



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor Of or In Memory Of: Oris Danise, Mae H. Danise, Baby Girl Timmons, Tiffany Monai Timmons, Mary Inez Danise, Ann Furlow, Mr. & Mrs. Crawford Rushing, Mr. & Mrs. Will Trochesset, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Trochesset, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Rushing, JR and Celeste Williams & Family, Cosme and Angelina Esquibel & Family, Adam “Frenchie” Bourgeois, Nick Fiorenza, Luigi C. Fiorenza, Miriam Bourgeois, Hilda Fiorenza, Mrs. Jean Pierre, Linda Mayer, The Thompson Family, The Kortman Family, Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Strayham, Mr. Patrick Robinson, Ms. Joanne Strayham, Ligaya Camagong, Mary Mathieu, The Bennett Family, The Salik Family, The Swope Family, The Gianelloni Family, Mr. Joe and Mrs. Marguerite Mihojevich, Edward Coker, Rose Williams, Walter Sokira, Bill and Ramonda Becker, The Straight Family, The Spears Family, Roy Riviere, Beryl Riviere, Rick Riviere, Ray Riviere, Jerry Burdine, Audrey Burdine, Jerry Jr. Burdine, Lucille Beaugez, Ryan Wilson, Ligaya Camagong, Jack and Margaret Seymour, Sherry Seymour, Jack Seymour Jr., Robert Bellman, Edward Bellman, Christopher Bellman, Deceased Members of the Bellman Family, Deceased Members of the De George Family, Randy Trahan, Camille B. Durkin, Glenn Brune, Russ Jordan, Carley Jordan, Brittany Jordan, George Pitalo Sr., Gregory Hebert, Liam Pitalo, The Shebanek Family, The O’Connor Family, The Somnitz Family, Mr. & Mrs. Nick Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Jack James, The Frammersberger Family, Prentiss Rockwell, Bert Pfiffner, Arnold Pfiffner, Imogene Lambert, Thom Murphy, James Sprawls, Melba Lindner, Jody Kilpatrick, Mary and Chester McPhearson, The Peppard Family, The Kraft Family, The Sonnier Family, The Seymour Family, J.P. Goff, Richard Porterfield, The Porterfield Family, The Mills Family, Poor Souls, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ryan, Betty Ryan Callegari, The Brou Family, Charles Bellman Sr., Francis Catchot Sr. Family, James Spell Family, David J. Munger, Nettie Beaugez Jones, Ignacio Del Pilar, Jeffrey Alan Boone, Emory Lizana Jr., Paul and Isabel Gans, Oleus and Della Sonnier and Family, Tommy Brochard, Ginger Szczepanski, Guy Dubuisson, Joycelyn and Lowell Webb, The Auger Family and Friends, The Mitchell Family, The Kittle Family, Fred and Laura Howell, Virginia Johnson, Bill Yates, The Family of Mr. & Mrs. L.A. Touns, The Family of Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Morgan, Raymond Chandler, William Ray, Robert Nelson, Carlus Chapman, Toney and Margie Terretta, Kyle and Bea Vance, Louis Trebotich, Joey Trebotich, Joe Trebotich, Tina Trebotich, Pat Trebotich, Ernie and Madeline Keenan, Shirod Miller Sr., Mae Miller, Jerry Miller, Herschel Vail, Rose and Clarence Oakes, Robert Raether, Arthur and Elsie Webber, The Webber Family, The Miller Family, George C. Fero, Thomas G. Fero, George W. and Veronica Fero, Thomas Franklin and Marie J. Mathieu, Rubin Bergeron, Dolive Bergeron, Patsy Bergeron, Mama Francie, Pawpaw & Mama Bergeron, Mamo Eschette, Walter Ryan, Michael B. Mitchell Sr., Bernadette Schultz, Curtis Marsh, Bob Mitchell, Drew Clayton, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Miguez Sr., The Davis Family, The Groue Family, The Hill Family, The King Family, The Perry Family, The Skelton Family, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ryan, Betty Lou Callegari, Francis J. Selman Sr., Rosemary Selman, The Wiltz Family, The Nicovich Family, The Karacand Family, Sister Eileen Lowney, Fr. Patrick Quinn, Darick McNutt, Sean Warden, Frances and Curtis Tootle, Donald Tiblier, Peyton Kostmayer, Taylor Cook, Paul Brant, Steve Castleman, Judy Fremin, Mark Riviere, Nancy Thornton, Mary Lou and Jack Brennan, Jim Salters, Bart Brewer, Mike Mitchell Sr., Anna Mitchell, Mary and Jimmy Salters, Bob and Ginger Mitchell, Richard Salters, Jenny Woodrum, Steve and Helen Trebotich, Ronnie Iachino, Barbara Iachino, Steven Iachino, Wilma and Leslie Trauth, Glenn and Eleanor Young, George

