

Like the story of Jesus' baptism, the transfiguration is an epiphany story. Both stories are manifestations of Jesus as he is, or as he will be. In both there is a voice, and the voice says the same words. A mountain is a place of divine manifestation. The cloud is a sign of the presence of God. Moses and Elijah stand for the Law and the Prophets.

It is no longer possible to say what happened on the mountain. Was it a vision? Was it a profound religious experience? There has been a tendency to see the Transfiguration simply as a stage in the education of the apostles. But its first and chief significance was for Jesus himself. It was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken.

But of course it also benefited the apostles. And it is this that Matthew emphasizes. In the transfigured Jesus they got a glimpse of the glory of the risen Lord. Even so, they would not understand until Jesus had risen from the dead.

In the First Reading we see the obedience of Abraham, an obedience which brought blessings to many. It also points to the obedience of Jesus (an obedience which took him to death on a cross) and to the blessings that would flow to the world as a result.

Time for Adoration: The Gospels show clearly that Peter was a man of action; he always needed to be doing something. So on Mount Tabor, instead of contemplating in silence and wonder the glory of his Lord, he wanted to build three tents.

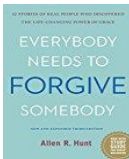
There is a time for stillness, for contemplation, for wonder, for adoration in the presence of God. A time to heed the words of the psalmist: "Be still, and know that I am God." Sometimes we are too busy. We would be better to be silent, to be listening, to be wondering, to be adoring in the presence of God.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Monday, March 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody by Allen R. Hunt -- The Lesson is simple: Forgive and you will unleash a flood of grace on yourself and those around you. The author of this practical and inspiring book shares real life stories which emphasize the tremendous power of FORGIVENESS. This Lenten season (for a donation of \$2.00) you can pick up a copy for yourself or share it with someone special. Available in the Vestibule of the Church or the Bookstore.



At St. Alphonsus Church we are pursuing new opportunities to foster a stronger parish life and better engage the New Evangelization. As part of these efforts we are happy to announce that St. Alphonsus Church now has its own app for Apple and Android phones.

Our new app will allow us to send you useful and important messages throughout the week regarding our parish life and events, and allow you to reply to messages or RSVP for events.

There will be no need for parishioners with smart phones to remember to silence their phones before Mass. The app will send you a reminder to silence your phone 20 minutes before the Mass you select. Many more great features will be a help to all of us, such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, as well as quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website and FORMED. Download the app by texting App to phone number 88202, or by visiting myparishapp.com.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY MARCH 13

Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

6:30 am Mr. Carlton Latour

8:15 am Ms. Jeanine Rivera

Mr. Raul Rivera

TUESDAY MARCH 14

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

6:30 am Int. Carroll Family

8:15 am Int. Asher Family

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

6:30 am Joseph and Roseline Bellande

8:15 am Mr. Steve Sema

THURSDAY MARCH 16

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

6:30 am Ms. Mildred McGinty

8:15 am Mr. Danny Williams

FRIDAY MARCH 17

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matt 21:33-43, 45-46

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Ms. Berthe Mangin

SATURDAY MARCH 18

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

8:15 am Special Intention – R.C.

Mr. Wayne Cole

Mr. Billy Wagner

Mr. Rufus Mallett

Mr. Leland Lewis Adler

Ms. Jeanette Larson

Lawrence and Joan Kelly

Bac Lan

4:00 pm Ms. Nellie Williams

Ms. Ethel Tirrell

Ms. Sylvia Diaz

Carrol and Lelia Sonnier

SUNDAY MARCH 19

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

7:30 am Mr. Richard Porterfield

9:00 am Mr. Alson Young

11:30 am Congregation

5:30 pm Mr. Michael Joseph Sekul

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection..... \$16,400.72

Poor Collection.....\$ 4,003.36

Hattiesburg Tornado Relief Collection.....\$ 2,366.27

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Mary Jo Mathis, niece of Tony and Jean Petricca and cousin of Andrea Harter of this parish, who passed away February 28th in San Diego, California.

Raymond "Big Boy" Beaugez, husband of Donnie Beaugez, brother of Moe (Denita) Beaugez and brother-in-law of Olive Beaugez of this parish, who passed away March 6th.

