Noon on the following days:

August 19th: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Hattiesburg

September 9th: St. Joseph Parish, Gulfport

September 16th: St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Ocean Springs

For interested men, attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory, and your wife is required to attend. Please see your pastor, and for further information, call the Diocese of Biloxi, Office of the Diaconate at 702-2107.

The Family and Youth Ministry will join parishioners to present a fundraiser for the Youth Ministry on Saturday, September 16th at the Parish Life Center/KC Hall from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. for adults 21 or older. The St. AlPhonics, which plays at the 5:30 Sunday Mass, will begin the evening with a Concert at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. and ending the evening with a dance from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Tickets for the Concert, Dinner and Dance are available in the Church Office and will be available after all the Masses in front of the Church next weekend. Anyone interested in helping decorate and prepare for the event or would like tickets to sell please contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Joy Cronin, Sally Fero Conklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Marthann Ello, Jackie Endt, Jeremy Forehand, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Joey Fountain, Carmen Gaethe, 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, June Krohn, Daisie Laborde, John Langan, Nathaniel LaSalle, Catherine Lawrence, Bob Mayer, Bernie McGinley, Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Patricia Merlau, Edna Miguez, Deacon Greg Miller, Eunice Misko, Robert M. Mitchell, Margaret Murray, Sophia Myers, Leonard Neaise, Peggy and Edward Neaise, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Nowel, Edwin O’Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Nony Raether, Anna Raley, Elba Smolcich, Joe Souza, Edna Spell, Lorraine St. Onge, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, and Jane Walker.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 7
Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21	
6:30 am	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 am	Special Intention
TUESDAY	AUGUST 8
Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36	
6:30 am	Audrey Claire and Margaret Brou
8:15 am	Mr. Wendell Casey
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 9
Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1; 26-29a, 34-35; Matt 15:21-28	
6:30 am	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 am	Ms. Linda Mayer
THURSDAY	AUGUST 10
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26	
6:30 am	Int. Family of Jim Selman
8:15 am	Mr. Robert “Bob” Mitchell
FRIDAY	AUGUST 11
Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28	
6:30 am	Ms. Melissa Roberts Lee
8:15 am	Mr. Vern “Larry” Cole, Jr.
SATURDAY	AUGUST 12
Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20	
8:15 am	Special Intention C.M. Special Intention R.C. Mr. Rufus Mallett Mr. Donald Cole Ms. Doris Jarrett Mr. Nolly DuBose
4:00 pm	Mr. Bobby Beaugez
SUNDAY	AUGUST 13
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33	
7:30 am	Mr. Russell Cresson
9:00 am	Congregation
11:30 am	Mr. Lester Kimbrough
5:30 pm	Ms. Mary Ladnier Bosarge Mr. Bobby Bosarge

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,619.30
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

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



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



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Malcolm “Bud” Hodges, a member of our parish community, who passed away July 30th. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

Religious Education News

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

Anyone who wishes their child(ren) to be in the St. Alphonsus Religious Education Program this coming fall should start to accumulate the necessary documents for registration. Copies of **both** the Birth Certificate **and** Baptismal Certificate will be required for each child. This is especially true of Second Grade and Eleventh Grade.

RCIA Classes will begin on September 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. All those interested in being a part of this group is asked to call the Religious Education Office and give your name, phone number and e-mail so we might appraise you of coming events. Who should consider coming to RCIA? Anyone interested in knowing more about the Roman Catholic Church and faith; those wishing to just know more about the Church; those wishing for membership in the Church; those wanting a refresher course in the Church and faith; those wishing for the fullness of Confirmation if not received. It is an interesting way to learn more about the Catholic Church from a well-informed team of parishioners.

Family and Youth Calendar

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The Family and Youth Ministry will continue the Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship this year. The group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday, September through May, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. If you are a parent looking for a group gathering of other parents and their children for prayer and fellowship, join us in the Family and Youth Office in back of the Parish Hall.

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.

BIBLE Upon this **Rock Scripture Study** is beginning registration for the Bible study “Luke: The Gospel of Mercy” offered by Catholic Scripture Study International. This study explores the parables of Mercy and how God’s Mercy is still active in the world today. The Bible study will begin Wednesday, September 13th and will meet each Wednesday morning through April 4th from 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Parish in Murray Hall on Woolmarket Road in Biloxi. The fee is \$47 and includes the study set and a DVD presentation. Payment by August 21st will ensure that you receive your materials by the start of the study. For more information and/or to register, please call Sharon Jones at 228-591-1069.

The Diocese of Biloxi has a YouTube page where you can view Daily Mass Homilies from the Diocesan Pastoral Center and other videos, including Bishop Kihneman’s Ordination and Installation. Go to youtube.com and search for Catholic Diocese of Biloxi. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe4xLBFUnmmIwBhCrNwGjQ>
You can also follow Bishop Kihneman on Twitter and Instagram at **kihnemanBP**

“The call of *theosis* is not just for the ordained priesthood but is also for the lay priesthood, for the homemaker, school teacher, carpenter, and accountant who must navigate another day in the quotidian. We must all embrace the Contemplative Moment. Set your alarm 20 minutes earlier, pray an extra decade on the Rosary, go to Confession more often, stop making excuses for missing Adoration, do a weekend retreat out in nature, listen to... Rachmaninov’s *Piano Concertos 1-4*, spend time with a good friend, remember that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ (Jerome), forgive an old adversary, enjoy a good meal, be grateful for all that you have, *see the face of Christ*. All this is not only good for you but for the local church you attend and the culture outside of it.” Jonathan B. Coe

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Aug 7: Meet the Teacher 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Aug 9: Parent & Child Mass 8:15 a.m. / First Day of School

Aug 11: Children’s Mass 8:15 a.m.

St. Alphonsus School has a piano they would like to give away. If interested, please call the School at 875-5329.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

To learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit the website at www.stpatrickhighschool.net. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, call 228-702-0500.

Aug 7: New Student Orientation 1:00 p.m.

Aug 8: First Day of School



St. Patrick High School will offer Free Transportation before and after school for the 2017-2018 school year. Morning pickup from St. Alphonsus will be at 7:15 a.m. and afternoon drop-off will be at 3:55 p.m.

Tickets for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Thanksgiving Home Giveaway are available in the Rectory Office (during regular business hours) for \$100 per ticket*. (*if 2,500 tickets or less are sold, a cash prize of \$100,000 will be awarded to the winner in lieu of the home)

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www.svdphomegiveaway.com



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Friday, August 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass

Willwoods Married Couples Retreat: August 26th – 27th:

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time together enriching your marriage? Then join us on our August 26th and 27th Married Couples Retreat at the beautiful Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center located along Lake Pontchartrain in Metairie. Attending a married couples retreat annually is a wonderful way to deepen your love for God and each other! To register or for more info call Jason Angelette at (504) 830-3716 or visit Willwoods.org. Suggested donation of \$275 is requested but not required.



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.