



**The Poinsettias for Christmas are in Memory Of or in Honor Of the following:**

Ligaya Camagong, Tam Bao, Leonor Tam, Bart Camagong, Maria Camagong, Facundo Camagong, Antonio Camagong, Rodolfo Camagong, Virgil Camagong, Thom Murphy, Melba Lindner, Joe and Marguerite Mihojevich, Charlotte Ann Pisarich, Frances and Curtis Tootle, Donald Tiblier, John Tiblier, Peyton Kostmayer, Taylor Cook, Paul Brant, Raymond Chandler, William Ray, Robert Nelson, Becky and George Quiter, Jeffrey Render, John Reilly, Toyoko Reilly, Margery Render, Deen Leach, Deceased Members of the Wagener Family, Alan Young, Alson Young, Gay Young, Oris Danise, Mae H. Danise, Mary Inez Danise, James Tony Danise, Baby Girl Timmons, Glenn Brune, The Leon Seymour Family, The Arnot Smith Family, The Auger Family and Friends, Shirod Miller, Sr., Mae Miller Jerry Miller, Herschel Vail, The Miller Family, The Webber Family, The Raether Family, The Oakes Family, W.R. and Patsy Prouse, Louis Trebotich, Joe Trebotich, Tina Trebotich, Pat Trebotich, Ernie and Madeline Keenan, David Munger, In Memory of Friends & Family of the Paul and Renee McKinney Family, Leonard E. Gavins, The Carl Koellner Family, Larry Duncan, Jose Ramos, Frances Bernal, Andrew Bernal, Jack and Margaret Seymour, Jack Seymour Jr., Sherry Seymour, A.V. and Iris Holloway, The Hosey Family, The Cole Family, Frank and Grace Mobley, Dorothy and Robbin McKinnon, The O'Connor Family, The Shebanek Family, Beatrice Roper, The Frammersberger Family, Richard Porterfield, Linda Mayer, Nettie Beauegz Jones, Patrick Robinson, Jo Anne Strayham, Anne and J.J. Strayham, The Skelton Family, The Perry Family, Rose Sullivan,

John Powell, Joe Zasa, Rick Braswell, Steve Trebotich, Helen Trebotich, Barbara Iachino, Jenny Woodrum, Mr. & Mrs. Matt P. Lyons, Mr. & Mrs. A.O. "Herman" Soares, Mr. & Mrs. Schwart, Mr. & Mrs. Selman Sr., Jo Ann Wavra, Joe and Henrietta Wavra, Joe and Angie Weber, Jeanette and Bob Mapes, Chad Wavra, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Joseph Brannon, Bill and Dot Collins, Jane Buck Collins, Evelyn L. Collins, William G. Collins, Sophia Mohler, Verona Mohler, The Mitchell Family, The Kittle Family, The Yates Family, Michael Rahalski, Adolf Torzanski, Anthony Rocco Sr., The Riviere Family, The Burdine Family, The Bennett Family, The Bishop Family, The Salik Family, The Gianelloni Family, Ben DeSantis, Norman and Mildred Eckert, Roland and Mildred Hymel, Edward Eckert, Bill Eckert, Wilma and Leslie Trauth, Glenn and Eleanor Young, Toney and Margie Terretta, Kyle and Bea Vance, George Cannette Sr., George C. Fero, Thomas George Fero, George W. and Veronica Fero, Thomas F. and Marie Mathieu, Henry and Sylvia Diaz, Dennis Seymour, Kathi Seymour, Irvin L. and Myrtle Haydel Sr., Edwin and Ester Broussard, Blanche Bienvenue, Joe and Lucille Ross, Ottis Conway, Floyd Balius, Melba Balius, Olius and Della Sonnier, The Sonnier Family, J.P. Goff, June Krohn, Steve Castleman, Judy Fremin, Leda Clemence, Elizabeth Sanford, Monica Goretski, James Howard Clack, Alice Hire, Theresa Davidson, Ralph P. King Sr., Jason S. King, The Norman Family, The John R. Seymour Family, Mary Wenks, Patricia Flanagan, Donald Flanagan Sr., Mary Ann Fernald, John Flanagan, Daniel Flanagan, Mary Perry, John Perry, Cecila Perry, Joseph Perry, John Jr. Perry, BuFord Cooper, Mary Cooper, James Cooper, William and Maureen Lomax, Ron Gray, George Perry, Russ Jordan, Carley Jordan, Brittany Jordan, George Pitalo Sr., Greg Hebert, Mr. & Mrs. William King, Mrs. Frances Wood, Bobby Bosarge, Mary Ladnier Bosarge, Deacon Greg Miller, Sister Eileen Lowney, Melissa Lee, Padre Quinn, Blessed Mother Mary, Nora Mestayer, Manuel Oliveria, Nella Sauls, Mercedes H. Lopez, Ken Kortman,

Craig Kortman, My Friends & Family, Joycelyn A. Webb, Mrs. Joan Ryan, Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Ryan, Smokey Hill, Joyce Hill, Brian Hill, Huey Hill, Chuckie Hill Gloria and Bill Davis, Chip Houlahan, Mr. & Mrs. Crawford Rushing, Phillip Trochesset, Family Members, Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Mitchell, Bart Brewer, Mike Mitchell Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Salters, Jim Salters, Richard Salters, Bertie Varnado, Bernadette Schultz, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar L. Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Benzie Zeider, Shannon Beverin, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar M. Mitchell, Curtis Marsh, Andrew Clayton, Tommy Stephens, Sue Lepoma, Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Broadway, Isabel Goggans, Robert D. Mitchell, The Eagan Family, The Di John Family, The Senac Family, The Pingle Family, Mary and Sandy Saunders, Lavon Saunders, James D. Stuart Jr., Laura and Fred Howell, Mary and Oscar Mitchell, Mary Stuart, Luigi C. Fiorenza, Nick Fiorenza, Hilda Fiorenza, Adam "Frenchie" Bourgeois, Miriam Bourgeois, Sister Eileen, The C. A. Banks Family, The Jos. W. Holden Family, Walter Ryan, Catherine Ryan, Cyril Ryan, Joan Ryan, Lisa Daniels, Dick Daniels, George Sliman, David Ralph Allen Sr., The Francis Catchot Family, The Jimmy Spell Family, Priest and Nuns from Diocese of Biloxi, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Josephite Priest & Special Intention.



