

**Luke has the giving of the Spirit happening on the feast of Pentecost.** Jewish tradition saw Pentecost as the feast of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. According to a legend a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. In a further refinement, the fire split into seventy tongues corresponding to the seventy nations of the world, to convey that the Law was proclaimed not only to Israel, but to all nations. Luke exploits this tradition. He, too, has the mighty wind and tongues of fire coming upon the group of disciples. But for Luke the universal proclamation was not that of the Law, but of the Good News, a proclamation that has undone the sentence of Babel and reunited the scattered nations.

In his Gospel John has the giving of the Spirit happening on Easter Day. However, we must avoid any impression of a two-fold initial solemn bestowal of the Spirit. Luke and John are saying the same thing: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit, and inaugurates the mission of the Church. That they differ in their dating is due to theological concerns.



**“How great is the sweetness which a soul experiences, when, in the time of prayer, God, by a ray of his own light, shows to her his goodness and his mercies toward her, and particularly the love which Jesus Christ has borne to her in his passion! She feels her heart melting, and, as it were, dissolved through love.” –St. Alphonsus Liguori**

**Sermons of St. Alphonsus Liguori, p. 133**

The peace and quiet of time spent in Adoration before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament allows the sweetness of the softening of our hearts to receive the Love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God does amazing things when we offer Him the simple gift of some of our time! “Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”. --St. Teresa of Calcutta



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



**The Baptism Class for June has been changed to June 19<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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:

- Rev. Dominic Phan Duc Dong, May 28, 2019
- Reverend Msgr. John M. Scanlon, June 16, 1995
- Very Reverend Patrick E. Hayes, June 26, 2007

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY JUNE 10**  
 Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34  
 6:30 am Mr. R.J. Domingue  
 8:15 am Int. Ms. Jackie Endt

**TUESDAY JUNE 11**  
 Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:13-16  
 6:30 am Mr. Glenn Ryan  
 8:15 am Int. Holy Spirit

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 12**  
 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19  
 6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick  
 8:15 am Roland and Mildred Hymel

**THURSDAY JUNE 13**  
 2 Corinthians 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26  
 6:30 am Special Intention  
 8:15 am Ms. Nellie Reed

**FRIDAY JUNE 14**  
 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32  
 6:30 am Deceased Mbrs Alt & Marie Beech Family  
 8:15 am Int. Mr. Holt Foushee

**SATURDAY JUNE 15**  
 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37  
 8:15 am Mr. Matt Pitalo  
 4:00 pm Ms. Marlyn Reaux

**SUNDAY JUNE 16**  
 Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15  
 7:30 am Mr. Bobby Beaugez  
 9:00 am Congregation  
 11:30 am Mr. A.O. “Herman” Soares  
 5:30 pm Ms. Eunice Misko

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$11,813.95  
 Poor Collection.....\$ 3,789.79  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**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 Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, 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.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Fr. Mike Snyder on his 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**

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

**Religious Education News**

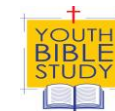
**Deacon Jim Gunkel – 872-2652; [dcjim@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:dcjim@osstalphonsus.org)  
 Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org)**

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

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

**A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments**

Registration forms available Online, at the Church exits and the Rectory Office. We are still in need of Youth Volunteers (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade eligible to volunteer). If interested in volunteering or for more information, email [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org) or youth@osstalphonsus.org.



**Attention High School Students:** You are invited to join us for a Bible Study this Summer on Thursday evenings beginning June 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. For more information email: youth@osstalphonsus.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@osstalphonsus.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](mailto:catherinecomiskeymarsh@gmail.com) or contact the church office and Catherine will give you a call.



**Father's Day Collection:** As over the past few years, a special second collection has been scheduled on the weekend

of Father's Day to supplement the pension given to diocesan Priests of retirement age. This collection is important to our retired Priests. Priests of the Diocese of Biloxi who do not belong to religious orders are provided with a modest pension in their golden years by an endowment to which parishes pay a yearly assessment. In addition, Priests who are seniors receive a small pension supplement from the Catholic Sharing Appeal. The Diocese has opted to have a special collection for our retired Priests on Father's Day. The proceeds of this Father's Day collection will be used to increase the Diocese's pension supplement.

*Isn't there already a collection for retired Priests?* There are two annual special collections that are sometimes confused with one another, and neither one meets the specific need of providing diocesan Priests with an adequate pension/retirement. The first is the collection to support retired religious. “Religious” refers to women (sisters, nuns) and men (brothers and some Priests) who belong to religious communities such as Dominicans, Benedictines, Franciscans, etc. Diocesan Priests are distinct from religious Priests and do not benefit from this collection. The other yearly second collection mentioned above is for “aged and infirm Priests.” The amount collected is used by parishes to offset insurance costs/medical expenses of ailing and elderly Priests, but does not provide for a pension or a retired Priest's day-to-day expenses. This year Father's Day falls on the weekend of June 15-16. As we honor fathers, please consider a generous gift to assure a worthy pension/retirement for your spiritual father. May your generosity and the grateful prayers of our Priests be a source of abundant blessings for you and your loved ones.

**\*\*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.**



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Villa Maria. All are invited.**



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS: Please come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday in June. (i.e. June 15<sup>th</sup>).**

The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



**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 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**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!

**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)**

**REFLECTION**

**A new language**

On Pentecost day the apostles spoke a new language. What was this new language? It was the language of peace rather than of war; the language of cooperation rather than of competition; the language of forgiveness rather than of vengeance; the language of hope rather than of despair; the language of tolerance rather than of bigotry; the language of friendship rather than of hostility; the language of unity rather than of division; the language of love rather than of hate. Through the gift of the Spirit, people of different languages learned to profess one faith, to the praise and glory of God. That is the real miracle of Pentecost, and it is a miracle which, thankfully, still happens.