

**In the First Reading Peter shows great courage when he confronts the people with their part in the death of Jesus.** However, he goes on to excuse them on the grounds that they acted in ignorance. In this he may have been inspired by the dying prayer of Jesus: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." He urges them to repent, assuring them that if they do, their sins will be forgiven.

In the Gospel Luke's primary interest is to show that the risen Jesus is the same person the apostles had known prior to the crucifixion. He emphasizes the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection, but makes it clear that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death.

It was only by combining various passages from the prophets that the early Christians came to accept the idea that a suffering Messiah was part of God's plan of salvation. So Luke has the risen Lord showing the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and so enter into his glory. Jesus also gives them a mission – the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

In the Second Reading John says that authentic love is proved by obedience to the commandments. Anticipating that the Christian will sin, he reminds us that we have in Jesus an advocate who will plead our cause. One theme occurs in all three readings: forgiveness is available to those who repent and believe in Jesus as their Savior. This has great relevance for us. A lot of ugly crimes are committed today, not all of which can be put down to ignorance. But if there is forgiveness for those who killed Jesus, then surely there is forgiveness for those who do these things. The task of preachers of the word is to assure people that God's forgiveness is available to them, thus enabling them to make a fresh start.



**An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**

**What is the Altar Society Responsible for?** Changing the altar clothes; straightening up the pews each week; taking care of the altar server vestments; keeping the purificators and corporals clean; taking care of the flowers and the candles.

The Altar Society is in desperate need of help – male or female of any age. You only need to give an hour of your time once a month to make a difference. No special talent – just time.

Please call Norma at 228-239-0891 or Rose 228-697-2892 or the Rectory 875-5419 to volunteer.



**"In the first Resurrection appearance of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, utterly heartbroken, desperate to find His missing body, recognized Jesus by the sound of His Voice calling her name. That cadence, that tenderness, could only be Jesus. Alive!" Living Faith**

Jesus calls each of us by name to Him in The Most Blessed Sacrament...then, waits. Visit the Adoration Chapel and spend some quiet time with the Lord...allow Him to fill your heart with the Hope of Easter.

"Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him".

--St. Teresa of Calcutta

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Your prayers are requested for the deceased Priests and Deacons who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

- Deacon Paul Bradford, April 9, 2013
- Reverend Jack Wesley Smith, April 19, 1983
- Reverend Sylvester Hynes, April 29, 1994
- Deacon Charles Walker, April 30, 2012
- Reverend Msgr. Patrick J. Carey, May 1, 1979
- Reverend Msgr. Patrick K. Bambrick, May 1, 2002
- Reverend John T. O'Brien, May 18, 2009



**The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of JoAnn Wavra**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 16</b>
Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29	
6:30 am	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 am	Mr. Joey Trebotich
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 17</b>
Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35	
6:30 am	Int. Ms. Pippin Hickman
8:15 am	Mr. Raymond Egers
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 18</b>
Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40	
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 am	Rosario and Artemio Soliman
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 19</b>
Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51	
6:30 am	Mr. Smokey Hill
8:15 am	Int. Mr. Manuel Severino
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 20</b>
Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59	
6:30 am	Mr. Richard "Dick" Smith
8:15 am	Ms. Jean Nettles
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 21</b>
Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69	
8:15 am	Int. Mr. Michael Koehn
4:00 pm	Mr. Leo Noble
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 22</b>
Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18	
7:30 am	Special Intention
9:00 am	William, Dot, William G., Evelyn & Jane Buck Collins
11:30 am	Congregation
5:30 pm	Mrs. Vara Lyons

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$12,343.15  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Evelyn Bond, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Quinn Boudreaux, Carole Bourgeois, Gregory Brou, Valerie Brou, Clarence Brown,

Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Tyler Eldridge, Jackie Endt, Jeremy Forehand, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Joey Fountain, Ron Fournier, Carmen Gaethe, Walter Gary, Hunter Grantham, Doris Haynes, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Margaret Betty Horton, Lucia Hourihan, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Earline Huster, Tommy Jones, Theresa Jones, Clarence Jordan, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Kyle Vaugh Kerbow, Audrey King, Ann Eleece Kouns, Jeff Kouns, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, John Langan, Nathaniel LaSalle, Catherine Lawrence, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Edna Miguez, Eunice Misko, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Noel, Luke Nudson, Edwin O'Connor III, Teresa O'Connor, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Anna Raley, Jimmy Senac, Larry Sladler, Karen Skrmetta Smith, Edna Spell, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Dennis Stamps, Stan Stanton, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers and Jane Walker.

