

**The reading from Acts is part of an early sermon of Peter.** In it he summarizes the ministry of Jesus, which culminated in his death. But it did not end there; God raised him to life, allowing him to be seen by certain witnesses, Peter among them. He goes on to declare that Jesus is the one all the prophets spoke about (the Messiah). All who believe in him will have their sins forgiven.

The Gospel tells about the discovery of the empty tomb. The empty tomb (with the discarded linen cloths) in itself is not a direct proof of the resurrection. Nevertheless, it was the first step towards establishing the truth that Jesus had escaped the bonds of death, and prepared the disciples to encounter the Risen Lord.

Many readings in the Easter cycle instruct the newly baptized on the Christian way of life. Today's Second Reading and its alternative are good examples. Thus the Easter season provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be baptized members of Christ's Body.



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## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,895.34  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Brenda Sargent**, daughter of Wiley & Susan Newman and sister of Gertrude Newman of this parish, who passed away March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Margaret Murray**, mother of Tiffany Mentor and sister of Annette (Anthony) Straight of this parish, who passed away March 26<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



**Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, mournfully asked His disciples, "Could you not watch with me one hour?"**

Come, let us adore and thank Him. Please make time to visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel.

"Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him".  
--St. Teresa of Calcutta

**The Blessed Sacrament** will not be exposed in the Chapel until after the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. The Chapel will still be open for anyone wishing to make their Holy Hour.



**The Parish Office** will be closed Easter Monday (April 2). Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**The bulletin cover was designed by Katherine Wall, child of Mark and Allison Wall of this parish and student at St. Alphonsus Elementary.**

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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY APRIL 2

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

6:30 am Mr. Carlton Latour

8:15 am Int. Ms. Jackie Endt

TUESDAY APRIL 3

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

6:30 am Ms. Melissa Roberts Lee

8:15 am Ms. Linda Mayer

WEDNESDAY APRIL 4

Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.

8:15 am Int. Ms. Courtney Severino

THURSDAY APRIL 5

Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

6:30 am Mr. Terry Miller

8:15 am Mr. Donald Cole

FRIDAY APRIL 6

Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

6:30 am Ms. Connie Seymour

8:15 am Ms. Mary Skaar

SATURDAY APRIL 7

Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

8:15 am Mr. George Pitolo, Sr.

Mr. Gregory Hebert

Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Mr. Bobby Beugez

SUNDAY APRIL 8

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Mr. Ricky Riviere

11:30 am Mr. Alson Young

5:30 pm Ms. Brandy Lesso Hebert

**May the Risen Lord grant us the gift of faith to truly believe in the Resurrection, and recognize His tremendous love for us this Easter.**

As we end our Lenten journey, we are grateful for your support of the 2018 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your prayers and financial support helps the Church to continue the works of the Lord Jesus. If you have not yet made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes are available at each of the exits of the Church.

Please make all checks payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail your pledge directly to the Diocese. You may also give online at [www.biloxidiocese.org/catholic-sharing-appeal](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/catholic-sharing-appeal).

To date 155 pledges (out of 1047 registered families) have been made which total **\$65,668**. This gives us a total of **\$4,671** over our parish goal of **\$60,997**. Remember – since our parish reached its goal, all funds raised over our goal will be returned to the parish for our use. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</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.

## Pray for Vocations

## Religious Education News

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

**Apr 2:** New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.

**Apr 5:** RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**Apr 8:** Religious Education / Adult Study 10:10 a.m.

Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

Confirmation Retreat, Parish Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Family and Youth Calendar

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

## \*\*School Subsidy Policy\*\*

### Registration for the 2018/2019 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 2-6:** No School Spring Break

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Apr 2-6:** No School Spring Break



### A Meet and Greet to Welcome Fr. Chinnappa

**Mark to St. Alphonsus Parish** will be held on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Because several parishioners have asked about liturgical items Fr. Mark is in need of, we have asked him

to give us a list. Here are the items: clergy shirts, stole for blessing, alb, pyx, oil stock, holy water sprinkler (small size), books for the Sacrament of Baptism, Marriage or Funeral, book of Saints and a portable Mass kit. Please watch the bulletin for more detailed information next week.

**Financial Peace University** will offer a 9-week class at St. Joseph Church in Gulfport beginning April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Depew Hall. This class will cover all areas of personal finance, focusing on using a budget, getting out of debt, and building wealth. For more information, contact Ed Brennan at 228-234-7601 or [ed.brennan@hii-ingalls.com](mailto:ed.brennan@hii-ingalls.com).



### 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 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<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.



**Congratulations to Jerry Bourgeois** – He was the sixth winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Jeret Beck, Jr.