

Jesus is the Paschal Lamb of the Christian Passover, who by his death delivered the world from sin, as the original paschal lamb's blood delivered the Israelites from the destroying angel. And Jesus is also the Servant of God described in Isaiah as being led without complaint like a lamb before the shearers, a man of sorrows who 'bore the sins of many and made intercession for the transgressors.' Thus at the beginning of his Gospel John outlines a whole Christology: Jesus is the eternally existing One, who is to die as the Paschal Lamb and Suffering Servant for the sins of men and women, and then pour forth the Holy Spirit on a new Israel.



There will be an estate sale at the home of Bishop Roger Morin (2037 Englewood Drive, Biloxi 39532) this Sunday, (January 19th) beginning at 11:30 a.m. All proceeds will go to the Retired Priests and Bishops Fund.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



Lord, Teach Me To Pray is a prayer series based on Ignatian Spirituality.

Part 1, "Praying Christian Virtues", helps deepen prayer life, and discover what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer. It also introduces the different methods of Ignatian prayer, meditation, contemplation and Consciousness Examen. A small group will meet with two trained facilitators for 1 - 2 hours once a week for 12 weeks to pray and faith share. **Part 1 for Men begins this Monday (January 20th) at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.** There is a \$20 cost to cover materials. To register contact Ivan Deroche at 228-238-2771 or Deacon Jim Gunkel at 228-297-5212.



Tax Statements for yearly contributions are available upon request. These statements only reflect contributions made through the regular church collections and the special second collections if they have been made in an identifiable fashion (church envelope or loose check). Any loose cash contribution cannot be credited. Contributions to the Catholic Sharing Appeal will be acknowledged from the Diocese. Please email or call the rectory office if you need a tax statement (stals@cableone.net or 875-5419). Statements will be mailed by the end of the month.



If you have a loved one who is homebound and can no longer come to Mass or is sick and temporarily homebound – please call the Rectory with the information.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Kristan Cox Vincent, niece of Bill and Ann Kortman of our parish family, who passed away after an illness.

Shannon Moran, mother of Connie Moran, who passed away January 8th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

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

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:

- Reverend Patrick Tierney, January 9, 1991
- Reverend Peter F. Mockler, January 30, 2014
- Bishop Joseph L. Howze, January 9, 2019



**The Flowers on the Altar are in
Memory of Herbert and Ann Dubuisson**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JANUARY 20
1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22	
6:30 am	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 am	Int. Mr. Lex Eglin
TUESDAY	JANUARY 21
1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28	
6:30 am	Int. Ms. Margaret W. Foushee
8:15 am	Mr. Richard Siemeck
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 22
1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6	
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 am	Ms. Jean Marie Lyon
THURSDAY	JANUARY 23
1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12	
6:30 am	Int. Ms. Eileen Burkhardt
8:15 am	Mr. John Freeman
FRIDAY	JANUARY 24
1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19	
6:30 am	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 am	Ms. Ann Doyle
SATURDAY	JANUARY 25
Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18	
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Deborah Galle Foushee
	Int. Mr. Holt Foushee
4:00 pm	Ms. Jane Walker
SUNDAY	JANUARY 26
Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matt 4:12-23	
7:30 am	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
9:00 am	Ms. Patricia Gunkel
11:30 am	Congregation
5:30 pm	Special Intention

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,654.85
 Aged & Infirm Priests Collection.....\$ 1,920.95
 Children's Collection.....\$ 47.50
 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, Walter Bolton, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Jackie Endt, Fr. Bernie Farrell, Loretta Foster, LaJuan Fowler, Carmen Gaethe, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Ron & Mary Jo Hoogstra, Melissa James, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Brenda Landrum, Barbara Langan, Jacob Latil, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, 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, Roger Parker, Michael Punziano, Sarah Robinson, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Sylvia Spratley, Nell Stanton, Ron Stump, Mary Terry, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, and Thane Williams.

