

The First Reading talks about the power and glory of God, who nonetheless, entered into a close and loving relationship with his people, Israel, and of the obligations and blessings that flow from such a relationship. This reading stresses the oneness of God. In the Second Reading this relationship is taken deeper; we are not just members of God's people, but members of God's family. We are God's children. The Holy Spirit dwells within us and has made us co-heirs with the Son. This reading makes clear reference to the three persons in God. The Gospel also makes reference to the three persons of the Blessed Trinity. Jesus, who has total power over the whole universe, now empowers his apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world. The all-powerful Son of God promises to be with them (and by implication with us) until the end of time. The mission of the Church is to help all people to know the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



St. Alphonsus Parish wishes to recognize and congratulate all our Seniors who already have or will be graduating from a local High School at this time. Our students either attend Ocean Springs, St. Martin or St. Patrick High Schools. They are: Hunter Balias, Aaron Beaugez, Matthew Bisner, Shelby

Briggs, Brett Burton, Abby Chapman, Jacob Fountain, Jacob Futch, Hannah Gautier, Metaya Geissinger, Madeline Girouard, Darcy Howell, Emma Hunt, Connor McClellan, Will McMackin, Julianna Mohler, Joseph Murphy, Hailey Nguyen, Nora Nimmo, Brandon Pasquini, Stephanie Pinto, Hannah Ryan, Reagan Scarborough, Lauren Skinner, Allison Streiff, Brittany Toche, Cole Wagoner, Slay Wagoner and Lindsey Wescovich.

We congratulate them in their achievements and wish them well in their future educational endeavors. May God continue to lead and guide them on their life's journey.

We also congratulate the fourteen Sixth Graders who graduated from our Elementary School at a graduation Mass on Thursday morning. We wish them every success in their education in the years ahead and ask God to continue to lead and guide them as they grow and develop. They are: Jade Agler, Parker Brickson, Addison Fountain, Matthew Gordon, Carson Kilpatrick Mathilde Marsh, Maycie Olier, George Owens, Isabella Patino, Sydney Penn, Thomas Seglio, Esmeralda Stadthagen, Davis Voelkel and Cohen Weinhofer.

Have a wonderful summer vacation and know you have been given a solid foundation of faith and knowledge to build upon for years to come.



At this time we are also happy (and proud) to recognize Lauren Skinner as the Valedictorian at St. Patrick High School. Lauren is a member here at St. Alphonsus and is the daughter of Larry and Linda Skinner.



On this Memorial Day weekend, we welcome any and all visitors who joined us today to celebrate the Eucharist. We hope all our families who are traveling over the weekend have safe arrivals to their destinations and a safe return home later on. We ask you all to be careful on the highways, byways and waterways this busy weekend. This weekend we remember all who gave their lives for this country and for the freedoms we so often take for granted. Please remember them in your prayers today.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Honor of all Graduates



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Dean Boudreaux, a member of our parish community, who passed away May 18th.

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	MAY 28
1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27	
6:30 am	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 am	Int. Mr. JR Williams, Jr.
TUESDAY	MAY 29
1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31	
6:30 am	Ms. Anna Marie Holifield
8:15 am	Mr. James Murphy
WEDNESDAY	MAY 30
1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45	
6:30 am	Ms. Fern O'Neal
8:15 am	Ms. Joan Belson
THURSDAY	MAY 31
Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56	
6:30 am	Mr. Terry Miller
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Olivia Sliman
FRIDAY	JUNE 1
1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26	
6:30 am	Ms. Melissa Roberts Lee
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Jackie Endt
SATURDAY	JUNE 2
Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33	
8:15 am	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
	Mr. Gregory Hebert
	Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan
	4:00 pm
	Ms. Mary Anderson
SUNDAY	JUNE 3
Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26	
7:30 am	Ms. Mary Gates
9:00 am	Int. Mr. John McLean
11:30 am	Congregation
5:30 pm	Ms. Brandy Lesso Hebert

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,870.43
Catholic Communication Collection.....\$1,093.37
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, 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 Vaughn 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.

Religious Education News

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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

20 spots open for grades 1-5. PreK is full.
Registration forms are available at the Church exits.



**“But to be able to pray we need silence
silence of the heart.
The soul needs time to go away and pray
to use the mouth
to use the eyes
to use the whole body,
And if we don't have that silence
Then we don't know how to pray.”**

--**Words to Love By, Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

Take your soul away...Discover true prayer sitting silently before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel.

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

--St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, June 3rd from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$6.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.



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**

Altar Society Members for next week
Mary Ann Bounds, Linda Denehie & Lois Ravera

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.

Sr. Dianne Bergant CSA (Sisters of Saint Agnes) will present YHWH (Yahweh) as Warrior - Violence in the Old Testament; Problematic Images of God for those interested in scripture on Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine Chapel @ St. Augustine Campus in Bay St. Louis. Sr. Dianne is The Carroll Stuhlmuller Emerita of Old Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. There is no cost, but a free will offering will be taken up. All are welcome.

Willwoods Married Couples Retreat June 9th – 10th: Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time together enriching your marriage? Then you are invited to join the 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.

Suggested donation of \$275 is requested but not required.



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 June 11th – 15th. 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 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.

Co-Ed Arise #7, Friday June 29th – Sunday, July 1st
Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis

Arise is sponsored by the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi, another program of the Diocese of Biloxi. Whereas Cursillo is limited to Catholics, Arise is actually designed with the non-Catholic in mind. Arise is designed primarily for these groups of persons who would like to receive additional information, about the Catholic Faith in a short period of time (one weekend):

- Non-Catholic spouses of practicing Catholics
- Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while
- Those without a current church/religion who are "searching" for a new or more meaningful Faith experience
- Those taking instruction in the Catholic Faith

For more information, call Gay Camagong at 228-424-7722 or visit the website at www.biloxicursillo.org.



Parishioner Registration: When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass.

It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.