

Luke has the giving of the Spirit happening on the feast of Pentecost. Jewish tradition saw Pentecost as the feast of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. According to a legend a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. In a further refinement, the fire split into seventy tongues of fire corresponding to the seventy nations of the world: the law was proclaimed, not only to Israel, but to all humankind.

Luke exploits this tradition. He, too, has the mighty wind and tongues of fire coming upon the group of disciples. But for Luke the universal proclamation was not that of the Law, but of the Good News, a proclamation that has undone the sentence of Babel and re-united the scattered nations.

In his Gospel John has the giving of the Spirit happening on Easter Day. However, we must avoid any impression of a two-fold initial solemn bestowal of the Spirit. Luke and John are saying the same thing: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit, and inaugurates the mission of the Church. That they differ in their dating is due to theological concerns.



Congratulations Deacon Jim Gunkel and Deacon Jesus Arellano on your second year anniversary (May 21st) as Permanent Deacons. Thank you for your service to St. Alphonsus.



New Daily Content in the St. Alphonsus Church App!

You may have noticed a change that has happened in your app recently. The **Living the Good News** button has been upgraded to **Inspire Daily**. This button will give you access to daily reflections and the readings of the day. These reflections come from some of the best Catholic bloggers in America (Catholic teachers, priests, seminarians, the Daughters of St. Paul and so many more) to bring you the best Catholic content on a daily basis.

Don't have the App yet? If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the app by texting **App** to phone number **88202**, or by visiting myparishapp.com.

Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications regarding our parish life and an easy-to-access event calendar as well as many more great features such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website (osstalphonsus.org) and FORMED.

It is easier than ever for you to enjoy your subscription to FORMED! Just download the FREE FORMED app and start enjoying great video and audio wherever you go (or if you are already signed up – you are able to access through the parish app). You will be able to 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, 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.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Bitsy Bonney, sister-in-law of Carolyn Castleman of this parish, who passed away May 4th in Oklahoma.

Annemarie Holifield, a member of our parish family, who passed away May 14th.

Ethel Cates, a member of our parish family, who passed away May 15th. We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of the Marriage of Lindsey Sentell and Alex Wiles



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Joey Williams

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MONDAY | MAY 21 |
| James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29 | |
| 6:30 am | Ella and Simon Gilbert |
| 8:15 am | Ms. Lita L. Dorn |
| TUESDAY | MAY 22 |
| James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37 | |
| 6:30 am | Ms. Margaret Murray |
| 8:15 am | Mr. Edward Wilson |
| WEDNESDAY | MAY 23 |
| James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40 | |
| 6:30 am | Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr. |
| 8:15 am | Freddie and Vera Lusk |
| THURSDAY | MAY 24 |
| James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50 | |
| 6:30 am | Mr. Aaron Sullivan |
| 8:15 am | Mr. Joseph Jurich |
| FRIDAY | MAY 25 |
| James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12 | |
| 6:30 am | Mr. W.C. "Speedy" Brondum |
| 8:15 am | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| SATURDAY | MAY 26 |
| James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16 | |
| 8:15 am | Mr. Henry Endt, Sr. |
| 4:00 pm | Mr. Jay Holtorf |
| SUNDAY | MAY 27 |
| Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20 | |
| 7:30 am | Ms. Stella Flores |
| 9:00 am | William, Dot, William G., Evelyn & Jane Buck Collins |
| 11:30 am | Congregation |
| 5:30 pm | Ms. Jean Nettles |

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$12,867.60
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, Ron Fournier, Carmen Gaethe, Walter Gary, Hunter and Sandra Grantham, Doris Haynes, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Margaret Betty Horton, Lucia Hourihan, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Earline Huster, Melissa James, 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, Joyleen Seymour, 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@cablone.net; www.stal.cc



Confirmation pictures are available for pickup in the Sacristy of the Church.



Children's Liturgy Volunteers needed for next school year: Would you like to teach our young children about God and our Catholic faith? Are you a grandmother who may miss seeing grand babies?

Well we would love to have you as a volunteer for the 2018-2019 Children's Liturgy program. It involves about 20 minutes of your time every six or so weeks spent teaching and having a fun time with our 3-6 year olds in the chapel during Liturgy of the Word at the 11:30 am Sunday mass.

Please email Catherine Marsh at catherinecomiskeymarsh@gmail.com or contact the church office and Catherine will give you a call.

Family and Youth Calendar

Jane Sema 228-217-1392 jsema@osstalphonsus.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.



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP
JUNE 18TH – 22ND

Registration for Catholic Kids Camp will end May 25. Join us for a week of fun as we take a Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer with Amazing Angels and Super Saints! Don't miss out as we learn more about prayer and how to put it into action. Space is limited. Registration forms are available at the Church Exits, Church Office and the Bookstore. For more information, contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonsus.org.



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 15, 2018



A Women's Cursillo will be held June 21st-24th at William Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis. The Cursillo weekend is for Catholics who are looking to deepen their faith and love for Christ. Consider giving yourself a gift this year! For more information contact Melanie Martin at 228-326-2016.



"Our lives change when our habits change. Our habits change when we make resolutions, remind ourselves of those resolutions, hold ourselves accountable for them, and perform them. Sometimes we fail, but there is no success that is not checkered with failure. Do not give up. Press on, little by little." Matthew Kelly, Rediscovering Catholicism

Why not start a new habit? Commit to a weekly visit to the Adoration Chapel. The day and time are your choice. Jesus is always available. "Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him".

--St. Teresa of Calcutta

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

May 22: PreK Moving Up Program 9:30 a.m.

May 23: Awards Day 1:00 p.m.

May 24: Graduation / Children's Mass 8:15 a.m. / Noon Dismissal

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

May 22-24: Final Exams

May 25: Track Banquet 5:00 p.m.

Archived episodes of Father Joe Dilettuso's television program, Living Words: Scripture and Tradition, can be viewed on the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi's YouTube page. Currently featured is an **11-part series on The Ten Commandments.** We will continue to add additional episodes of this program in the future. A link to the YouTube page is also available at www.biloxidiocese.org.

An Augustine Institute Studios original series, Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members.

Episode 1, 2 and 3 are now available to watch on FORMED.



You are invited to join us in praying the Liturgy of the Hours before the 8:15 a.m. Mass (Monday – Friday) beginning at 7:45 a.m. in the Church.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Community usually meets on the first Saturday of the month after the 8:15 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Those interested are invited to attend. For more information, call the Rectory at 875-5419.



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.



A Special Parish Prayer Book is located on the south side of the Vestibule of the Church (front entrance). Anyone desiring prayers for any intention is requested to enter their intention on the Parish Prayer Book and they will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful at all weekend Masses.

Websites that may be good for people with problems, addictions, etc:

- www.americanaddictioncenters.org;
- www.al-anon.org;
- www.cancersupportcommunity.org;
- www.catholicmenconquerporn.com;
- www.narcononcolorado.org;
- www.catholicdivorce.com;
- www.rachelsvineyard.org;
- www.yourbrainonporn.com

Altar Society Members for next week
Kay Brochard, Joan Burres, Sue Garlotte & Norma Williams