**The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.**



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>

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.



**The bookstore is closed for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$10,349.90  
 Christmas Collection.....\$11,320.35  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Horace "H.P." Gaudet**, brother of Oberia Hawkins of this parish, who passed away December 16<sup>th</sup>.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY JANUARY 1**  
 Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

6:30 am Simon and Barbara Latour  
 8:15 am Elvin Asher Family

**TUESDAY JANUARY 2**

1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28  
 6:30 am Mr. Robert "Bob" Mitchell  
 8:15 am Ms. Marian Sullivan

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3**

1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34  
 6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.  
 8:15 am Mr. Tony Davidson

**THURSDAY JANUARY 4**

1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42  
 6:30 am Ms. Melissa Roberts Lee  
 8:15 am Patsy and Joe Fountain

**FRIDAY JANUARY 5**

1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51  
 6:30 am Mr. Terry Miller  
 8:15 am Ms. Joyce Webb

**SATURDAY JANUARY 6**

1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11  
 8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.  
 Mr. Gregory Hebert  
 Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Mr. Randy Seymour  
**SUNDAY JANUARY 7**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12  
 7:30 am Ms. Dot McKinnon  
 9:00 am Mr. W.C. "Speedy" Brondum  
 11:30 am Mr. Charles Arthur Koreski  
 5:30 pm Congregation

**Altar Society Members for next week  
 Mary Ann Bounds & Lois Ravera**



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Quinn Boudreaux, Carole Bourgeois, Gregory Brou, Valerie Brou, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Pat Cronin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Tyler Eldridge, 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, Daisie Laborde, John Langan, Nathaniel LaSalle, Catherine Lawrence, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Patricia Merlau, Edna Migues, Eunice Misko, Margaret Murray, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Nowel, Luke Nudson, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Anna Raley, Brenda Sargent, Karen Skrmetta Smith, Joe Souza, Edna Spell, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Stan Stanton, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers and Jane Walker.

If someone in your family is in need of prayer, please contact the parish office to have their name placed on the list. We will keep the name on for at least two months unless otherwise notified.

**Religious Education News**

Pat Cronin – 872-2652; [pcronin@cablone.net](mailto:pcronin@cablone.net); [www.stal.cc](http://www.stal.cc)

**Jan 1:** No New Wine  
**Jan 4:** RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.  
**Jan 7:** Religious Education 10:10 a.m.  
 Adult Study Class 10:10 a.m.  
 Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

**Family and Youth Calendar**

Jane Sema 228-217-1392 [jsema@osstalphonus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonus.org)

As we build our youth programs we are looking for young adults and parents to help with activities for our youth. If you are interested in helping us build a **DYNAMIC YOUTH PROGRAM** contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392.

**Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship**

Come and join our group as we study The Saints. The group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday from September through May, in the Family and Youth office in back of the Parish Hall.

**ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL**

**Jan 1-3:** No School – Christmas Holidays  
**Jan 5:** Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL**

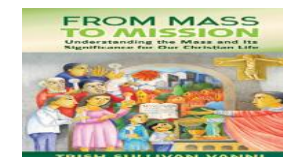
**Jan 1-3:** No School – Christmas Holidays  
**Jan 5:** Report Cards



**The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus are now selling tickets for a "10 week" drawing for \$10.00 each.** Each week, for nine weeks, a ticket will be drawn for \$50.00. The 'winning' ticket then goes back into the 'barrel' until the last week when a \$500.00, \$200.00, and \$100.00 winner will be pulled. First drawing will be February 18, 2018. For tickets contact Carl Brochard, 228-327-0066 or Chuck Nannery, 228-875-0267. All proceeds will benefit the Seminarian Education Fund.



**Kelsey Gunkel (daughter of Deacon Jim & Toni Gunkel) has been accepted to serve as a volunteer with NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries in 2018.** Net is a peer-to-peer Catholic youth ministry organization that encourages young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church. Kelsey will serve on a team with NET Ministries in Australia from January – November 2018. This is not government funded, therefore Kelsey is responsible for raising \$7,200 (of the \$13,000 needed for each missionary) prior to beginning her ministry. If you would like to help Kelsey reach her goal, you may donate at [netministries.com/au/sponsorship](http://netministries.com/au/sponsorship) – this link goes directly to the Sponsorship Page where you will be able to insert Kelsey's name. If you have any further questions or wish to know more about this mission work, you may contact Kelsey directly at 228-219-1155 or [kelsey.gunkel@gmail.com](mailto:kelsey.gunkel@gmail.com).



**St. Elizabeth Seton invites all men to attend a five session program, FROM MASS TO MISSION, on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Fannon Hall beginning January 8<sup>th</sup>.** In this program, you will learn not only the parts of the mass and the meaning, but also why you go to mass and what you are called to do after mass. To register, call Jon Rivera at 327-1585 or the office at 875-0654. The cost for materials is \$3.00.