


**The First Reading contains a message of hope addressed to the Jewish exiles in Babylon.** There will be a new exodus, so glorious that it will put the great events of the first exodus in the shade. And all of this will happen because God is faithful to his people. This prepares us for the Gospel. Christians see the radically new thing that God has done for us in and through Jesus. Specifically we see God's love and compassion in Jesus' treatment of a sinful woman. The story is taken from John, but it resembles the style of Luke. It's an 'entrapment' story which sought to show Jesus' wisdom in besting his adversaries. The aim of the Scribes and Pharisees was to set a snare for Jesus. If he pardoned the woman, he could be accused of encouraging people to break the law of Moses. If he agreed that she should be stoned, he would lose his name for mercy. But Jesus turned the tables on her accusers by suggesting that they look at their own sins. Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the justification that comes from faith in Christ, and for the hope of resurrection (Second Reading). Like a runner at the final stage of a race, he doesn't look back but keeps his eye on the winning tape.

**Upcoming Lenten Penitential Services**


**Apr 9:** Sacred Heart, D'Iberville 7:00 p.m.  
**Apr 10:** St. Elizabeth Seton 6:30 p.m.  
**Apr 11:** St. Alphonsus 7:00 p.m.  
**Apr 15:** Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi 7:00 p.m.  
**Apr 16:** Nativity BVM Cathedral, 6:00 p.m.



**The Altar Society is accepting donations for the decorating of the Church on Easter Sunday.** Parishioners may donate the flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Envelopes are in the pews. When complete, envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Rectory. Please print names clearly on the envelope. The deadline for making a donation is next Sunday (April 14<sup>th</sup>).



**As we near the end of our Lenten journey, we are grateful for your support of the 2019 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your prayers and financial support helps the Church to continue the works of the Lord Jesus.** If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes are at each of the exits of the church or you can give online at [www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org). To date **130** pledges (out of 1080 registered families) have been made which total **\$49,893**. This leaves us a total of **\$10,620** to reach our parish goal of **\$60,513**. In the past St. Alphonsus Parish has always went above the goal that was set by the Diocese – please help us do so again this year. Remember – when our parish reaches its goal, all funds raised over our goal are returned to the parish for our use. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.



**“It is never too early to teach little ones that Jesus is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament...When children are taught about the True Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, especially at a young age, they readily and easily accept and believe this mystery...The most important thing is to introduce them to Jesus as soon as possible. Teach them to treat Him with love and reverence as their God and Savior, and to talk to Him as their best friend. Jesus loves them, He died for them, He stays here on earth to be with them, in The Sacred Host. He longs for them and waits for them every minute of every day in The Tabernacle...Let them know they can share with Him their problems, troubles, delights, and joys.”** ---**Adoration for Children, Linda Bracy**  
 In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, “Let the children come to Me...” During this special season of Lent, take some time to experience Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament with your children. It can be just five or ten minutes. Nourish your relationship with Jesus by helping your children grow theirs. “Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”. --St. Teresa of Calcutta

**Altar Society Members for next week**  
**Janell Alliston, Deni Helms and Pat Zuber**

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY APRIL 8**  
 Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20  
 6:30 am Ms. Mollie Davidson  
 8:15 am Int. Mr. Holt Foushee

**TUESDAY APRIL 9**  
 Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30  
 6:30 am Int. Holy Spirit  
 8:15 am Ms. Regina Trahan

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 10**  
 Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42  
 6:30 am Ms. Lisa Grace Westbrook  
 8:15 am The Butz Family

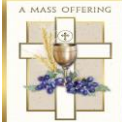
**THURSDAY APRIL 11**  
 Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59  
 6:30 am Ms. Myrna Misko  
 8:15 am Special Intention

**FRIDAY APRIL 12**  
 Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42  
 6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick  
 8:15 am Mr. Hunter Grantham

