

For this and the next four Sundays the Gospel readings come from Chapter Six of St. John's Gospel. John has no account of the institution of the Eucharist. But this chapter more than compensates for that. The miracle described in the First Reading shows God's concern for his people during a time of famine. The bread in question was the bread of the first-fruits, which was meant to be offered to God. But instead of offering it to God, Elisha, the prophet of the old covenant, gave it to the people. The leftovers stress God's generosity. Like Elisha, Jesus, the prophet of the new covenant, feeds hungry people, and does so even more astonishingly. There are clear eucharistic overtones in the way the miracle is related. Jesus 'took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to the people.' Such language is meant to remind us of what he did at the Last Supper, and of what happens every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Even though both feedings are miraculous there is an essential human element in each, without which no miracle is possible.



The Knights of Columbus will host a benefit breakfast for Breanne Dalton next Sunday (August 5th) from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. Breanne is fighting Gastroparesis, POTS, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Raynaud's Syndrome and Adrenal Insufficiency. The cost will be \$5.00 a plate and will include scrambled eggs, grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee. All proceeds and/or donations will go towards Breanne's medical expenses.



"...Faith will tell us Christ is present, When our human senses fail." (sung in Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction)

Faith is a gift from God. Thank you God for this gift of faith. Christ is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Visit Him often.

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



Would you like to have Catholic Radio right here in Ocean Springs? Well believe it or not, it is already here!

Tune your radio into FM 88.1 or find it on your computer at radiomaria.us. There are many good programs from inspirational Catholic speakers, programs about history, prayer, care giving, finding a job, Marian apparitions, conversion stories, and many others! Plus there is great music. Let us be grateful to God for this sublime gift to us, for His mercies endure forever! Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)



Mass for Family and Friends: You can have Masses offered for the Intention of family and friends as well as for the deceased. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.



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.

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



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Alice Davidson Hire on Her Birthday

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 30
Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35	
6:30 am	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 am	Mr. Sam Grimes
TUESDAY	JULY 31
Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43	
6:30 am	Special Intention
8:15 am	Mr. John Tarczanin
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 1
Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46	
6:30 am	Ms. Melissa Roberts Lee
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Jackie Endt
THURSDAY	AUGUST 2
Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53	
6:30 am	Ms. Connie Seymour
8:15 am	Mr. Vern Cole, Sr. Mr. Vern "Larry" Cole, Jr.
FRIDAY	AUGUST 3
Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58	
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 am	Mr. Ken Reiling
SATURDAY	AUGUST 4
Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12	
8:15 am	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr. Mr. Gregory Hebert Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan
4:00 pm	Mr. Jay Holtorf
SUNDAY	AUGUST 5
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35	
7:30 am	Special Intention
9:00 am	Ms. Vara Lyons
11:30 am	Ms. Peggy Dessommes
5:30 pm	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,335.75
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Evelyn Bond, Henry Bonney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes

Bosarge, Quinn Boudreaux, Carole Bourgeois, Gregory Brou, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Tyler Eldridge, Jackie Endt, Marshall Fayard, 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, Otis 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 Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley & Travis Norman, Charley Noel, Luke Nudson, Edwin O'Connor III, Teresa O'Connor, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Anna Raley, David Rodriguez, 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, Jane Walker and Cooper Williams.

Religious Education News

Deacon Jim Gunkel – 872-2652; dcjim@osstalphonsus.org



Great transformations are happening with our St. Alphonsus Youth Programs. All youth from Public Schools, Home Schooled and Catholic Schools are encouraged and welcomed to participate. We will have an informational session and registration will begin on Sunday, August 19th.



As we celebrate and remember our country's freedom, let us reflect on the freedom given to us through Jesus - to be heirs of His promise and be liberated from sin. Have you ever stopped to think that "There has to be more to life than chasing my 'to do' list." Well, there is. Join a few other people for coffee or tea, bring your questions, and discover how Jesus has a plan for each one of us individually that leads to the fullness of a life well lived. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is the way by which we help people discover this freedom Jesus offers us. Inquiry sessions are informal and open to Catholics (who want to learn more about their faith) as well as non-Catholics who have an interest in exploring the Catholic faith. The RCIA team will present some basic tenets of the faith, but most of the sessions will be devoted to answering your questions about faith and helping you discern whether God is calling you into full communion with the Catholic Church. Sessions will begin Thursday, September 6, 2018 and will be held weekly each Thursday night from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. You may register or obtain additional information from Deacon Jim at dcjim@osstalphonsus.org or by calling the Religious Education Office at 872-2652.



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.

Calling all graduates of Notre Dame, Sacred Heart, Mercy Cross, St. John and St. Patrick:

You are invited to celebrate and unite the Legacies on Saturday, September 8th with Mass beginning at 7:00 p.m. and a social to immediately follow with food and drinks. Family and friends are welcome to attend, and childcare will be provided. This event is sponsored by the SPCHS Alumni Association and is open to all alumni, even those who are not currently members of the Association. Please RSVP to alumni@stpatrickhighschool.net. There is no fee to attend.



Upon This Rock Scripture Study's Fall 2018 to Spring 2019 Bible Study Program will be *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* by Ascension Press. This program takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible with special emphasis on salvation history. Many in our Biloxi diocese have taken this Bible study and the consensus is that it is the best and most informative in teaching about God's plan for our salvation and the foundation of the Church. Jeff Cavins presents the 24 week study lesson in the DVD presentation. The Bible study will begin Wednesday, September 12, 2018 and will meet each Wednesday morning through March 20, 2019 from 9:15 – 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Parish in Murray Hall on Woolmarket Road in Biloxi. The fee is \$47.00 and includes the Study Set book, the Bible Timeline Chart, Bookmark, and a DVD presentation. For those who have a Bible Timeline Study Set book, the fee is \$10.00. **Payment by August 9, 2018** will ensure that you receive your materials on September 12, 2018. For more information, call Sharon Jones at 228-591-1069.

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.



The Baptism Class for August will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, August 1st 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.

Our judicial vicar, Fr Charles Nutter, will give several talks on the Annulment Process next month. People entering RCIA this fall are strongly encouraged to attend. Fr. Charles will discuss how to apply and what is involved in the process and have a Q&A at the end of each talk. The Schedule is as follows beginning at 6:00p.m. at each location: Holy Family, Pass Christian – August 2nd; St. Alphonsus – August 7th; St. James, Gulfport – August 8th; St. Francis Xavier, Wiggins – August 9th and Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi – August 16th.



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.



St. Alphonsus Church App - 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.

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