

**All three readings are concerned with faithfulness to God.** The First Reading describes the ceremony of the offering to God of the first fruits of the harvest. It was an occasion for the people to thank God, not only for the blessings of the harvest, but for all he had done for them in the past, and especially in the Exodus. The creed which the offerer recited is a summary of Israel's early history and humble origins. The readings of the following Sundays will focus on significant moments of that history.

The Second Reading contains in its simplest form the Christian credo: Jesus is Lord; he died for our sins and was raised up for our justification. Obviously for this faith to be genuine, it must be professed not just with one's lips but also with one's life.

Luke's account of the temptations follows closely that of Matthew, except that he deliberately changes the order of the last two temptations so that the series ends in Jerusalem. This is in keeping with his theological interest in the holy city. The three scenes serve to correct a false understanding of Jesus' mission. Jesus repels the tempter by quoting from the book of Deuteronomy, which stresses God's will for Israel.



**Stations of the Cross** will be conducted each Monday morning immediately after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, each Friday afternoon by the schoolchildren at 2:30 p.m. (adults welcome), and Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. with the Way of the Cross followed by Mass.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle** (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Villa Maria. All are invited.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> (changed from March 6<sup>th</sup> due to Ash Wednesday) 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



**Fr. John Anglin O.F.M. will lead a three day Parish Mission here at St. Alphonsus Church March 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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.



**Mark your calendar! Our next Parish Potluck Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the KC Hall / Parish Life Center.** Bring your favorite dish to share: homemade or picked up! All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Questions? Call Beth McMackin at 228-324-4188.

**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 William J. Vollar, March 2, 2011
- Reverend Nicholas Walsh, March 5, 1995
- Reverend Gerard M. Clearly, March 9, 2015
- Reverend Msgr. James J. Hannon, March 16, 2008
- Reverend Msgr. Eamon Mullen, March 19, 1992
- Reverend Msgr. Thomas E. Williams, March 25, 1983
- Reverend James P. McGlade, March 31, 1980

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 11</b>
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46	
6:30 am	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 am	Mr. Augustus "Stan" Stanton, Sr.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 12</b>
Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15	
6:30 am	Thanksgiving for Prayers
8:15 am	Ms. Irene Nelson Powers
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 13</b>
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32	
6:30 am	Ms. Inez Danise
8:15 am	Ms. Linda Mayer
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 14</b>
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12	
6:30 am	Special Intention
8:15 am	Mr. Roland Mestayer, Jr.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 15</b>
Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26	
6:30 am	Ms. Lorreta Cloyd
8:15 am	Mr. Steve Sema
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 16</b>
Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48	
8:15 am	Ms. Hannah Donahue
	Mr. Patrick John Burchill
4:00 pm	Mr. Michael Joseph Sekul
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 17</b>
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b-36	
7:30 am	Jim and Clara Cagle
9:00 am	Congregation
11:30 am	The Collins Family
5:30 pm	Ms. Eunice Misko

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$11,311.04
Poor Collection.....	\$ 3,866.00
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, Elaine Belson, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sybil Burchinal, Carol Lee Cantin, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Jackie Endt, Fr. Bernie Farrell, LaJuan Fowler, Carmen Gaethe, 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, Daisy Laborde, Jacob Latil, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Bob Mayer, Cheryl McGie, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Marie Meyers, Edna Migues, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Judy Penton, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Sylvia Spratley, Ron Stump, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Angela Troclair, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, and Sonny Wynn.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Marlyn Reaux**, mother of Patricia (Pat) Mitchell of this parish, who passed away February 27<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.

**Altar Society Members for next week**  
**Judi Anderson, Theresa Stuart & Mark Aultman**

# Religious Education News

**Deacon Jim Gunkel – 872-2652; [dcjim@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:dcjim@osstalphonsus.org)**  
**Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org)**

**Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Edge: Sunday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade - High School Youth: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Mar 14:** RCIA, Theological Virtues, Parish Hall Mtg Rm, 6 p.m.  
**Mar 17:** Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)  
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m.; The Gospel of Matthew  
Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds  
RCIA Rite of Election, Church, 5:30 p.m. Mass  
**June 17-21: SAVE THE DATE – CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP**



**Come spend personal time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Bring your plans for this Lenten season to the feet of the Crucified and ask for His blessing as you begin this sacred journey.**

The Chapel is open daily; however, every week during Lent there will be a special 24-hour adoration. It will begin at 7:00 a.m. Friday morning and end at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Pick your time. All are welcome. Just come.  
 "Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him". --St. Teresa of Calcutta



**All are invited to come join us as we Pray for the Sick** on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. This will be an hour of Adoration, Rosary, Prayer and Music. Confession will be available if needed.



