

As the Israelites journeyed through the desert, Moses provided them with the life-saving gift of ordinary water. Jesus, the new Moses, gives the people something infinitely better – ‘living water’, a share in the very life of God.

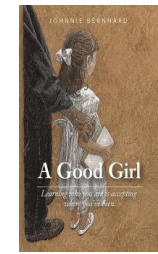
The further thirst: There is a thirst in every human heart. Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman. We are thirsting for something, something that will satisfy all our longings. But often we search in the wrong places. We draw water from many wells: the water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem; the water of success to quench our thirst for importance; the water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy...But we still get thirsty. Only God can give us what we are looking for. He alone can cause a spring to well up inside us. The water from this spring will sustain us in our journey to the Promised Land of eternal life.



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 April 3rd – 7th. 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.

Upcoming Lenten Penitential Services

- March 29:** Sacred Heart, D'Iberville 7:00 p.m.
- April 5:** St. Elizabeth Seton 7:00 p.m.
- April 6:** St. Alphonsus 7:00 p.m.
- April 10:** Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi 7:00 p.m.



Catholic Fiction today is a dying art form. Parishioner and author, Johnnie Bernhard, breaks through the secular literary market with “**A Good Girl**”, a novel which examines the numbing work of raising children and burying parents. On Sunday, April 2nd, after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses, join us for a porch party at our bookstore to meet Johnnie for a book signing. You can learn more about Johnnie at her website <http://johnniebernhardauthor.com/a-good-girl>

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 Nicholas Walsh, March 5, 1995
- Reverend William J. Vollar, March 2, 2011
- Reverend Gerard M. Cleary, March 9, 2015
- Reverend Msgr. James J. Hannon, March 16, 2008
- Reverend Msgr. Eamon Mullen, March 19, 1992
- Reverend Msgr. Thomas E. Williams, March 25, 1983,
- Reverend James P. McGlade, March 31, 1980



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 Migues, Deacon Greg Miller, Eunice Misko, Robert M. Mitchell, Margaret Murray, Sophia Myers, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, 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 Temple, Dolores Trenouth, Tommy Underwood, Ted Ursu, and Jane Walker.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MONDAY | MARCH 20 |
| 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a | |
| 6:30 am | Mr. R.J. Domingue |
| 8:15 am | Mr. Robert Mohler |
| TUESDAY | MARCH 21 |
| Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 | |
| 6:30 am | Ms. Kay Taylor |
| 8:15 am | Ms. Marguerite Mihojevich |
| WEDNESDAY | MARCH 22 |
| Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 | |
| 6:30 am | Mr. Erasmo Anchondo |
| 8:15 am | Ms. Jean Pierre |
| THURSDAY | MARCH 23 |
| Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 | |
| 6:30 am | Ms. Patricia Gunkel |
| 8:15 am | Ms. Karen Mary Pisarich Mr. Randy Pisarich |
| FRIDAY | MARCH 24 |
| Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 | |
| 6:30 am | Mr. Terry Miller |
| 8:15 am | Mr. Waldermar Arroyo Santiago |
| SATURDAY | MARCH 25 |
| Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 | |
| 8:15 am | Int. Mr. Jordan Moon Int. Mr. Gary Moon Mr. Harry Leaghty Ms. Doris Jarrett Mr. Nolly DuBose Nhat Tran Thanksgiving to St. Jude Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers |
| 4:00 pm | Catchot Family – Albertine, Arthur, Arthur Jr. |
| SUNDAY | MARCH 26 |
| 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 | |
| 7:30 am | Mr. Henry Endt, Sr. |
| 9:00 am | Congregation |
| 11:30 am | Int. Ms. Katie Swanson Mr. Ken Swanson |
| 5:30 pm | Ms. Ligaya Camagong |

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection..... \$12,391.88
 Black & Indian Mission Collection.....\$ 1,733.90
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Jean Ryan, stepmother of Nancy Letort of this parish, who passed away March 9th.

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

**Altar Society Members for next week:
 Kay Brochard and Norma Williams**

Pray for Vocations

For information, go to www.biloxidiocese.org

Religious Education News

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

- Mar 23:** RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 26:** RCIA Second Scrutiny 7:30 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
 Confirmandi Retreat, Parish Hall, 3:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Family and Youth Calendar

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

- Mar 22:** Parent Group Family and Youth Office, 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 23:** High School Youth Group (15-18 years old),
 Family and Youth Office, 6:00 pm
- Mar 26:** Middle School Youth Group (10-14 years old)
 Family and Youth Office 4:00-5:00 p.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 and also at the Villa Maria on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.



Stations of the Cross are held each Monday morning in the Church after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, Friday afternoon by the school children at 2:30 p.m., at the Villa Maria on Friday at 3:00 p.m., and again in the Church on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. with the Way of the Cross followed by Mass. All are invited.

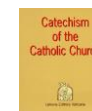


St. Michael Church in Biloxi has a part-time position of Parish Secretary open. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Essential skills: Computer (office, excel, access, publisher and QuickBooks), dealing with the public, answering the phone with accurate messages, general office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

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



White Coats and Wine, a wine tasting event benefiting the St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy, will be held on April 6th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi. Tickets are \$100 Individual, \$150 per Couple. For more information call 228-374-9097 or visit www.svdprx.org



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



Morning Star Pregnancy Center wishes to thank everyone who supported the Knights of Columbus “Baby Shower”. Many great baby items, as well as monetary gifts, were received and will be very helpful to all the new mothers.

****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 20:** Spring Holiday – No School
- Mar 21:** PTO Meeting, Parish Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 22:** Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m. / Report Cards
 Open Registration Begins
- Mar 24:** Children’s Mass 8:15 am/Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm
 Drawing for Disney Dreaming \$5,000 Disney Vacation Giveaway. Tickets \$50.00.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

St. Patrick Catholic High School is now enrolling students for the 2017-2018 school year. At St. Patrick Catholic High School, our faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions.

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

- Mar 23:** Mass 9:40 a.m.
- Mar 24-25:** MSASC Student Council Convention



Congratulations to Daniel Pasquini - He was the sixth winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Nick Balius.



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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Attention Graduating Seniors: There are two \$500 Scholarships available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away this year. 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**