Young, Gay Lorne Young, Dot McKinnon, Robbin McKinnon, Jeff and Jody Dees, Charles and Gertrude Eglin, Eduard van Thiel, Elizabeth Wagener, Gerald Wagener, Mr. & Mrs. Lacy Grand, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Haydel, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Atkinson Sr., Joey Williams, The William Hosey Family, The Ernest Cole Family, Lisa Grace Westbrook, Mary Saunders, Menno Saunders, David Saunders, Lavon Saunders, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Belson, Norman and Mildred Eckert, Roland and Mildred Hymel, Bill Collins and Family, The Leon Seymour Family, The Arnot Smith Family, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bartsch, Nora Mestayer, Brandy Lesso Hebert, Bill and Vera Ross, Billy Ross, Danny Ross, Charles Ross, Edwin and Ester Broussard, Numa and Blanche Bienvenue, Joe and Lucille Ross, Dot Ross, Otis and Herman Conway, Floyd Balius, Ronald Balius Sr., Melba Balius, Alonzo and Melvina Brumbaugh, George Quiter, Becky Quiter, Chuck Quiter, Dalton Gary, Chuck Montgomery, Cecil and Anna Mae Montgomery, Mike O’Brien, Beatrice Roper, Charlie Ferry, Henry and Sylvia Diaz, Mercedes Lopez, Nella Sauls, The Brou Family and Special Intentions.

In the Gospel we have John’s version of Pentecost, birthday of the Church. The risen Jesus appears to his apostles, showing them his wounds and bestowing peace on them. He gives them the gift of the Spirit and inaugurates the mission of the Church, which is the continuance of his own mission (to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins). One of the effects of the gift of the Spirit was that the Church had the power to forgive sins. John did not tell us who could exercise this power or how it should be exercised. Though we cannot read back into this text the later Sacrament of Penance, we can confidently say that the Church’s use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one valid and legitimate way of exercising the power over sin given by the risen Jesus to his disciples. Thomas’ profession of faith, ‘My Lord and my God’, is the supreme christological statement of John’s Gospel. Originally John’s Gospel ended where today’s passage ends. For this and the next five Sundays the Second Reading is taken from the Book of Revelation. The book is the revelation of Jesus Christ, made known through an angel to an unidentified prophet, John. It describes the battle between good and evil, and assures believers that good (God) will triumph. It was addressed to the whole Church and was meant to be read at liturgical assemblies to encourage believers to hold fast to the faith in times of persecution.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Easter Sunday Collection.....\$15,502.86
 Good Friday Holy Land Collection.....\$ 443.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Ronald Bond, husband of Evelyn Bond of this parish, who passed away April 19th.

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



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, Loretta Foster, LaJuan Fowler, Carmen Gaethe, Sandra Grantham, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Donnie Hebert, Melissa James, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, Jacob Latil, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Bob Mayer, Cheryl Megie, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Marie Meyers, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaïse, Leonard Necaïse, Peggy and Edward Necaïse, 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.

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY APRIL 29
 Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
 6:30 am Dr. Malcolm Latour
 8:15 am Ms. Irene Nelson Powers

TUESDAY APRIL 30
 Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
 6:30 am Special Intention
 8:15 am Mr. Ron Fournier

WEDNESDAY MAY 1
 Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
 6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
 8:15 am Ms. Alice Hire

THURSDAY MAY 2
 Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
 6:30 am Mr. Richard “Dick” Porterfield
 8:15 am Ms. Judy Catchot

FRIDAY MAY 3
 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
 6:30 am Mr. Eddie Hire
 8:15 am Mr. Roland Mestayer, Jr.

