



The Poinsettias for Christmas are in Memory of or in Honor Of the following: The Lopez Family, The Sauls Family, George C. Fero, Thomas G. Fero, George W. and Veronica Fero, Thomas F. and Marie Mathieu, The Auger Family,

The Bedard Family & Friends, Monica Goretski, The O'Connor Family, The Shebanek Family, Frances and Curtis Tootle, Donald Tiblier, Peyton Kostmayer, Paul Brant, Taylor Cook, Ligaya Camagong, Tam Bao, Leonor Tam, Bart Camagong, Maria Camagong, The Cole Family, The Hosey Family, Alma and Nick Garlick, Alice Hire, Theresa Davidson, Eddie Hire, Oris Danise, Mae Danise, Mary Inez Danise, Baby Girl Timmons, Tiffany Timmons, Kim Roe, Katherine Gordy, The Oehler Family (James, Edna, Jimmy, Jeffy), The Catinat Family, Jonathan Catinat, Doty Fournier Sr., Rosalie Fournier, Barbara Fournier, Kenny Fournier, Shirley Helm, Walter and Sissy Anderson, Dennis Belson, Joan Belson, Mark Thornton Riviere, Nancy Thornton Riviere, Bob and Helma Denehie, Bill Hosey Jr., The J.R. & Celeste Williams Family, Cosme and Angelina Esquibel & Family, Joey Williams, Edward Coker, Rose Williams, Walter Sokira, Bill and Ramonda Becker, Deceased Family Members of Ronald and Barbara Fournier, My Family, Charles Bellman Sr., The Kortman Family, The Thompson Family, The Robson Family, The Cox Family, Honor of Mrs. Anna Mitchell, Mr. M.B. Mitchell Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Mitchell, Mr. Andrew Clayton, The Schwab Family, The McCabe Family, The Selman Family, Shirod Miller Sr., Mae Miller, Jerry Miller, Herschel Vail, The Webber Family, The Raether Family, The Oakes Family, Miller Relatives, The Fremin Family, Glenn Brune, Sophia Mohler, Alan Young, Alson Young, Gay Young, The Brou Family, Dennis and Alta Mae Higginbotham, Hubby Nelson, John and Ida Olsen, Buddy Martin, Dexter Martin, Deceased Members of the Wagener Family, Nettie Beaugez Jones, Linda Mayer, Thomas (Frank) and Marie Mathieu, Emmet Catchot, Sky Jenkins, Wm. Lomax, Maureen Lomax, The Skelton Family, The Perry Family, Mrs. Jean Ferguson, Thom Murphy, Melba Lindner, James Sprawls, Mary Saunders, Menno Saunders, Lavon Saunders, James D. Stuart, Mary and Oscar Mitchell, Laura and Fred Howell, Arnold and Bert Pfiffner, Jean Lambert, Norman and Mildred Eckert, Roland and Mildred Hymel, Linda and Helen Eckert, Edward Eckert, William Eckert, Robert Bellman, Edward Bellman, Christopher Bellman, Glenn "Skinny" Brune, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Brune Sr., Edwin and Esther Broussard, Joe and Lucille Ross, Ronald A. Balius Sr., Melba O. Balius, Ottis Conway, Floyd Balius, Edward and Regina Disbury, William Disbury, Tony Rich, Camille B. Durkin, Raymond Chandler, William Ray, Robert Nelson, Leonard E. Gavins, The Carl Koellner Family, Oleus and Della Sonnier, The Sonnier Family, The Mitchell Family, The Kittle Family, Barbara McCarhey, Lisa Grace Westbrook, Cyril and Catherine Ryan Family, Glenn (Joan) Ryan Family, The Kehoe Family, Wilma and Leslie Trauth, Eleanor and Glenn Young Sr., George Young, Gay Lorne Young, Richard Porterfield, The Porterfield Family, The Mills Family, Dot McKinnon, Robbin McKinnon, Jeff Dees, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ryan, Ms. Betty Lou Ryan Callegari, The Salik Family, The Gianelloni Family, The Bennett Family, Russ Jordan, Carley Jordan, Brittany Jordan, George Pitalo Sr., Gregory Hebert, Martin and Eileen Muzslay, Linda Mayer, Becky Quiter, George Quiter, Chuck Quiter, The Leon Seymour Family, The Arnot Smith Family, Bobby and Mary Bosarge, Bart Brewer, Mr. & Mrs. James Salters, Mike Mitchell Sr., Richard Salters, Jimmy Salters, Bertie Varnado, Bernadette Schultz, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Mitchell, Curtis Marsh, Andrew Clayton, Shannon Beverin, Pat Jones, Tommy Jones, Sue Lepoma, Lester Thompson, Donald Benezue, Bob and Maryann Ederer, Jack Seymour Sr., Margaret Seymour,