We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

Religious Education News

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

Mar 16: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Mar 19: RCIA First Scrutiny 9:00 a.m. Mass

Religious Education 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

No Confirmation Class (Diocese of Biloxi Youth Convention)

Family and Youth Calendar

Jane Sema 228-217-1392 janesema84@gmail.com

Mar 16: High School Youth Group (15-18 years old), Family/Youth Office, 6:00 pm

Prepare for **Youth Convention March 17-19**, at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention Center in Biloxi

Mar 16: Adoration in Church 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. All ages invited.

Mar 19: Middle School Youth Group (10-14 years old)

Family / Youth Office 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Mar 22: Parent Group Family / Youth Office, 9:00 a.m.

June 12-16: SAVE THE DATE – CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP
Registration begins April 30th.



A community Rosary is prayed at 6:00 a.m. in the Church and after the 8:15 a.m. Mass in the Chapel. All are invited.



St. Michael Church in Biloxi has a part-time position of Parish Secretary open. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Essential skills: Computer (office, excel, access, publisher and QuickBooks), dealing with the public, answering the phone with accurate messages, general office tasks, and ability to creatively use time. Please call 228-297-2482 to arrange an interview. Pay is based on experience and skills.

St. Michael Gumbo Dinner and Church Tours – Sunday, March 12th from 11:00 a.m. until it runs out. Plates are \$8.00 each and include Seafood or Chicken Gumbo, potato salad, a roll and drink.

Godstock, a Lenten rally featuring artists from The VIGIL Project, will take place on Wednesday, March 22nd from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 3702 Quinn Dr., Pascagoula. This Lenten event is for youth and families and is sponsored by Sacred Heart, the Resurrection Catholic High School Campus Ministry Team and surrounding parishes. Food will be available in the parish hall at 6:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend. A love offering can be made at the dinner and the event. The VIGIL Project is a community of artists, musicians, and filmmakers that produce multimedia resources for deep prayer and authentic encounter with God. For more information, visit thevigilproject.com

Lord Teach Me To Pray invites you to attend the 10th Annual Weekend of Prayer March 30 – April 2 at the Airport Hilton Hotel in New Orleans. Participants must register in Advance. Flyers are available at each of the Church exits.

"We want to pray more, we want to fast more and we want to give more alms to the poor, so that we can unite ourselves to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. And I promise you that if this Lent you take on the challenge of not abstaining from something you like, but really commit yourself to maybe one day of fasting during the week, or even two days or more, whatever it is that you need to do, to giving alms and to praying more frequently with more intensity, I promise you will see that this Lent will be a different Lent. It will be grace filled, it is going to be a time where you really are united in a closer way to Jesus and to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." Dr. Brant Pitre

School Subsidy Policy

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

Mar 15: In-Parish Registration Begins

Mar 17: Children's Mass 8:15 am/Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm

Mar 22: Open Registration Begins

St. Alphonsus PTO is sponsoring a raffle to support the school. Disney Dreaming \$5,000 Disney vacation giveaway. Tickets are \$50.00 and the drawing will be March 24th.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Mar 13: Spring Holiday – No School

Mar 17: Mass 9:40 a.m. / Report Cards

Mar 17-19: Diocese of Biloxi Youth Convention



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, March 19th from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$6.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.



Congratulations to James Starnes - He was the fifth winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Angela Westbrook.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Vito Canizaro, Sr., Sally Fero Conklin, Joy Cronin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Marthann Ello, Jackie Endt, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Joey Fountain, Carmen Gaethe, Margaret Miller Griffith, Doris Haynes, Jay Holtorf, 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, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley Norman, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Amy Petitjean, Nony Raether, Anna Riley, Pat Reiling, Elba Smolcich, Edna Spell, Rust Stallings, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templet, Dolores Trenouth, Tommy Underwood, Ted Ursu, and Jane Walker.

Little Way of the Cross

We Adore Thee oh Christ and we Praise You, because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

O My God, I believe, I Adore, I hope and I love you, and I ask forgiveness for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor Love You.

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need of your mercy.

Grant that I may Love You always and then do with me what You will. Amen.

**Altar Society Members for next week:
Jean Michaud and Joicelyn Mayfield**