

The theme of covenant dominates all three readings. The reading from Exodus describes the ratification of the Sinai covenant between God and Israel. The covenant was sealed with the blood of animals. Blood is a symbol of life which belongs exclusively to God. The sprinkling of the people with blood symbolizes the fact that God is sharing his life with them.

Jesus established a new covenant. Like the old covenant, it too was sealed with blood, except now it is not the blood of animals but his own blood. A new rite (the Eucharist) was instituted which would be a perpetual reminder of the intimate bond that now exists between God and his people. In the Eucharist Jesus shares his life with us.

By the sacrificial death of Christ, the supreme high priest, God has entered into a new and eternal covenant with his people (Second Reading).



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, June 6th 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.

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.



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.



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**



"I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; because without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5 Remain in Jesus. Connect with Him by adoring Him regularly through time spent with the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel...then go bear fruit! "Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him". --St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of the Mayfield, Burkhardt and Seymour Families



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Frederick "Rickey" Sonnier, nephew of Mary Brochard and Alice Goff of this parish, who passed away May 25th.

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	JUNE 4
2 Peter 1:2-7; Mark 12:1-12	
6:30 am	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 am	Ms. Linda Mayer
TUESDAY	JUNE 5
2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mark 12:13-17	
6:30 am	Ms. Inez Danise
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Olivia Karp
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 6
2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27	
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Sandra Grantham
THURSDAY	JUNE 7
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34	
6:30 am	Ms. Connie Seymour
8:15 am	Int. Mr. Bob Mayer
FRIDAY	JUNE 8
Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37	
6:30 am	Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 am	Int. Rich and Sue Mihal
SATURDAY	JUNE 9
2 Timothy 4:1-8; Luke 2:41-51	
8:15 am	Ms. Iris Holloway
4:00 pm	Mr. Bobby Beaugez
SUNDAY	JUNE 10
Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-35	
7:30 am	Ms. Julia Mejia
9:00 am	Congregation
11:30 am	Ms. Mary Skaar
5:30 pm	Mr. Ricky Riviere

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,312.52
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.

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@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.



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP
JUNE 18TH - 22ND

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

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 Stuhlmueller 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.



The St. Alphonsus Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., after the Saturday Vigil Mass, and after all English Masses on Sunday. Come visit and see what we have. Consider giving Catholic gifts for birthdays, holidays and any occasion.

The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed the weekends of June 9th / 10th and 16th / 17th.

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.

Altar Society Members for next week
Janell Alliston, Denise Helms & Pat Zuber

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. Michael Church in Biloxi will have a Chicken and Seafood Gumbo Dinner on Sunday, June 10th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 a plate and will include a salad and drink.



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.



Johnnie Bernhard, author of A Good Girl, has a new book out and will do a book signing on Sunday, June 24th in the Bookstore from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

In *How We Came to Be*, Bernhard delivers a poignant exploration of life as a modern American woman. This complex story examines the many emotional layers of relationships, mothering, sisterhood, and the eternal search for self-worth in a society obsessed with the superficial. Within these pages, readers will experience love and loss, grace and redemption, forgiveness and faith. A heartwarming read that proves family comes in many forms. -Julie Cantrell, New York Times and USA TODAY Bestselling Author of *Perennials*

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.

Offering Envelopes



St. Alphonsus is happy to provide contribution envelopes for our Parishioners who would like to use them. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to, or if you are receiving envelopes and would like to discontinue receiving them, please email (stals@cablone.net) or call the office (875-5419) and we will make the necessary adjustments to the mailing list.