Religious Education News

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Kindergarten – 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
6th – 8th Grade – Edge: Sunday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
9th – 12th Grade - Lifeteen: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Jan 23: RCIA, Beatitudes, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room,
Jan 26: Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., "The Origin of the Bible" (Human invention or Divine Intervention) by Dr. Brant Pitre
Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds
Confirmation Class, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

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

Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School in Bay St. Louis is accepting APPLICATIONS FOR PRINCIPAL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR. Requirements include having a Master's Degree in Educational Administration/Leadership 486 Administrative Certification or Ability to Obtain Certification and be an Active Member of the Catholic Faith. Go to www.biloxidiocese.org for an application and forward with resume and license to: Dr. Rhonda Clark, Superintendent of Education, 1790 Popp's Ferry Road, Biloxi, MS 39532 or rclark@biloxidiocese.org. Applications accepted through February 1st.



An Altar Server Training, for new and existing altar servers, is scheduled for Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. All altar servers, and anyone wishing to become an altar server (must have already made First Holy Communion), are asked to please attend this training.



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) the week of February 10th – 14th. 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.



On Friday, February 14th, all St. Alphonusus parishioners who have been married 50+ years will be honored with a sit down meal by the Knights of Columbus in the KC Hall. A binder has been placed in the back of the church and we ask that you please fill out the requested information. Please put the time you would like the dinner to take place and we will go with the majority. We would also like your information even if you are not able to come so that we will be able to recognize you.



The Knights of Columbus are selling "10-Week" drawing tickets for \$10 each with all proceeds benefitting the Seminarian Education Fund. Each week, for nine weeks, a ticket will be drawn for \$50. Even if your ticket is pulled, for each of the remaining weeks the ticket is put back in the "barrel" for the remainder of the drawings with the final drawing being for \$100, \$200 and \$500. **The first ticket will be drawn February 16, 2020.** Tickets may be purchased by calling Carl Brochard at 228-327-0066 or coming by the rectory office during regular business hours.

REFLECTION

Healing the wounds of the heart

All of us are wounded by sin. The part of us which is most deeply damaged by sin is the heart. The heart is so beautiful, so innocent, but it can be betrayed, scorned, and broken. Darkness of heart is the blackest night of all. Emptiness of heart is the greatest poverty of all. A heavy heart is the most wearisome burden of all. A broken heart is the most painful wound of all. Only love can heal the wounds of the heart. Lord, send your Holy Spirit to us, to heal the wounds of our hearts so that we may produce the fruits of love.

ST. ALPHONUS SCHOOL

Jan 20: MLK Holiday – No School
Jan 22: Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.
Jan 24: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Jan 20: MKL Holiday – No School
Jan 22: ACT Practice Session, 3:05 p.m.
Jan 23: Adoration, 9:40 a.m.
Jan 26: Junior High Girls Basketball Banquet, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.



"If the heart wanders or is distracted, bring it back to the point quite gently and replace it in its Master's presence. And even if you did nothing during the whole of your hour but bring your heart back and place it again in Our Lord's presence, though it went away every time you brought it back, your hour would be very well employed." --St. Francis de Sales

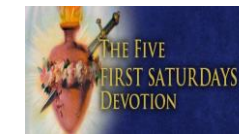
Removing your body and mind from the busyness of the world for a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament is not an easy thing to do in the world today. But to Jesus, it means everything just that you try. "Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him". --St. Teresa of Calcutta



Women's GIFT will present a silent retreat, directed by Fr. Dominic Pham, based on the Spiritual Exercises of the St. Ignatius of Loyola at the William Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis the weekend of February 21st – 23rd. Openings are limited and the deadline for the payment is Friday, February 14th. For more information, contact Mildred Bolden at 228-547-0974 or email address: mil_476@yahoo.com.



The Cursillo Movement of South MS is having a drawdown! In addition, there will be a silent auction the night of the drawdown. Tickets are \$50 each with 30 drawings of \$100 and 1 drawing of \$5,000. Your name never goes out of the drawings. Drawdown will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18th at Sacred Heart Parish in Pascagoula. Contact Gay Camagong at (228)424-7722 to purchase your ticket(s).



The Fatima Promise: On December 10, 1925, Our Lady promised Sister Lucia of Fatima that she would "assist at the hour of death, with graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months confess, receive Holy Communion, pray a Rosary and keep me company with the intention of offering me reparation." You are invited to join us as we begin the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, February 1st at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.



Our Parish App is a great way to help make the liturgical season more present in your daily life. These helpful reflections will aid you in reflecting on the Mass readings each day. Also – under FORMED, you will be able to stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere.

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Pray for Vocations