

**Murder and adultery are born in the heart.** Jesus reinterprets the fifth commandment so that it embraces those angry feelings and emotions which may lead up to murder. And he reinterprets the sixth commandment so that it embraces lustful thoughts and desires which may lead to sexual sin and infidelity.

As for oaths: he encourages people to behave in such a way that oaths are superfluous. The disciples are simply to be truthful.



**“Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most tender of friends with souls who seek to please Him. His goodness knows how to proportion itself to the smallest of His creatures as to the greatest of them. Be not afraid then in your solitary conversations to tell Him of your miseries, fears, worries, of those who are dear to you, of your projects, and of your hopes. Do so with confidence and with an open heart.”—St. Damien of Molokai** Jesus desires that we share our lives with Him...any and every thing that matters to us, matters to Him.

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



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 this Sunday (February 16<sup>th</sup>). Tickets may be purchased by calling Carl Brochard at 228-327-0066 or coming by the rectory office during regular business hours.

**An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**



**All are invited to come join us as we Pray for the Sick** on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. This will be an hour of Adoration, Rosary, Prayer and Music. Confession will be available if needed.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



**The Knights of Columbus will sell Fried Fish Dinner Plates on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) in the KC Hall.**

Dinners include fried fish, potato salad, hush puppies, green beans, and bread. Plates are \$7.00 each. Carry out begins at 2:00 p.m. and Dine In from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (or until run out). Tea will be available for dine in only.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Elaine Derteen,** wife of Larry Derteen of this parish, who passed away February 7<sup>th</sup>.

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



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of Owen Green**

**Altar Society Members for next week Judi Anderson, Theresa Stuart and Mark Aultman**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY FEBRUARY 17

James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13

6:30 am Simon and Barbara Latour

8:15 am Thomas and Mary Kelley

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18

James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21

6:30 am Int. Fr. Mike Snyder

8:15 am Ms. Little J. Dewitt

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19

James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26

6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick

8:15 am Ms. Joan Belson

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20

James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33

6:30 am Int. Sarah and Charles Traylor

8:15 am Ms. Linda Mayer

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21

James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34—9:1

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Mr. Bill Rogers

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22

1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

8:15 am Int. Mr. Julian Galloway

4:00 pm Ms. Susie Jurich

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Mr. Hunter Grantham

11:30 am Ms. Vera Lusk

5:30 pm Mr. Andre' Kaufman

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,066.93

Children's Collection..... \$ 53.51

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, Sarah Broussard, Sybil

Burchinal, Eileen Burkhardt, 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, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Cheryl Megie, Bernie McGinley, Marie Meyers, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Michael Punziano, Sarah Robinson, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch and Thane Williams.

## Pray for Vocations

## Religious Education News

**Chris Molino 228-860-8884; cmolino@osstalphonusus.org**  
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**Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Edge: Sunday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade - Lifeteen: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Feb 19:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Sacramental Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall  
**Feb 20:** RCIA, Lent/Scrutinies/Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., PHMR  
**Feb 23:** No Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs  
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., “The Origin of the Bible”  
(Human invention or Divine Intervention) by Dr. Brant Pitre  
No Children’s Church  
No Confirmation Class

**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).**



**Troop 211 Boy Scouts will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser** in the KC Hall on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Plates are \$6.00 each and to-go plates will also be available.

This event will raise money to send Boy Scouts to summer camp to continue learning Scouting, leadership and community service skills. As always, the Troop sincerely appreciates St. Alphonusus parish. God Bless you all!



**Spend 24 hours visiting and praying with sisters from a variety of religious communities February 28-29.** Come experience community life while asking questions about discernment and getting answers in real time. Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Sister Jean Rhoads, D.C., at [sisterjean.rhoads@doc.org](mailto:sisterjean.rhoads@doc.org) or 812-963-7556. Register now online at <http://called2.be/GCGSFeb20>.



