

Because of his great successes on the battlefield, David was very popular with the people. As a result, Saul saw him as a threat and sought to kill him. The First Reading contains the moving story of how David had an opportunity to kill Saul, but refused to do so because in his eyes Saul, as king of Israel, was a sacred person.

This passage prepares us for the Gospel, which contains Jesus' injunction to love our enemies. Jesus goes on to stress the obligations of fraternal charity. The ideal of love to which his followers must aspire is that of God himself. We are to love as God loves.

Jesus' vision of human behavior is at such variance with the view most people have, that many people regard it as humanly unachievable, and therefore ignore it. From a human point of view it is unachievable. Divine help is needed.



Fr. John Anglin O.F.M. will lead a three day Parish Mission here at St. Alphonsus Church March 18th – 20th. The theme will be Living the Joy of the Gospel: Day 1: A Loving God: The Cause of our Joy; Day 2: The Gift of Mercy; and Day 3: Caring for our Common Home, Mercy for our Brothers and Sisters and for all God's Creatures. The mission Mass will be held with the 8:15 a.m. morning Mass and the mission service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Prayer for our Parish Mission: Heavenly Father, you have chosen the parish as the most common vehicle by which you encounter us in our daily lives. The parish is the assembly in which your Word is proclaimed, your Eucharist is celebrated, your people are united in community to grow in holiness and to be strengthened to work for the betterment of all.

Help us to take advantage of the opportunities offered in this community. In particular, we pray for the success of the upcoming Parish Mission. We pray for Fr. John Anglin, for our parish team, and for ourselves that we may take part fully and receive the graces you are just waiting to give us. Strengthened by your Spirit may we receive the blessings, grow together in fraternal love and eagerly share the responsibilities that are ours as members of the parish.

We pray in the name of Jesus your son. Amen.



“The majority of adult Catholics are not even certain that a personal relationship with God is possible.”
--Sherry A. Weddell, **Forming Intentional Disciples, The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus.**

What does your relationship with Christ look like up to this point in your life? Time spent in Eucharistic Adoration can be a good place to begin exploring that question. Jesus is always up for the discussion!
“Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”. --St. Teresa of Calcutta



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 coming week (February 25th – March 1st). 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.



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Carlus Chapman, husband of Sylvia Chapman of this parish, who passed away February 16th.

Margaret “Maggie” Gillespie, mother of Fr. Martin Gillespie, who passed away February 16th.

Regina Trahan, sister of Roland (Margaret) Broussard and mother-in-law of Kay Trahan of this parish, who passed away February 18th.

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

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY FEBRUARY 25

Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29

6:30 am Ms. Jean Pierre

8:15 am Mr. Randy Trahan

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26

Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37

6:30 am Mathilde and Fernand Latour

8:15 am Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27

Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40

6:30 am Mr. Nolan Fremin

8:15 am Special Intention

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28

Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50

6:30 am Intention Holy Spirit

8:15 am Mr. Marshall Fayard

FRIDAY MARCH 1

Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12

6:30 am Int. Ms. Margaret Foushee

8:15 am Mr. Michael David Terry

SATURDAY MARCH 2

Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16

8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.

Mr. Gregory Hebert

Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Henry and Bitsy Bonney

SUNDAY MARCH 3

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

7:30 am The Butz Family

9:00 am Int. Fr. Michael McFall

11:30 am Congregation

5:30 pm Ms. Claire Cresson

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,843.14
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Ligaya Camagong



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, Fr. Bernie Farrell, LaJuan Fowler, Carmen Gaethe, Walter Gary, Sandra Grantham, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Donnie Hebert, Mary Jo and Ron Hoogstra, Melissa James, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, Jacob Latil, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Marie Meyers, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Judy Penton, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Ron Stump, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Regina Trahan, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Angela Trosclair, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, Cooper Williams and Sonny Wynn.

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, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Feb 28: [RCIA](#), Lent, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Mar 3: [No Religious Education Class](#) for all Youth Programs

[No Adult Study Class](#)

[Children's Church](#), 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

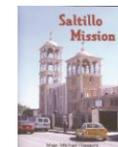
LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY (for Women Only)

Lord, teach me to pray is a prayer series based on Ignatian Spirituality. Part I, “Praying Christian Virtues”, helps to deepen prayer life, and discover what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer. It also introduces the different methods of Ignatian prayer, meditation, contemplation and Consciousness Examen. A small group will meet with 2 trained facilitators for 2 hours once a week for 12 weeks to pray and share. Part I classes will begin Monday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton, Fannon Hall. Registration fee is \$15. For more information please contact Rachel Deroche at 228-324-4431 or Toni Gunkel at 228-365-3547.