**SATURDAY APRIL 13**  
 Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56  
 8:15 am The Melchert Family

4:00 pm Mr. Bobby Beaugez


**SUNDAY APRIL 14**  
 Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56  
 7:30 am Ms. Sylvia Riche  
 Mr. Cedric Riche  
 9:00 am Eugene Peresich Family  
 11:30 am Mr. Michael David Terry  
 5:30 pm Congregation



**Mass for Family and Friends:** You can have Masses offered for the Intention of family and friends as well as for the deceased. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,464.69  
 Catholic Relief Services Collection .....\$ 984.56  
 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, 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 Migues, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, 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**

# 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.**

**Apr 11:** RCIA Paschal Mystery/Holy Wk/Adoration, PH Mtg Room, 6pm  
**Apr 14:** Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)  
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m.; Dr. Brant DVD The Road to Emmaus  
 Wonder what the first Easter was like? We will be on a guided tour of the final chapter of the Gospel of Luke and the account of the disciples who met Christ on the Road to Emmaus! Come join us!  
Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

**June 17-21: SAVE THE DATE – CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP**  
**“A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments”**

**This Sunday (April 7) at 3:00 p.m., The Music and Fine Arts Ministry of Nativity BVM Cathedral offers a very special program for Lent entitled: *Reflections On Holy Week.*** This is the first offering of the Cathedral's 2019 Concert Series. This program portrays the various spiritual, substantial events of Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem and ultimately to the Cross and reflects upon his last utterances there. These scriptural “Lessons” will be shared and then enhanced with choral musical “shadows” reflective of the depth of the moment and the meaning of the sacrifice. The hour-long program will be presented by Nativity BVM Cathedral's Civic Choral Society – “Gloria In Excelsis” along with Mobile, Alabama's “Mobile Vocal Arts” Choral Society and members of the Adult Choir of Touro Synagogue of New Orleans, Louisiana. The concert service/massed choir will be under the direction of Terry D. Maddox, M.M. – the Cathedral's Minister of Music ~ Director of Fine Arts. The program is free and open to the public.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle** (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Villa Maria. All are invited.



**Way of the Cross, Mass, Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle: Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**



**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 second Saturday in April. (i.e. April 13<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!



**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 April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 Jack Wesley Smith, April 19, 1983  
 Reverend Sylvester Hynes, April 29, 1994  
 Reverend Msgr. Patrick J. Carey, May 1, 1979  
 Reverend Msgr. Patrick K. Bambrick, May 1, 2002  
 Reverend John T. O'Brien, May 18, 2009

# \*\*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

**Apr 8-12:** ITBS Testing  
**Apr 10:** Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.  
**Apr 12:** Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Stations of the Cross, 2:30 p.m.

**Spring Soiree “Run for the Roses” Friday, May 3, at the Maritime and Seafood Museum.** Live entertainment, Silent/Live Auctions, Raffles, Delicious Food, 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. To sponsor or purchase tickets, please visit [Stal.org](http://Stal.org) and click on “store” in the top right corner.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Apr 8-10:** ITBS Testing  
**Apr 12:** Lenten Penance Service 8:15 a.m.  
**Apr 12, 13:** Spring Drama Production (Sister Act), 6:30 p.m.  
**Apr 14:** Spring Drama Production (Sister Act), 2:00 p.m.



**Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season of Handel's Oratorio *The Messiah*** will be held on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Cedar Lake Christian Assembly, 11555 Cedar Lake Rd, Biloxi and Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 5005 Lawson Ave, Gulfport. Free Admission and Open to the Public.

**St. Michael Family Life Center, Sunday, April 14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Prayer, healing, support, acceptance for anyone who has experienced abuse by priests or any minister of the church. Safe, confidential environment. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is a path to God's mercy, compassion and healing. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.



**Attention St. John High Grads – a reunion for Classes 1959-1967** will be held on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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 4<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Catholic Journeys at 800-715-6670 or online at [catholicjourneys.com](http://catholicjourneys.com).



**Congratulations to Whitney Olier -** She was the seventh winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Natalie Harris.

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