**Pray for Vocations**

**Religious Education News**

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

- Apr 16:** New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 19:** RCIA -- ADORE 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Confirmation Rehearsal, Church, 5:30 p.m.
- Apr 20:** Sacrament of Confirmation, Church, 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 22:** Religious Education / Adult Study 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@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org)



**Youth Group:** We will begin a "God's Not Dead" Trilogy beginning Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Anyone in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and collage age individuals are welcome to attend. We will show God's Not Dead on April 22<sup>nd</sup>; God's Not Dead 2 on April 29<sup>th</sup>; and on May 6<sup>th</sup> we will go to see God's Not Dead 3 in the theater.

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.



**CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP**  
**JUNE 18 -22, 2018**  
**REGISTRATION begins May 7<sup>th</sup>**



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Dinner and \$3,000 Drawdown event in support of St. Alphonsus' St. Vincent de Paul Society** on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for \$50/couple. Tickets are available by contacting KC Grand Knight Carl Brochard 228-327-0066, Barney Banks 228-424-9094 or by coming to the Rectory Office during regular business hours. We invite you to come out, enjoy the great fun, parish fellowship, and help support the needy in our community. The dinner will include seafood gumbo, potato salad, rolls, soft drinks, beer and wine.

**Willwoods Married Couples Retreat May 5– 6, 2018:** Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time together enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated St. Joseph Abbey Christian Life Retreat Center in Covington, LA.

Attending a married couples retreat annually is a wonderful way to nourish and strengthen your love for God and each other! To register or for more info call Jason Angelette at (504) 830-3716 or visit [www.FaithandMarriage.org](http://www.FaithandMarriage.org). Suggested donation of \$275 is requested but not required.

**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.** To date 167 pledges (out of 1047 registered families) have been made which total **\$70,913**. This gives us a total of **\$9,916** over our parish goal of **\$60,997**. Remember – since our parish has reached its goal, all funds raised over the goal are 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. 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).

**\*\*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 16-20:** ITBS Testing
- Apr 18:** Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.
- Apr 20:** Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL**

- Apr 16-18:** ITBS Testing
- Apr 19:** Junior Class Retreat 8:30 a.m.
- Apr 21:** Shamrockin' the Coast 7:00 p.m.

**Msgr. John McGrath will make a presentation on the annulment process** on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church in Vancleave, 6705 Jim Ramsay Rd. All are invited to this presentation. Msgr. McGrath will give an in depth analysis of the annulment process and what is expected of those pursuing an annulment.



**Congratulations to Jennifer Wright** – She was the eighth winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Loraine Schneider.

**UPCOMING TRAVELS**



**Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. Mike Snyder June 8-16, 2018.** \$3,299 per person/two per room from New Orleans. For more information or to register online: [www.catholicjourneys.com/mir2018](http://www.catholicjourneys.com/mir2018).



**Ten Day Majestic Scandinavian Experience (Norway and Sweden) with Father Louis Lohan** September 14 - 23, 2018. Enjoy a train ride on the Flam Railway and Fjord Cruise on the Naeroyfjord & the Aurlandsfjord. Take a Funicular Trip to Mount Floyen. Visit the Resistance Museum and Viking Ship Museum, Drottingham Palace and much more! The cost is \$4,963 per person based on two in a room. This experience includes, round trip flight from Gulfport, Land, Hotels, all Breakfasts and most Dinners. Contact Paula at [experiencescandinavia@gmail.com](mailto:experiencescandinavia@gmail.com) or 228-697-7814.



**Ten Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Mike Austin and Fr. Michael Vu** January 22-31, 2019, visiting Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Shepherd's field, cross over the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount, Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, Mount Tabor, traditional site of the Transfiguration, walk where Jesus walked in Jerusalem. The cost is \$4199 per person based on two in a room. Includes roundtrip from New Orleans, Land, Hotels most meals. Book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Paula email [Pilgrimagetotholyland@gmail.com](mailto:Pilgrimagetotholyland@gmail.com) or call 228-697-7814.

**Altar Society Members for next week**  
**Judi Anderson and Theresa Stuart**