

**The First Reading tells of the conclusion of Paul's first missionary journey.** He and Barnabas retrace their steps, encouraging the little communities they have founded, and preparing them for the persecutions which would inevitably come.

In the Gospel the scene is the Last Supper. Judas has departed and Jesus is alone with his own. Jesus is going forward to the cross. By so doing, he is giving glory to God, who in turn will give glory to him. The apostles can't follow him yet. In the meantime they are to live by a 'new commandment' – the commandment of love. It is new only in the sense that it sets a new standard – 'as I have loved you'. The world will know that they are his disciples by their fidelity to this commandment.

The Second Reading, which comes from the final part of Revelation, is one we frequently hear at funerals. The final part of Revelation opens with a vision of a new heaven, a new earth, and a new Jerusalem. This glorious future to which God is leading us will be fully realized only in the hereafter.



**"You are here alone adore your God! His look rests on you alone! Ah! If we only had the angels' eyes! Seeing our Lord Jesus Christ here, on that altar, and looking at us, how we should love Him! We should want to stay always at His feet; it would be a foretaste of heaven; everything else would become insipid to us." – St. John Vianney**

Jesus looking at you. You looking at Jesus. It's really happening when we come to adore. Why not visit the chapel and see what happens? "Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him". --St. Teresa of Calcutta



**Congratulations Deacon Jim Gunkel on your third year anniversary (May 21<sup>st</sup>) as Permanent Deacon. Thank you for your service to St. Alphonsus.**



**At this time we are happy (and proud) to recognize Amelie Million** as the Salutatorian at St. Patrick High School. Amelie is also a 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduate of St. Alphonsus Elementary School. Amelie is a member here at St. Alphonsus and is the daughter of Troy & Odile Million.



**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 [rodneym@rfountaincpa.com](mailto:rodneym@rfountaincpa.com) to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 15, 2019**



**St. Alphonsus Church has contracted with Belinda Godfrey, a third generation Ecclesiastical Artist, to refinish and restore several of our statues in the Church. If you would like to help defray the cost, we would greatly appreciate any help (big or small) you would like to offer.**

**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of those receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation**



**A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.** If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.

**Altar Society Members for next week  
Kay Brochard, Sue Garlotte and Norma Williams**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY MAY 20

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

6:30 am Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.

8:15 am Mr. Hunter Grantham

TUESDAY MAY 21

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Mr. Randy Trahan

WEDNESDAY MAY 22

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.

8:15 am Mr. Anthony Goretski

THURSDAY MAY 23

Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

6:30 am Ms. Inez Danise

8:15 am Freddie and Vera Lusk

FRIDAY MAY 24

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

6:30 am Mr. Richard "Dick" Smith

8:15 am Ms. Linda Mayer

SATURDAY MAY 25

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21;

8:15 am Mr. Augustus "Stan" Stanton

4:00 pm Mr. Jerard Michaud

SUNDAY MAY 26

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

7:30 am Mr. Carlus E. Chapman

9:00 am Ms. Sylvia Marie Cronin

11:30 am Mr. Michael David Terry

5:30 pm Congregation

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,479.89

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Rosemary Humberson,** sister of Linda (Todd) Rich of this parish, who passed away April 9<sup>th</sup> in Virginia Beach, VA.

**Glenn Ryan,** father of Jeffrey (Kimberly) Ryan, Dean (Julia) Ryan and Steven (Christy) Ryan of this parish, who passed away May 10<sup>th</sup>.

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, Margaret 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 Necaise, Leonard Necaise, Peggy and Edward Necaise, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Judy Penton, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Sylvia Spratley, Nell Stanton, 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@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:dcjim@osstalphonusus.org)

Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; [jsema@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org)

May 26: Children's Church, 11:30 am. Mass for 3-6 year olds

### CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP – June 17 – 21, 2019

Registration is going on now for this year's Catholic Kids Camp! Join us for a week of fun 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](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org). We are still accepting adult and youth volunteer forms. Youth volunteers must have completed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.



**St. Michael Family Life Center, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.** Prayer time for all who have experienced abuse: physical, mental, sexual, verbal. On this Memorial weekend, come to experience freedom from hurt, pain, secrecy and freedom for living, loving, learning.



**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.



**The Lord Is My Help will have their "2019 Feed the Need" fund raiser** on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> (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.

### REFLECTION

#### Where love begins

It's easy to love at a distance, but not so easy to love at close quarters. It's easier to give a few pounds to relieve famine in Africa than to relieve the loneliness of someone living next door. It's easy to love people who are far away, but not always easy to love those who are close at hand. Yet, these are the people Christ asks us to love. We must begin by loving the people near us. That is where our love must start. But, of course, it doesn't have to end there. And it shouldn't.

## \*\*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 19:** Sacrament of First Communion at 11:30 a.m. Mass

**May 22:** PreK / K Program, Gym, 9:30 a.m.

**May 23:** Awards Day, Gym, 8:30 a.m.; Talent Show, Gym, 1:00 p.m.

**May 24:** Children's Mass / 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation / Noon Dismissal

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**May 19:** Softball Banquet, 1:00 p.m.

**May 21 – 23:** Final Exams



**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.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Catholic Journeys at 800-715-6670 or online at [catholicjourneys.com](http://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://caragrouptour.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 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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. For more information, call Paula at 228-697-7814 or [Biltmorechristmas@gmail.com](mailto:Biltmorechristmas@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Oberplay2020@gmail.com) or call Fr. Mike Austin at 228-452-4686 or Paula Spears at 228-697-7814.