

The First Reading tells how God fed his people in the desert with **manna**. This is regarded as the classic example of God's care for his people.

Jesus too fed people who were hungry. But the Gospel makes it clear that the Son of Man did not come down from above merely to satisfy physical hunger. He came to give a heavenly bread that people will eat and never become hungry. The manna was but a foreshadowing of the spiritual food which was now being offered by Jesus to his followers. The manna nourished people physically and sustained life temporarily. The new bread will nourish people spiritually and sustain life eternally. The 'bread' in question is primarily the teaching given by Jesus. Only at a secondary level does it refer to the Eucharist.

Our judicial vicar, Fr Charles Nutter, will give several talks on the Annulment Process. 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 6:00 p.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.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Monday, August 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Thursday, August 16th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Villa Maria. All are invited.



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 August 13th – 17th. 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.



We invite you to join us as we celebrate the retirement of Pat Cronin on Sunday, August 19th from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. Pat has been the Director of Religious Education here at St. Alphonsus for the past eleven years. Please come and help us thank him for his years of service to St. Alphonsus and the St. Alphonsus Family. Pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice will be served.



“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.” --St. Padre Pio
“Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”.
--St. Teresa of Calcutta

REFLECTION

A day at a time: God provided a mysterious food called *manna* for the Israelites during their time in the desert. However, they were told not to stockpile the manna, but to gather only what they needed for one day. Jesus told his disciples not to worry about tomorrow. He said, When you pray to your heavenly Father, you are to say, ‘Give us this day our daily bread.’ No matter how difficult life may be, for those who trust in God and who live a day at a time, the manna falls every day.

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



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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 6
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10	
6:30 am	Ms. Emogene Pierre
8:15 am	Anna and Bill Tuchak
TUESDAY	AUGUST 7
Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36	
6:30 am	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 am	Ms. Linda Mayer
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 8
Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28	
6:30 am	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	AUGUST 9
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23	
6:30 am	Ms. Inez Danese
8:15 am	Mr. William Howard
FRIDAY	AUGUST 10
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26	
6:30 am	Mr. Richard “Dick” Smith
8:15 am	Special Intention
SATURDAY	AUGUST 11
Habakkuk 1:12—2:4; Matthew 17:14-20	
8:15 am	Ms. Anna Marie Holifield
4:00 pm	Mr. Bobby Beaugez
SUNDAY	AUGUST 12
1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51	
7:30 am	Mr. Nolan Fremin
9:00 am	Ms. Sylvia Marie Cronin
11:30 am	Congregation
5:30 pm	Ms. Molly Edwards

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,889.69
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 Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, 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.

Pray for Vocations

Religious Education News

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



Volunteer Catechists Needed for Religious Education and RCIA:

All Catechists for Religious Education are asked to meet on Thursday, August 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come learn about sharing your faith with our youth!

All Catechists for RCIA are asked to meet on Thursday, August 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Both meetings are for all catechists from last year and anyone who may be interested in assisting this year.



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.



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.



We are in need of volunteers to help in the Bookstore on Saturday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 8:30 -10:00 a.m. If you are interested in helping with either of these days/times, please contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392 or jsma@osstalphonsus.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:
Reverend Morgan Kavanagh, August 6, 1998
Reverend Ivan Weis, August 7, 2007
Reverend Patrick C. Grant, August 9, 1991
Reverend John P. Robinson, August 10, 1977
Reverend Paul Gillis, August 14, 1995

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Aug 6: Meet the Teacher 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Aug 8: 1st Day of School: Mass 8:15 a.m.; School 9:00 a.m.

Aug 10: Children’s Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 6: New Student Orientation 1:00 p.m.

Aug 7: First Day of School 8:15 a.m.



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.



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.



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.



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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.