

The First Reading tells how Melchizedek, king of Salem (early name for Jerusalem), comes to greet Abraham. Melchizedek is also a priest. As such he brings an offering of bread and wine to Abraham, and pronounces a blessing over him. In Christian tradition that bread and wine were taken to prefigure the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist is the earliest written account of the origin of the Eucharist (Second Reading). When we celebrate the Eucharist not merely is Christ present, but we re-enact the death by which he saved us. The Eucharist not only looks to the past, but also looks forward to the fulfilment of the Kingdom.

The eucharistic significance of the multiplication of the loaves is brought out by the use of liturgical language. Luke uses the same words here as at the Last Supper and at Emmaus: Jesus 'took...blessed...broke...gave...' In the Eucharist the Church continues the mission of Jesus to teach, to heal, and to nourish the people of God.



"...if we are too busy or something is not a priority, it really is a problem with the relationship. The deeper your relationships, the higher the priority you will give to them.

And that applies to Jesus and our faith community."

Relationship First, How Alpha Makes Jesus a Priority by Anne Cook

The Word Among Us, Easter 2019

Deepen your relationship with Jesus by spending more time with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Give Him the chance to become the Friend and Savior for you that He died to be.

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



Relax, Refresh, and Renew with the Parish App:

June typically signals a time to slow down for the summer.

It's a time to relax, refresh and renew both personally and spiritually. While you're out at the beach, a lake, in the park or waiting for an appointment, your **myParish app** gives you quick access to many aspects of your Catholic life every day. One touch takes you to the USCCB readings of the day. Another and you will find 49 prayers in the Prayer button. Catching up on the news is a snap by touching the News button. There are interesting articles from the Catholic News Agency. Looking for someone to share a rosary? Push the Rosary button and hear the soothing voice of Fr. John Riccardo. Have a moment for a quick read? Click the Inspire Daily light bulb and find daily blogs from Catholic writers based on the day's readings. Trying to find a church while traveling this summer? Tap the 3 lines in the upper left hand corner while on the myParish app. Then type in the zip code of your destination where it says Find a Parish. In seconds you will see the closest 10 parishes to that location using the app. Don't know the zip code? Touch the Discover Mass button and enter a city name and state.

All these aspects of Catholic life and more can be found in your myParish app. Not 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**. May it allow you an experience of our faith, just a fingertip away - Catholic life every day.



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 coming week (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.

HURRICANE PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Save and pray frequently)

Altar Society Members for next week

Kay Brochard, Sue Garlotte & Norma Williams

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY JUNE 24

Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

6:30 am Mr. Theo Laborde

8:15 am Ms. Joan Gilbert

TUESDAY JUNE 25

Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14

6:30 am Ms. Jean Pierre

8:15 am Mr. Ron Fournier

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20

6:30 am Ms. Elizabeth "Tootie" Callender

8:15 am Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.

THURSDAY JUNE 27

Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Ms. Linda Mayer

FRIDAY JUNE 28

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7

6:30 am Mr. Richard "Dick" Smith

8:15 am Mr. Parker Hewes

SATURDAY JUNE 29

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

8:15 am Int. Mr. David Laster

4:00 pm Mr. Michael Joseph Sekul

SUNDAY JUNE 30

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62

7:30 am Mr. Carlus E. Chapman

9:00 am Ms. Sylvia Marie Cronin

11:30 am Mr. Anthony Goretski

5:30 pm Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,685.52

Retired Priests Supplemental Retirement.....\$2,118.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of The Collins Family



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, David McKenna, Marie Meyers, Edna Migues, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Carter James Sanders, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Sylvia Spratley, Nell Stanton, Ron Stump, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Angela Trosclair, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, Thane Williams, and Sonny Wynn.

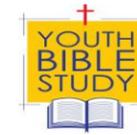
Pray for Vocations

Religious Education News

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We invite you to keep up to date with all things involving the Youth Ministry by following us on Instagram (@st.alphonus.hsytg) and on Facebook (St. Alphonsus Youth Group).



Attention High School Students: You are invited to join us for a Bible Study this Summer on Thursday evenings beginning June 27th in the Youth Ministry Office from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

For more information email: youth@osstalphonus.org



We are in need of volunteers to help with our Life Teen (High School) and Edge (Middle School) programs for the coming school year.

If you are interested in helping with either program or for more information, please email: youth@osstalphonus.org.



Children's Liturgy Volunteers are also 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 Mississippi American Choral Directors Association Presents the Music of Ola Gjeilo (Norwegian) and Susan LaBarr (American) sung by The Mississippi Conductor's Chorus on Wednesday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church in Biloxi and at 7:00 p.m. at the Ocean Springs Community Center (next to the Walter Anderson Museum).



Fr. Adam, pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church in Pascagoula, invites you to join him on Friday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m. as he celebrates a Latin Mass liturgy for the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Immediately following Mass, a "Soup Supper" will be provided with a variety of soups, gumbo, and chowders. Water, tea, and bread will also be available.

For more information, call the OLV Parish Office at 762-1653, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Mighty Precious Feet Girl's Club presents:

H.E.R.O.E.S. (Holy Empowered giRLs Of the South)

Girls (ages 8 to 13) are invited to spend a week learning about empowerment tools, inspiring virtues and running skills. They focus on the Whole of the person: body, mind,

and soul. The camp will be held July 15th - 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Pass Christian. The cost is \$100 and includes crafts, t-shirt, a hair bow, journal and healthy snacks. For more information about the program, go to mightypreciousfeet.com. **Deadline to register is June 30th or when camp fills up (limit 20 girls).**

REFLECTION

Remembering

Jesus said to his apostles: 'Do this in memory of me.' We all love to be remembered. This was true even for Jesus. But if we want to be remembered, we have a duty also to remember. Memory is a powerful thing. Wrongly used it brings death; rightly used it brings life, and is a form of immortality. It keeps the past alive. Those we remember never die; they continue to walk and talk with us. Lord, when we celebrate the Eucharist we are remembering you. May that remembering bring us life here and hereafter.

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: Closed June 24 - July 5



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!



Willwoods Married Couples Retreat July 19-21

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated

St. Joseph Abbey's Christian Life Retreat Center in Covington, La. A Married Couples Retreat does not mean that someone is failing but rather it is a falling into the arms of our Lord. It is a weekend dedicated to giving you and your beloved the opportunity to find rest, strength, and enrichment, which is something we all need! A once a year commitment to attending a retreat as a couple is a great habit that will bless and deepen your love for God and each other!

To register call (504) 830-3716 or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org. A suggested donation is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make a weekend!



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.



Parishioner Registration: When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass.

It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.



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.