

Many Gentiles had accepted Christianity as a result of the preaching of Paul and Barnabas. But then a question arose: how much of the Law and traditions of Moses should be required of these Gentile converts? The answer was: the bare minimum. They must abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood (symbol of life and which belonged to God), from the meat of strangled animals (which still had blood in them), and from marriage within degrees of kindred forbidden to Jews though allowed in other traditions. And so, instead of becoming a Jewish sect, Christianity became a universal religion.

The Gospel reading is taken from Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper, and is dominated by his imminent departure. He is concerned to assure his disciples that he will not leave them orphans. Despite his leaving, he and they will not be apart. If they keep his word they will be drawn into the love of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit will remind them of his words. Peace is his final gift to them, a peace the world cannot give.



We congratulate the following individuals from our Elementary School and Religious Education program who received their First Holy Communion during the 11:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday (May 19th).

They are: Abigail Baker, Elizabeth Ballinger, Ayden Davis, Graham Davis, Collins Denny, Lauren Gaida, William Geiser, Natalie Harris, Brees Hopson, Jack Karcher, James Karcher, Gabriel McDonough, Gage McKenna, Lily Murry, Cameron Newman, Jack Penn, Jacob Rector, Anslie Rimmer, Marina Rollins, Daniel Ryan, Patrick Ryan, Jordyn Saunders, Kennedy Smith, Landon Spring, Lillian Spring, Alejandra Stadthagen and Grant Wall.



Bishop Louis Kihneman, III administered the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Alphonsus at the 5:30 p.m. Mass last Sunday (May 19th).

We congratulate these individuals who received this Sacrament and pray that they will continue to grow in their Catholic faith in the years ahead. They are: Madison Burton, Erin Clifford, Maya Geissing, Quinn LaGrone, Katelin Lawrence, Ashlyn McDaniel, Nicholas McNew, Hanna Mitchell, Chloe Paske, Gabriela Patino, Zachary Wade, Khaz Bustamante, Erin Schreck and Katelyn Harwell.



St. Alphonsus Parish wishes to recognize and congratulate all our Seniors who already have or will be graduating from a local High School at this time.

Our students either attend Ocean Springs, St. Martin or St. Patrick High Schools. They are: Gina Bosco, Brady Brune, Carolyn Bertolino, Jonathan Carter, Drake Descher, Sean Fredericks, Lorraine Gonzales, Evan Harris, Christian Impey, Noah Kelly, Sarah Knight, Theresa Ladd, Connor McClellan, Caroline Melchi, Maxwell Menard, Matthew Mestayer, II, Amelie Million, Ana Patino, Ricardo Quintana, Alexis Rosetti, Coleman Stennis, Mariana Strawn, and Blain Zuber.

We also congratulate the nineteen Sixth Graders who graduated from our Elementary School at a graduation Mass on Friday morning.

We wish them every success in their education in the years ahead and ask God to continue to lead and guide them as they grow and develop. They are: Joseph Allen, Ryan Bishop, Lennon Bowen, Carlos Cano, Abigail Futch, Ethan Gianelloni, Natalie Gordon, Mary Hodges, Kaleb Hood, Will Karcher, Aubrey Ladnier, Elijah Lewis, Andrew Lowery, Colin McPhearson, Rowan McPhearson, Lena Palazzolo, Sophie Ross, Sophia Valletta and Charles Winters.



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**

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,144.93
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY MAY 27
Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a
6:30 am Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 am Ms. Ginger Szczepanski

TUESDAY MAY 28
Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
6:30 am Special Intention
8:15 am Mr. Ron Fournier

WEDNESDAY MAY 29
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15
6:30 am Ms. Lori Kaye
8:15 am Mr. Mike Williams
Mr. Joe Williams

THURSDAY MAY 30
Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
6:30 am Ms. Elizabeth "Tootie" Callender
8:15 am Mr. George Wavra

FRIDAY MAY 31
Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56
6:30 am Int. Ms. Gloria Larousse
8:15 am Ms. Irene Nelson Powers

SATURDAY JUNE 1
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28;
8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
Mr. Gregory Hebert
Russ, Carley, and Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Ms. Rose Marie Schmitt
SUNDAY JUNE 2
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53
7:30 am Congregation
9:00 am Int. Fr. Michael McFall
11:30 am Mr. Patrick Robinson
5:30 pm Mr. Roger Hardwick

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Johnny Lesso, cousin of Randy (Judy) Lesso of this parish, who passed away May 15th.

Richard "Dick" Siemeck, husband of Loretta Siemeck of this parish, who passed away May 19th.

Thomas "Ted" Dickinson, brother of Michael Dickinson of this parish, who passed away May 21st.

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, 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 Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, 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, Thane Williams, and Sonny Wynn.

Pray for Vocations

Religious Education News

Deacon Jim Gunkel – 872-2652; dcjim@osstalphonusus.org

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We Welcome and Congratulate the following individuals who were brought into the Church through Full Initiation, Profession of Faith or the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil: David Coroy, Landon Fitzsimmons, Landy Fitzsimmons, Tanya Gipson, Jaime King, Joseph King, Clay LaGrone, Nina LaGrone, James Owens and Barbara Taylor.

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. We are still accepting adult and youth volunteer forms. Youth volunteers must have completed the 6th grade.



On this Memorial Day weekend, we welcome any and all visitors who joined us today to celebrate the Eucharist. We hope all our families who are traveling over the weekend have safe arrivals to their destinations and a safe return home later on. We ask you all to be careful on the highways, byways and waterways this busy weekend.

This weekend we remember all who gave their lives for this country and for the freedoms we so often take for granted. Please remember them in your prayers today.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.



St. Michael Family Life Center, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., this Sunday (May 26th) 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 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.



St. Alphonsus Church has contracted with Belinda Godfrey, a third generation Ecclesiastical Artist, to refinish and/or restore several of our statues in the Church.

If you would like to help defray some of the cost, we would greatly appreciate any help (big or small) you would like to offer. Please note on the payment what it is for and drop in the collection basket. Thank You!

**Altar Society Members for next week
Joan Burres and Juliana Skelton**

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

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

May 29: Track Banquet, 6:00 p.m.

May 31: Cheer Party, 12:30 P.M.

June 8: ACT



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.



St. Alphonsus Church App – Are you on the Parish App yet? If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the app by texting App to phone number 88202, or by visiting myparishapp.com.

Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications regarding our parish life and an easy-to-access event calendar as well as many more great features such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, **quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website (osstalphonusus.org) and FORMED.**

Websites that may be good for people with problems, addictions, etc:

- www.americanaddictioncenters.org;
- www.narcononcolorado.org;
- www.al-anon.org;
- www.catholicsdivorce.com;
- www.cancersupportcommunity.org;
- www.rachelsvineyard.org;
- www.catholicmenconquerporn.com;
- www.yourbrainonporn.com

REFLECTION

Signposts on the footpath of peace

To be glad of life, because it gives you a chance to love, to work, to play, and to look up at the stars.

To despise nothing in the world except what is false and mean.

To fear nothing except what is cowardly.

To be guided by what you admire and love, rather than by what you hate.

To envy nothing that is your neighbors except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner.

To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ.

And to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors.

These are little signposts on the footpath of peace. (Henry van Dyke)



**The Flowers on the Altar are in
Memory of Joey Williams**