

**The Gospel story is a lesson on growth in faith.** The climax of the story comes when the man makes a profession of faith in Jesus, 'Lord, I believe.' His journey from blindness to sight symbolizes the journey from unbelief to faith, which is a journey from darkness to light. St. Paul says, 'Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord' (Second Reading). Sadly, while the blind man opens more and more to the light, the Pharisees, who are physically sighted, become more and more spiritually blind. In giving sight to a blind man Jesus shows that he is 'the light of the world'.

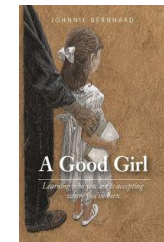
The First Reading talks about the depth of God's seeing. While people look at appearance, God looks at the heart.

**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.



**The Altar Society is accepting donations for the decorating of the Church on Easter Sunday.** Parishioners may donate the flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Envelopes are in the pews. When complete, envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Rectory. Please print names clearly on the envelope. The deadline for making a donation is Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore invites everyone to a porch party** next Sunday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>) after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses to meet our parishioner, Johnnie Bernhard, for a book signing of her new novel "A Good Girl". For more information on Johnnie and her book please visit her website at <http://johnniebernhardauthor.com/a-good-girl>.



**First Holy Communion is around the corner.** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore will be taking orders for personalized First Communion Bibles beginning this weekend (March 25/26) and ending the weekend of April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to come by the store and see our assortment of First Communion gifts.



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**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.

**Altar Society Member for next week:  
Fern Kelly**

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 27</b>
Isaiah 65:17-21	John 4:43-54
6:30 am	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 am	Ms. Irene Nelson Powers
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 28</b>
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12;	John 5:1-16
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 am	Mr. Bill Eckert
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 29</b>
Isaiah 49:8-15;	John 5:17-30
6:30 am	Ms. Honorbelle Dansby
8:15 am	Mr. Glen Skelton
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 30</b>
Exodus 32:7-14;	John 5:31-47
6:30 am	Mr. Hubert "Smokey" Hill
8:15 am	Mr. Paul Bishop
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 31</b>
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22;	John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
6:30 am	Ms. Inez Danise
8:15 am	Mr. Albert Mangin, Jr.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b>
Jeremiah 11:18-20;	John 7:40-53
8:15 am	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr. Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan Mr. Gregory Hebert Mr. Nolan Fremin Mr. Wayne Alliston, Jr. Ms. Connie Seymour Phuong Tran Mr. Ken Reiling
4:00 pm	Mr. Ken Reiling
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 2</b>
Ezekiel 37:12-14;	Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
7:30 am	Ms. Dot McKinnon
9:00 am	The Collins Family
11:30 am	Ms. Mary Virginia Foley
5:30 pm	Congregation

# WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection..... \$12,727.05  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Vito Canizaro, Sr., Sally Fero Conklin, 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 Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley Norman, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Nony Raether, Anna Riley, Pat Reiling, Elba Smolcich, Edna Spell, Rust Stallings, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Tommy Underwood, Ted Ursu, and Jane Walker.

# Religious Education News

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

- Mar 30:** RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
- April 2:** Religious Education 10:10 a.m.  
Adult Study Class 10:10 a.m. EPIC - a study on Church History  
RCIA Third Scrutiny 11:30 a.m. Mass  
Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds  
No Confirmation Class

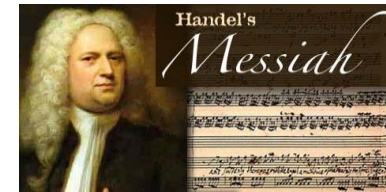
# Family and Youth Calendar

Jane Sema 228-217-1392 [janesema84@gmail.com](mailto:janesema84@gmail.com)

- Mar 26 & Apr 2:** Middle School Youth Group (10-14 years old)  
Family and Youth Office 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Mar 30:** High School Youth Group (15-18 years old),  
Family and Youth Office, 6:00 pm
- Apr 12:** Parent Group Family and Youth Office, 9:00 a.m.
- June 12-16: SAVE THE DATE - CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP**  
Registration begins April 30<sup>th</sup>.



**White Coats and Wine**, a wine tasting event benefiting the St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy, will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.svdprx.org).



**Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus, Sixty-Fifth Season, 2017 spring performances of Handel's Oratorio The Messiah** will be held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Pascagoula First United Methodist Church (2710 Pascagoula Street) and Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. at Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (4303 Tennessee Ave., Gulfport). The admission is free and is open to the public.



**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](http://myparishapp.com). **FORMED:** Need a place where you can stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere?? St. Alphonsus has a purchased subscription from Formed.org, which gives St. Alphonsus parishioners' FREE access to high quality Catholic programs, movies, downloadable audios and downloadable e-books. To gain access to the website go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), enter our Parish Code f1f5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password and start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place!

# \*\*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.

# ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Mar 31:** Children's Mass 8:15 am/Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm

# ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

At St. Patrick Catholic High School, our faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions.

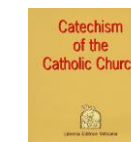
To learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit our website at [www.stpatrickhighschool.net](http://www.stpatrickhighschool.net). For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please contact Mr. Matt Buckley at 228-702-0500.

- Mar 27:** USM Health Fair
- Mar 30:** Adoration 9:40 a.m.
- April 1:** Prom 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.



**Congratulations to Germaine Quiter** - She was the seventh winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Tyler Jackson.

**Attention Graduating Seniors:** There are two \$500 Scholarships available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Rodney Fountain at [rodney@rfountaincpa.com](mailto:rodney@rfountaincpa.com) to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 1, 2017**



**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.

# UPCOMING TRAVELS

- June 2-11, 2017:** 8 Night and 9 Day Tour of Ireland with Fr. Louis Lohan. Total cost from Gulfport is \$3,789 per person.
- June 5-16, 2017:** Poland and Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. Mike Snyder and Fr. Anthony Odiong. Total cost from New Orleans is \$3,885 per person.
- November 7-17, 2017:** 11 Day Spain Pilgrimage with Fatima and Lourdes hosted by Fr. Mike Austin. Total cost from New Orleans is \$3,699 per person.

**Websites that may be good for people with problems, addictions, etc.:**  
[www.americanaddictioncenters.org](http://www.americanaddictioncenters.org); [www.narcononcolorado.org](http://www.narcononcolorado.org);  
[www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org); [www.catholicdivorce.com](http://www.catholicdivorce.com);  
[www.cancersupportcommunity.org](http://www.cancersupportcommunity.org); [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org);  
[www.catholicmenconquerporn.com](http://www.catholicmenconquerporn.com); [www.yourbrainonporn.com](http://www.yourbrainonporn.com)