

The First Reading tells of the opposition the apostles encountered from the Jewish authorities. Persecution did not come as a surprise: Jesus had predicted it. (Lk 21:12-13) It became an opportunity for the apostles to bear witness to him. They refused to be silenced. Always the central point of their witness is the resurrection of Jesus. Far from being demoralized, they were glad to suffer for the sake of Jesus.

The Gospel shows that a constant feature of the resurrection stories is that Jesus is not recognized at once; it takes some word or familiar gesture for him to be known. This is an effective way of making the point that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death. He is the same Jesus, yet transformed. He is not as he was; but he is still who he was.

The miraculous catch of fish symbolizes the mission of the apostles to be ‘fishers of men’. The large catch shows how successful the disciples can be with Jesus’ help. The meal symbolizes the eucharistic meal in which Jesus is present among them and feeds them. Peter, who three times denied his Master, is now given three chances to profess his love, and then is given a mandate to care for the Lord’s flock. In giving authority to the man who denied him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness.

REFLECTION

Believing in people

It can happen that we lose interest in people, and even become blind to their strengths, when we discover their limitations. During his passion Jesus discovered the limitations of Peter. Yet he didn’t write him off. He continued to believe in him, and in time he became good. Like Peter, we are weak human beings, who are inconstant in our beliefs. We need someone who understands our weaknesses, who realizes that it may take time for us to overcome them, and who doesn’t write us off because we don’t produce the goods at once.



“When we go before the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to Him; He will come to us; the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath from one to the other.” – St. John Vianney

In silent, reverent Adoration, the Peace Jesus breathes into our hearts is inexplicable. It comes not because of anything done or asked; but, simply from being there together with Him. Make time at some point this week to visit Him and “catch your breath.”

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



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Monday, May 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



Attention Graduating Seniors: There are two \$500 Scholarships available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away by the Knights of Columbus.

If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Rodney Fountain at rodney@rfountaincpa.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 15, 2019**

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 Msgr. Patrick J. Carey, May 1, 1979
- Reverend Msgr. Patrick K. Bambrick, May 1, 2002
- Reverend John T. O’Brien, May 18, 2009



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of The Mayfield, Burkhardt & Seymour Families

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 6
Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29	
6:30 am	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 am	Elvin Asher Family
TUESDAY	MAY 7
Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35	
6:30 am	Ms. Anita Grace White
8:15 am	Ms. Marion Bedard
WEDNESDAY	MAY 8
Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40	
6:30 am	Khay Do Ngoan Nguyen Family
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Sandra Grantham
THURSDAY	MAY 9
Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51	
6:30 am	Special Intention
8:15 am	Mr. Roy “Ricky” Riviere
FRIDAY	MAY 10
Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59	
6:30 am	Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 am	Mr. Marshall Fayard
SATURDAY	MAY 11
Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69;	
8:15 am	Mr. Phil Pilibosian
4:00 pm	Mr. Chad Michaud
SUNDAY	MAY 12
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30	
7:30 am	Ms. Robbin McKinnon
9:00 am	Mrs. Judy Soares
11:30 am	The Collins Family
5:30 pm	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$ 8,636.81
Catholic Home Missions Collection.....\$ 876.02
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Larry Creel, a member of our parish community, who passed away April 23rd.

Pat Sonnier, sister-in-law of Mary (Carl) Brochard and Alice (Charles) Goff of this parish, who passed away April 26th in Nashville, Tennessee.
Matthew “Red” Pitalo, brother of Anastasia “Susie” Jurich and Marion “Stag” (Sarah) Pitalo of this parish, who passed away April 28th.

We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them 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 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 Trosclair, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, and Sonny Wynn.

Religious Education News

Deacon Jim Gunkel – 872-2652; dcjim@osstalphonusus.org
Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonusus.org

May 9: RCIA Piety, Study, Action, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
May 12: Children’s Church, 11:30 am. Mass for 3-6 year olds
May 15: Rehearsal for First Communion, Church, 5:30 p.m.
Rehearsal for Confirmation, Church, 6:30 p.m.
May 19: Sacrament of First Communion at 11:30 a.m. Mass
Sacrament of Confirmation at 5:30 p.m. Mass

CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP – June 17 – 21, 2019

Registration has begun for this year’s Catholic Kids Camp! Join us as we journey through **A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments** which has been especially designed to help the Sacraments come alive for the youth. Registration forms are available at the Church office and Bookstore. Space is limited so please register early. For more information, contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonusus.org



The drama club of Our Lady of Fatima Elementary will perform **Willy Wonka Jr.** at Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport. Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka is a musical that combines elements of both Roald Dahl’s book Charlie and the Chocolate Family and of the 1971 movie Willy

Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. You are invited to come join them for this special production. Performances will be held on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, May 10th at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will be a \$5 fee for the 7:00 p.m. performances.