Congratulations to Gordon Mathieu - He was the first winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Ryleigh Bissett.

Knights of Columbus “10-Week” drawing - \$10/ticket. Each week, for nine weeks, a ticket will be drawn for \$50. Even if your ticket is pulled, for each of the remaining weeks the ticket is put back in the “barrel” for the remainder of the drawings with the final drawing being for \$100, \$200 and \$500. There are still nine weeks to win. Tickets may be purchased by calling Carl Brochard (228-327-0066)4-722-5957). All proceeds benefit the Seminarian Education Fund.



Fr. Mike Flannery (the author) will be here at all Masses next weekend (March 2nd & 3rd) with his book [Saltillo Mission](#). The book chronicles the history of Saltillo Mission since its inception and then contains four chapters on the founder of Saltillo Mission, Fr. Patrick Quinn. This year marks the golden jubilee of the mission. The book explains why Mississippi got involved in the mission, what Mississippians did for the mission and what the mission did for us. It has two chapters on the Saltillo Summer program where more than 20,000 of our youth visited the mission since its inception and it has many human-interest stories in it. The book sells for \$15. Bishop Kihneman is planning to attend the festivities of the golden jubilee of the Saltillo Mission July 11th – 15th. Saltillo Mission is jointly sponsored by the Diocese of Biloxi and Jackson.



Fr. Adam Urbaniak invites you to a Parish Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Victories Church (3109 Magnolia St., Pascagoula)

Sunday Masses, March 30/31 - "Like the Father, like the Son"

Monday, April 1, 6:00 p.m. - "Jesus I trust you"

Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. - "I believe, so easy to say"

Wednesday, April 3, 6:00 p.m. - "I asked Jesus, "How much do you love me?" and Jesus said: 'This much.' Then He stretched out His arms on the cross and died." Confession will follow the presentation.



St. Alphonsus Church App - 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](#).

Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications regarding our parish life and an easy-to-access event calendar as well as many more great features such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, **quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website (osstalphonsus.org) and FORMED.**

School Subsidy Policy

Registration for the 2019/2020 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. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Feb 27: Disney Raffle Drawing

Mar 1: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

St. Alphonsus School is having a **Disney Raffle Fundraiser**. The grand prize is a \$4,000 Disney gift card plus \$1,000 cash. The runner-up will receive a \$400 Disney gift card plus \$100 cash. Tickets are \$50 each and only 500 tickets will be sold. All proceeds will be used to help fund new classroom curriculum and resource needs. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, February 27th. For more information, please contact the school office at 875-5329.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Feb 28: Adoration 9:40 a.m.

Shamrockin' the Coast Party & Silent Auction benefitting St. Patrick Catholic High School will take place on Saturday, March 30th, at the White House Hotel from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. The Molly Ringwalds will be the headlining entertainment, and the event features enticing silent auction items and delicious food for \$100 (admits two guests).

Discounts are available for alumni of St. John, Notre Dame, Sacred Heart, Mercy Cross and St. Patrick. Please reach out to Erin Rosetti (alumni@stpatrickhighschool.net) for more information.



The Knights of Columbus will continue their collection drive for the Morning Star Pregnancy Center through the end of February. They are collecting diapers, formula, bottles, new or gently used clothing for babies under 2 years old, and other baby items. There will be a basket for Donations at the front entrance of the church.”



You are invited to go on a Special Pilgrimage with The MIR Group for “the Young & Young at Heart” to San Giovanni Rotondo and Medjugorje with Fr. Mike Snyder as the Spiritual Director. Tour price is \$4,285 (double occupancy) out of New Orleans from June 4th – June 16th. For more information, contact Catholic Journeys at 800-715-6670 or online at catholicjourneys.com.

REFLECTION

Giving

There are those who give but only on condition that they receive something in return, and receive it immediately. There are those who give on condition that they receive something in return later on and with a handsome profit. And there are those who give without expecting anything in return now or ever: they scatter the seeds of the heart without looking for any harvest. These are imitating the generosity of God, who bestows his love on good people and bad, and grants mercy to saints and sinners.