SATURDAY MAY 4
 Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21;
 8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
 Mr. Gregory Hebert
 Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Mr. Jay Holtorf

SUNDAY MAY 5
 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
 7:30 am Mr. Bobby Beaugez
 9:00 am Congregation
 11:30 am Mr. J.R. Williams, Sr.
 5:30 pm Int. Mr. David L. Parker

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.

May 2: RCIA Our Journey to God, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
May 5: Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

We will watch Dr. Brant Pitre explain the Seven Sacraments in the Church and give their Biblical references. This is one of the Biggest Differences between Catholics and Protestants. Come find out what the Bible says!
[Children’s Church](#), 11:30 am. Mass for 3-6 year olds

CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP

Join us for a week of fun June 17th – 21th as we journey through “A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments” which has been especially designed to help the Sacraments come alive for the youth. During the week, the youth will come to better understand the seven Sacraments and deepen their love for Jesus. Space is limited so please register early. Additional Registration forms are available at the Church Office and Bookstore. For more information, contact our Family and Youth Director Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonsus.org

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Apr 29: Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Church, 2:15 p.m.
May 1: PK4 Parade, PK3-K Egg Hunt, Easter Parties, Early Dismissal
May 3: Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.
 Spring Soiree, Maritime Museum, 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Apr 30: Junior Retreat, 8:15 a.m.
May 1: ACRE Test – 8th & 11th Grade
May 2: Senior Farewell Mass, 9:40 a.m.; Spring Band Concert, 6:00 p.m.
May 3: Tennis Banquet, 6:00 p.m.



“If you ate only one meal a week would you survive? It is the same for your soul. Nourish it with the Blessed Sacrament.” --St. Andre Besette

Celebrate and be nourished. Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament...for He has indeed Risen!

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



Men's Cursillo 280 is now accepting applications for the next Cursillo Weekend to be held May 2nd - 5th at the Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St Louis. If you are a confirmed catholic man age 18 or older and would like to know more about your church and God's plans for you, then please join us. Applications are available our website www.biloxicursillo.org or Facebook page, Catholic Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi. We hope to see you there.

Duck Race



Bethesda Free Clinic will host its First Annual Duck Race to benefit the Clinic at Gulf Islands Waterpark on Saturday, May 4th. Race begins at 5:30 pm. Adopt a Duck for \$5 or Adopt 5 Ducks for \$20. The Duck Race is Free and Waterpark admission is also available at a reduced rate with adoption of a duck. For more information about Bethesda Free Clinic located in Ocean Springs and the Duck Race on May 4th please visit www.bfhcd.com.



Attention St. John High Grads – a reunion for Classes 1959-1967 will be held on Saturday, May 4th at the Great Southern Club, Hancock Bank in Gulfport. \$50 per person and includes buffet supper, DJ and cash bar. Check-in 5-6 pm; cash bar happy hour 6-7 pm; dinner buffet 7 pm. Send check to Frank Wheat, 2408 Pine Ave. Gulfport 39501. For more information call or text Shirley Henderson at 228-365-6960.



Congratulations to the final winners of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week Drawing: \$100 – Brandon Sema, pulled by Mary Creel; \$200 – Joe Sasser, pulled by Isabella Van Acker; and \$500 – Judy Lesso, pulled by Fr. Mike Snyder. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser. They were able to give \$1,250 to the Seminarian Education Fund.

PRAYER / REFLECTION

Cease doubting and believe

While Jesus was alive Thomas was as strong as an oak. But when Jesus was put to death, he became a reed shaking in the winds of doubt. The truth was, though he didn’t realize it at the time, that it was the Master who was the oak. He was a mere sapling growing in his shade. When the oak fell he was defenseless. All of us are shaken by the winds of doubt. We need to look at the Lord’s wounds, and hear his gentle voice saying to us: ‘Cease doubting and believe.’ Then with Thomas we shall make bold to say: ‘My Lord and my God.’

A copy of the weekly Church bulletin may be found on the “myParish” phone app and also on our parish website at “osstalphonsus.org”.

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