

The reading from Acts speaks of the ascension of Jesus. It also shows how Jesus, now in the glorious presence of his Father, continues to act through the Holy Spirit and through his followers.

The theological meaning of the feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making him head of the Church and Lord of creation.

The Gospel Reading consists of the end of Luke's Gospel. It contains Luke's first account of the Ascension, which is here presented as occurring on Easter Sunday. The risen Lord shows the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and rise again. Jesus also gives them a mission (the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins) and promises to send the Holy Spirit to them. They return in joy to Jerusalem to await the Spirit.

In his Gospel Luke has shown that 'the time of Israel' has yielded to 'the time of Christ'. Now, 'the time of Christ' is to yield to 'the time of the Church'. The word of salvation will go forth from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. He will tell us about that in his second book, Acts of the Apostles. The Ascension is seen as the culmination of Jesus' life and the start of the Church's mission.



"My Jesus! What a lovable contrivance this holy Sacrament was – that You would hide under the appearance of bread to make Yourself loved and to be available for a visit by anyone who desires You! – St. Alphonsus Liguori

Who would have thought to leave themselves to be received and to be present in such a necessary yet, simple form as bread? Jesus.

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



We congratulate Micah Andino on receiving his First Holy Communion during the 9:00 a.m. Mass last Sunday (May 26th).



The Baptism Class for June has been changed to June 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. At

least one of the godparents must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Godparents who are not registered/active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.



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 rodnev@rfountaincpa.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 15, 2019**



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

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY JUNE 3

Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

6:30 am Mr. Carlton Latour

8:15 am Ms. Rosemary Humberson

TUESDAY JUNE 4

Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a

6:30 am Khay Do Ngoan Nguyen Family

8:15 am Mr. Roy "Ricky" Riviere

WEDNESDAY JUNE 5

Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

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

8:15 am Ms. Judy Catchot

THURSDAY JUNE 6

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

6:30 am Mr. Nolan Fremin

8:15 am Elvin Asher Family

FRIDAY JUNE 7

Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Mr. Marshall Fayard

SATURDAY JUNE 8

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25;

8:15 am David, Mary & Menno Saunders

4:00 pm Mr. Randy Trahan

SUNDAY JUNE 9

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

7:30 am Mr. Richard "Dick" Porterfield

9:00 am Eugene Peresich Family

11:30 am Congregation

5:30 pm Ms. Marion Bedard

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,012.90

Catholic Communication Campaign.....\$ 856.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Judith "Judy" Penton, daughter of Annie Morgan of this parish, who passed away May 23rd.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her 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, 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.

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

Religious Education News

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

Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonusus.org

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 Online, at the Church exits and the Rectory Office. For more information, contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonusus.org.



Children's Liturgy Volunteers needed for next school year: Would you like to teach our young children about God and our Catholic faith? Are you a grandmother who may miss seeing grandbabies? Well we would love to have you as a volunteer for the 2019-2020 Children's Liturgy program. It involves about 20 minutes of your time every six or so weeks spent teaching and having a fun time with our 3-6 year olds in the chapel during Liturgy of the Word at the 11:30 am Sunday mass. Please email Catherine Marsh at catherinecomiskeymarsh@gmail.com or contact the church office and Catherine will give you a call.



The Lord Is My Help will have their "2019 Feed the Need" fund raiser this 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.



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 had 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!



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 June 24th - 28th. 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.



You are invited to join us in praying the Liturgy of the Hours before the 8:15 a.m. Mass (Monday – Friday) beginning at 7:45 a.m. in the Church.

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

Summer Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

June 8: ACT



The 21st Annual Married Couples Return Weekend, scheduled for July 26-28, 2019, will be held at the William Kelley Retreat Center at the St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis. This weekend is open to all married couples provided at least one has experienced a Cursillo (spouse does not have to be Catholic). This retreat is for married couples that would like to celebrate their strengths as a couple and be encouraged to live your marriage in witness of God's love. Rooms will be reserved on a first come first served basis. Reservation forms are available in the Vestibule of the Church. Suggested donation is \$200 per couple. For more information email Diana Suffern at dianadsuffern@gmail.com or call 337-278-1610.



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.**



Radio Maria - a Catholic Radio right here in Ocean Springs! You can listen to it on your radio at FM 88.1; livestream it on your computer at radiomaria.us; download the free app onto your smartphone; or by calling 1-712-832-8065. There are many good programs from inspirational Catholic speakers, programs about history, prayer, care giving, finding a job, Marian apparitions, conversion stories, and many others! Plus there is great music. Let us be grateful to God for this sublime gift to us, for His mercies endure forever! Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

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

REFLECTION

Lift up your hearts

The day of the Lord's triumphant return to his Father is not a day for narrowness or sadness. Rather, it is a day for openness and joy. Therefore, let us lift up our hearts. Let us raise up our minds. Let our spirits soar and be free. For sin and evil and death have been overcome. We know nothing of the mystery of the beyond. All we have is his word: 'Where I am, you too will be'. Lord, you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life. Guard this hope with your grace, and bring it to fulfillment in the kingdom of heaven.