Sherry Seymour, Jack Seymour Jr., Steve Castleman, Judy Fremin, The Frammersberger Family, The Collins Family, The C.A. Banks Family, The Joseph Holder Family, Louis Trebotich, Joey Trebotich, Joe and Tina Trebotich, Pat Trebotich, Ernie and Madeline Keenan, Henry and Sylvia Diaz, My Unborn Child, Toney and Margie Terretta, Kyle and Bea Vance, George Cannette Sr., Chic Anderson, Beatrice Roper, James O'Toole, W.R. and Patsy Prouse, Grace and Frank K. Mobley, Marion Eagan O'Brien, Susan Littleton of Boise Idaho, The Riviere Family, The Burdine Family, Joan Batia, Calvin Koenig, Dick and Agnes Sebastian, Ray Hayes, Lowell and Joycelen Webb, Guy Dubuisson, David J. Munger, Marshall and Stella Dishong, Larry Dishong, Waldemar Arroyo, Anna Mae Montgomery, Cecil Montgomery, Bergeron, Rubin, Dolive, and Patice, The King Family, The Mayfield Family, The Burkhardt Family, The Seymour Family, Diocesan Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Nuns, The Josephite Priest, Sisters of Blessed Sacrament, A.L. "Stan" Stanton, The Clack Family, James Howard Clack, The Jewell Family, The Kees Family and Special Intention.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY DECEMBER 31

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
 6:30 am Int. Ms. Maralou Richards
 8:15 am Ms. Linda Mayer

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
 5:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Wm (Joyce) A. Staehle, Jr.

TUESDAY JANUARY 1

9:00 am Int. Fr. Mike Snyder
 11:00 am Special Intention
 5:30 pm Mr. Roland Mestayer, Jr.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2

1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
 6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
 8:15 am Ms. Jean Hindmarch

THURSDAY JANUARY 3

1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34
 6:30 am Int. Ms. Margaret Foushee
 8:15 am Ms. Shan Hudlow

FRIDAY JANUARY 4

1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
 6:30 am Ms. Lorreta Cloyd
 8:15 am Ms. Ann C. Allen

SATURDAY JANUARY 5

1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
 8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
 Mr. Gregory Hebert
 Russ, Carley & Brittany Jordan

SUNDAY JANUARY 6

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
 7:30 am Mr. Augustus "Stan" Stanton, Sr.
 9:00 am Mr. Hesity Karl Byrd
 11:30 am Congregation
 5:30 pm Ms. Donna Jean Ferguson

Religious Education News

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

Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonsus.org

Kindergarten – 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

6th – 8th Grade – Edge: Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

9th – 12th Grade - High School Youth: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Jan 3: No RCIA

Jan 6: Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)

Adult Study Class 10:15 a.m.

Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, December 31: 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1: 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. (English)

Spanish Mass: 2:00 p.m.



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st.



2019 Diocesan Directory: The Gulf Pine Catholic publishes an annual diocesan directory with detailed information about our diocese, its priests, religious, laity, parishes, schools, ministries, councils and organizations.

Deadline for orders is December 31st. The directory will be available in February 2019. To get your copy, send a \$10 check to: Gulf Pine Catholic, 1790 Popp's Ferry Rd, Biloxi, MS 39532.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 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.



The annual Mass for Deceased Irish Priest will take place on January 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 720 East Beach Blvd. Bishop Roger Morin will be the principal celebrant. The homilist will be former St. Thomas pastor Fr. Louis Lohan, who is retired and living on his farm in Ireland. A reception will follow in the community center. All are invited.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus are now selling tickets for a "10 week" drawing for \$10.00 each. Each week, for nine weeks, a ticket will be drawn for \$50.00. The "winning" ticket then goes back into the "barrel" until the last week when a \$500.00, \$200.00, and \$100.00 winner will be pulled. **First drawing will be February 17, 2019.** For tickets contact Carl Brochard at 228-327-0066. All proceeds will benefit the Seminarian Education Fund.



Tax Statements for yearly contributions are available upon request. These statements only reflect contributions made through the regular church collections and the special second collections if they have been made in an identifiable fashion (church envelope or loose check). Any loose cash contribution cannot be credited. Contributions to the Catholic Sharing Appeal will be acknowledged from the Diocese. Please email or call the rectory office if you need a tax statement (stals@cablone.net or 875-5419). Statements will be mailed by the end of the month.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Dec 31-Jan 4: No School - Christmas Holidays

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Dec 31-Jan 4: No School – Christmas Holidays



February 10, 2019 has tentatively been set to honor our St. Alphonsus parishioners who have been married 50+ years.

A binder has been placed in the back of the church and we ask that you please fill out the requested information. We would like your information even if you are not able to come so that we will be able to recognize you.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Marshall Fayard, husband of Shannon Fayard of this parish, who passed away December 23rd.

Gerard Rowan, a member of our parish family, who passed away December 24th.

We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



Hospital Stays: Because of privacy concerns, it is difficult to find out who is in the hospital. Many parishioners can be there for an entire week (or more), yet their names never appear on the "Clergy List" that we get to see. This seems to happen especially to those who are admitted through the Emergency Room. Consequently we are reminding you that if you or a family member is going to be in the hospital and wish to be visited or receive communion while there, please call the Rectory at your earliest convenience.



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.



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.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sybil Burchinal, Carol Lee Cantin, Sally Fero Conklin, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty

Dugan, Jackie Endt, LaJuan Fowler, Carmen Gaethe, Walter Gary, Sandra Grantham, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Mary Jo and Ron Hoogstra, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Melissa James, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, Jacob Latil, Erik Marcussen, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Marie Meyers, Maurice Michaud, Edna Miguez, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Edwin O'Connor III, Teresa O'Connor, Judy Penton, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Ron Stump, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Randy Trahan, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Angela Troclair, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, Cooper Williams and Sonny Wynn.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Christmas Collection.....\$12,389.00

Sunday Collection.....\$14,550.09

Retired Religious Collection.....\$ 1,882.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

Pray for Vocations