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS: Please come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>).** The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



**An Anointing of the Sick** will take place on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



**Co-Ed Arise #9 – Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Dedeaux, March 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>:** Arise is sponsored by the Cursillo Movement of South MS. Whereas Cursillo is limited to Catholics, Arise is 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've been away from the church for a while, Those without a current church/religion who are "searching" for a new one or more meaningful faith experience, Those taking instruction in the Catholic faith. For more information, contact Karly Richardson at (228) 219-2203 or Mike Lingenfelder at (228) 354-8377, or you may visit the website at [www.biloxicursillo.org](http://www.biloxicursillo.org) for an application or more information

**REFLECTION**

**Repentance alone is not enough**

Repentance of itself is not enough – grace must be available. But if grace is offered and not accepted, then nothing comes of that either. There is no point in putting up a sail if there is no wind. There is no point in planting a seed if the ground is frozen. There is no point in pruning the tree if spring does not come. It is not enough to cut into people's hearts in order to save them – they must be touched by grace. Lord, touch our hearts with your grace, so that we may produce the fruits of repentance

# \*\*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

**Mar 13:** Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.  
**Mar 15:** Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Stations of the Cross, 2:30 p.m.

**The Spring Soiree "Run for the Roses", benefiting St. Alphonsus Catholic School**, will take place on Friday, May 3, at the Maritime and Seafood Museum. The Band, Soul Food Junkies, will be playing at the event and the event features both silent and live auctions, raffles, as well as delicious food and signature drinks. Tickets are \$50 each or \$100 a couple. Sponsorships are also available and all in the community are welcome! Please contact Marie Sanderson at 601-946-4529 or [St.AIRunfortheRoses@gmail.com](mailto:St.AIRunfortheRoses@gmail.com) for more information.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Mar 11:** Women's Varsity Basketball Banquet, 6:00 p.m.  
**Mar 12:** Cheer Squad Parent Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
**Mar 14:** Mass, 9:40 a.m.  
**Mar 16:** Junior High Dance (with 6<sup>th</sup> graders), 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
**Mar 30:** Shamrockin' the Coast Party & Silent Auction at the White House Hotel, 7 – 11 p.m. Each \$100 ticket admits two guests, entertainment - The Molly Ringwalds, enticing silent auction items and delicious food. Discounts are available for alumni. Contact Erin Rosetti at [alumni@stpatrickhighschool.net](mailto:alumni@stpatrickhighschool.net) for more information.



**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore has some wonderful materials to offer for Lent.** First and foremost, given the enormous importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are offering Fr. John Noone's new booklet and CDs. Entitled "250 Questions about CONFESSION", it will inspire you to embrace this wonderful Sacrament of HEALING. Proceeds from the sale of the booklet and CDs will go to the Missionaries of Our Mother of the Eucharist. The Booklet is 8.00. The set of 4 CDs is 15.00.  
**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.



**Congratulations to Paul Pierre** - He was the third winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Lyla Luxix.

**Lenten Missions:**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church (Long Beach) March 11, 12 & 13, 7pm**  
 The theme is "Yes, Lord". The presenters will be Fr. Mike O'Connor, Sr. Consilio Buckley and Fr. Dominic Pham  
 Fellowship and a light meal will be offered from 6-6:45 pm each night and babysitting will be available for children 8 years of age and younger.  
**Our Lady of Victories Church (Pascagoula)**  
 Sunday Masses, March 30/31 - "Like the Father, like the Son"  
 6:00 p.m. each night: April 1 - "Jesus I trust you"; April 2 - "I believe, so easy to say"; April 3 - "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.