**St Alphonusus Knights of Columbus and the Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** One Pint Saves Up to Three Lives! Donate blood and stay for the Pancake Breakfast. Sign up early to skip the lines at [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org). Contact Blake Elkins with any questions at [StAIBloodDrive@gmail.com](mailto:StAIBloodDrive@gmail.com).



**Catholic Day at the Capitol** will take place Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral Parish Center, 123 N West Street, Jackson, MS. This year’s topic is “Access to Adequate Healthcare for All.” To register, go to [catholiccharitiesjackson.org/events/catholic-day-at-the-capitol-2020](http://catholiccharitiesjackson.org/events/catholic-day-at-the-capitol-2020).



**The Sacred Heart Boys Youth Retreat** will be held March 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> at the Dedeaux Hilton. The retreat is open to all boys 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information, please contact Melvin Ray, retreat director, at 228-861-5546.



**Join parishioner Johnnie Bernhard in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Book Store** on Sunday, March 22 at 12:30 p.m. as she signs copies of her latest novel, *Sisters of the Undertow*. National Council of the Humanities member, Adair Margo writes, “With both humor and depth, Johnnie Bernhard probes beneath the superficialities of life in *Sisters of the Undertow*, revealing an unexpected hero. I read it in one sitting and thoroughly enjoyed it.” It is an excellent book to read during Lent as the story centers on the life-long relationship of two sisters and the beauty of forgiveness.

## ST. ALPHONUS SCHOOL

**Feb 17-21:** Scholastic Book Fair

**Feb 19:** Dismissal, 2 p.m. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr Parent Mtg, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall

**Feb 20:** PK3 Mardi Gras Parade, 9:30 a.m. / Book Fair Family Night

**Feb 21:** Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Feb 16:** Irish Emeralds Awards Banquet & Brunch, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Feb 17:** Drama Parent Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

**Feb 19:** ACT Practice Session, 3:05 p.m.

**Feb 20:** Mass, 9:40 a.m.

### The Lenten Season

**Ash Wednesday** is February 26<sup>th</sup>. Sometime prior to this day, parishioners are asked to return blessed palms received last Palm Sunday to be burned for Ash Wednesday ashes.

**Fasting:** Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all the weekdays of Lent the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller “collations,” when considered together, should not equal the main meal – and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one’s strength.

**Abstinence:** All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. In their Penance and Abstinence pastoral, the U.S. Bishops declared: “the obligation both to fast and to abstain from meat, an obligation observed under a more strict formality by our fathers in the faith, still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation...” They also stated: “we preserve for our dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice.”

**Flowers and Music:** During Lent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar, with the exceptions of the fourth Sunday of Lent, and the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19), and the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25); musical instruments are only to be played in order to support the singing, with the same exceptions.

**Gloria and Creed:** The Gloria and the Creed are sung/said on the Lenten solemnities. Note that when the Creed is said during the Mass on the Annunciation that all genuflect at the words, “and by the Holy Spirit, he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”

**Covering Crosses and Images:** Crosses and images should not be covered for the whole of Lent. The appropriate time to cover crosses and statues in purple is before the Saturday Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 29 (after the Saturday morning Mass of that day). Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday; other images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

**Holy Water:** Removing holy water from the fonts during the season of Lent (and replacing it with sand, etc.) is not permitted; holy water is removed after the evening Mass Holy Thursday and refilled on Holy Saturday with water blesses at the Easter Vigil.

**Funeral Masses:** The celebration of a funeral Mass is not permitted on the Sundays of Lent and Easter, Holy Thursday, and the days of the Easter Triduum. However, when necessary, a “Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass” may be used.

**St. Joseph Tables (a.k.a. St. Joseph “Altars”):** While the preference is for a St. Joseph Table/Altar to be in another building or space, if a St. Joseph Altar is placed in a church it should be located outside the sanctuary, distinct from the Altar of Sacrifice.



**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 18<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Parish in Pascagoula. Contact Gay Camagong at (228)424-7722 to purchase your ticket(s).