

John's main aim is to elicit faith in Jesus and to show the effects of faith in him. "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe." And the story ends with the words: "Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him." Martha is presented as a model of faith. In defiance of the evidence, she makes a wonderful profession of faith: "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world."

Jesus is the source of life, not just physical life, but the undying life of God. This new life is not a mere future hope but a present reality which physical death, despite appearances, does not negate. The key words in the story are: "I am the resurrection and the life." The delay in coming to Martha and Mary, and the fact that Lazarus has been dead for four days, serve to underline the point the evangelist is making, namely, that Jesus is the Master of life and death.



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 (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

- 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 next Sunday (April 9th).

- Apr 11:** Chrism Mass at Nativity BVM Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.
- Apr 13:** Mass of Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet Hispanic 4:30 p.m.; English 7:00 pm
- Apr 14:** Passion Play by St. Alphonsus School 3:00 p.m. Reading of Passion w/Veneration of the Cross Hispanic 4:30 p.m.; English 7:00 p.m. Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence
- Apr 15:** Easter Vigil, Baptism & Profession of Faith, 7:15 p.m.
- Apr 16:** Easter Sunday Masses - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m., Hispanic Mass 2:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, April 5th 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 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



Fill your Easter Baskets with gifts of love! Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore offers a wonderful assortment of gifts, rosaries, books and Bibles for everyone on your Easter list.



There is still time to order a **personalized First Communion Bible**. Orders will be taken at the bookstore through April 9th.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of John Cruso, Sr., brother of Mildred Caillavet of this parish, who passed away March 24th.

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	APRIL 3
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 John 8:1-11	
6:30 am	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 am	Ms. Mary Catherine Holliman
TUESDAY	APRIL 4
Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30	
6:30 am	Ms. Clara Hornsby
8:15 am	Ms. Norma McDermott
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 5
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42	
6:30 am	Audrey, Claire and Margaret Brou
8:15 am	Int. Larry and Arlene Murph
THURSDAY	APRIL 6
Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59	
6:30 am	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 am	Ms. Iris Holloway
FRIDAY	APRIL 7
Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42	
6:30 am	Frank and Rose Facente
8:15 am	Ms. Armella "Melsie" Mangin
SATURDAY	APRIL 8
Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56	
8:15 am	Mr. Bobby Beaugez
	Mr. Donal Snyder, Sr.
	Mr. Nguyen
	Special Intention C.M.
	Int. Ms. Jackie Endt
	Int. Mr. Eugene Pinkert, Jr.
	Int. for Reparation
4:00 pm	Mr. Danny Ross
SUNDAY	APRIL 9
Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66	
7:30 am	Congregation
9:00 am	Ms. Diane Farragut
11:30 am	Mr. Gary Gollott
5:30 pm	Ms. Mary Ladnier Bosarge
	Mr. Bobby Bosarge

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection..... \$11,584.03
 Catholic Relief Service Collection.....\$ 1,775.77
 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, 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, Ruth Neeley, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley Norman, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Nony Raether, Anna Riley, Pat Reiling, Elba Smolcich, Edna Spell, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templett, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Tommy Underwood, Ted Ursu, and Jane Walker.

Religious Education News

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- Apr 6:** RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 9:** No 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

Family and Youth Calendar

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- Apr 2, 9, 30:** Middle School Youth Group (10-14 years old) Family and Youth Office 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Apr 6, 13, 27:** High School Youth Group (15-18 years old), Family and Youth Office, 6:00 pm
- Apr 12, 26:** Parent Group Family and Youth Office, 9:00 a.m.
- June 12-16: SAVE THE DATE - CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP** Registration begins April 30th.



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.



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



The Altar Society will decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday, April 15th. Anyone wishing to help is asked to please meet in the Church at 9:00 a.m.



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.



Congratulations to Maddie Hilton - She was the eighth winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Jennifer Brickson.

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 to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 1, 2017**

**Altar Society Members for next week:
Lois Leaghty and Mary Ann Bounds**

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

Apr 3-7: ITBS Annual Testing

Apr 7: 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. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please contact Mr. Matt Buckley at 228-702-0500.

Apr 3-5: ITBS Testing

Apr 6: Mass 9:40 a.m.

Apr 7: ACT Boost Seminar 10th & 11th Grades

Apr 8: ACT / Spring Drama Production 6:30 p.m.

Apr 9: Spring Drama Production 2:00 p.m.

The Foundation of St. Patrick Inaugural Event

Sunday, April 9th, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at The Dock on Seaway Road in Gulfport.

The Foundation of St. Patrick was formed to assist in its endeavor to not only continue its current standard of excellence, but to continue to strive for even greater achievements. These donations provide supporters of Catholic education a tax deductible means of providing donations to support St. Patrick. The initial goals of the foundation have been identified as free transportation to the school, tuition assistance, and increasing teacher compensation. In addition, a portion of those donations are placed into a perpetual fund whose investment growth will provide the school with long-term support.

Consider being a part of the tradition of quality Catholic education on the Mississippi Gulf Coast!



The Knights of Columbus will sell Seafood Gumbo dinners / Stuffed Crab plates on Friday, April 14th (Good Friday) in the KC Hall.



Seafood Gumbo dinners will come with potato salad or coleslaw and bread and the (2) Stuffed Crab plates will come with green beans, potato salad or coleslaw and bread.

Cost: \$7.00 each/combo \$11.00. Carry out begins at 3:00 p.m. and Dine In from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (or until run out). Tea will be available for dine in only.

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 Jack Wesley Smith, April 19, 1983

Reverend Sylvester Hynes, April 29, 1994