Women 18-45 (and graduating High School Seniors) are invited to join the local Sisters of Mercy for an evening of prayer and dinner on Friday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. Come get to know their community, learn about the Sisters of Mercy and enjoy some time for fellowship.

For more information and/or to RSVP, please email Sr. Kelly Williams, RSM at kwilliams@mercy.org.



The Lord Is My Help will have their “2019 Feed the Need” fund raiser on Sunday, June 2nd at The Government Street Grocery in Ocean Springs.

Of all meals served, approximately 68% are delivered by volunteer drivers to elderly, ill, and/or disabled individuals living in the Ocean Springs and D’Iberville/St. Martin Jackson County area. The other 32% are served to those who come in to eat at our facility. The number of meals served averages 4,862 per month at a cost of \$2.60 per meal.

Donated non-perishable food items are always welcome and necessary to keep the pantry stocked. The average number of households receiving assistance from the food pantry is 277 per month, or an average of 668 persons receiving assistance per month.

For more information, please contact The Lord Is My Help at 872-2331 or come visit them at 1205 DeSoto Street in Ocean Springs.



Financial Peace University is coming! Having issues with spending and saving? Need help developing a budget, or saving for retirement? Are you tired of all the monthly debt payments? Need to save for your kids’ college? Do you wish you could **give** more? Dave Ramsey’s FPU class

addresses these concerns and much more. The class will be offered at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church (27074 St. Matthews Church Road, Perkinston, 39573) on Monday nights at 6:00 p.m. starting June 10th (there are 9 total lessons). The class is open to parishioners and non-parishioners. Cost is about \$110 per family. Contact Ed Brennan at 228-234-7601 for details. To register visit: <https://fpu.com/1088069>. You will be able to purchase a kit at that time if you need one.

As you plan upcoming vacations, visit www.MasTimes.org for Mass times and locations for the areas you will be visiting.

****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

May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week
May 7: Nativity Annual Track Meet @ SPSHS, 5:00 p.m.
May 10: Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Last Supper, 10:00 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

May 5: Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
May 7: Nativity Track Meet 4:00 p.m.
May 8: Academic Awards Night, 6:00 p.m.
May 9-10: Senior Exams
May 9: AP Chemistry Exam
May 10: AP US History Exam

UPCOMING TRAVELS

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 per person (2 per room) out of New Orleans from June 4th – 16th. For more information, contact Catholic Journeys at 800-715-6670 or online at catholicjourneys.com.

Fr. Henry McInerney is leading a group to Ireland June 2 – June 13, 2019. This trip will cover primarily Northern Ireland and the West. The cost is \$3,999.00 per person, sharing. If interested call Fr. Henry at 388-3887 or go online for an application form and additional details: <https://caragrouptavel.com/fr-henry-tour-of-ireland-june-2019>.

Come and experience the Sights and Sounds of Ireland’s Causeway Coast with Fr. Louis Lohan October 4th-13th, 2019. This 8 night/9 day package costs \$3,829 per person (based on 2 per room) and leaves out of Gulfport. For more information please send your name, telephone number and email address to: Irelandwelcomesyou@gmail.com or call Paula at 228-697-7814.

You are invited to join Fr. Mike Austin and Ms. Paula Spears for **Christmas at the Biltmore Estates** in Asheville, North Carolina December 2 – 6, 2019. The cost is \$1,545 per person (based on 2 per room) with round trip airfare out of Gulfport.

The Gulf Pine Catholic invites you on an 11 day Italian Renaissance & Oberammergau Pilgrimage with Fr. Tommy Conway departing September 9, 2020 out of New Orleans for only \$5,498. For more information, contact Terry Dickson at 228-702-2126 or tdickson@biloxidiocese.org.

Austria & Germany featuring the Passion Play of Oberammergau with Fr. Mike Austin September 15 – 25, 2020 Includes roundtrip airfare from New Orleans. \$4,600 per person based on two per room. Email: Oberplay2020@gmail.com or call Fr. Mike Austin at 228-452-4686 or Paula Spears at 228-697-7814.



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.