

In the First Reading we have the story of the tempting of Adam and Eve, and in the Gospel the story of the tempting of Jesus. They are two very sophisticated stories, and are not meant to be taken literally. Jesus is the new Adam, who by his obedience restores for us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam (see Second Reading). He is also the new Israel. Like the first Israel he too was tested in the desert. But whereas the first Israel was found wanting, Jesus remained faithful to God.



A special 48-hour Lenten Adoration will be held in the Chapel EVERY Thursday from 7:00 a.m. thru Saturday at 7:00 a.m. Please join in spending an hour each week with Jesus, Present in The Blessed Sacrament, during these times. All are welcome!

Imagine the joy on Jesus' Face and in His Heart when He sees the door open and you come in to see Him!! Visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel. He is always there...day and night. "Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him". --St. Teresa of Calcutta



Monday morning immediately after the 8:15 a.m. Mass Friday afternoon by the school children at 2:30 p.m. (adults welcome) Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. with the Way of the Cross followed by Mass



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who

are not registered/active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. 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.



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 for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, March 7th 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.



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.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MARCH 2
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46	
6:30 am	Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 am	Jurich, Pitalo and Wade Family
TUESDAY	MARCH 3
Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15	
6:30 am	Mr. George Wavra
8:15 am	Mr. Ron Fournier
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 4
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32	
6:30 am	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 am	Parents of Dennis Belson
THURSDAY	MARCH 5
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12	
6:30 am	Int. Ms. Marge K. Galle
8:15 am	Mr. & Mrs. Neely Powers
FRIDAY	MARCH 6
Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26	
6:30 am	Ms. Ann Doyle
8:15 am	Mr. Christopher Seymour
SATURDAY	MARCH 7
Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48	
8:15 am	Int. Mr. Julian Galloway Mr. George Pitalo, Sr. Mr. Gregory Hebert Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan
4:00 pm	Mr. Maurice Michaud
SUNDAY	MARCH 8
Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9	
7:30 am	Mr. Eric Long
9:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
11:30 am	Special Intention
5:30 pm	Congregation



WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,092.21
Children's Collection.....\$ 20.42
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, 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 Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch 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 - Lifteen: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mar 5: RCIA, Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6:00 p.m., Mtg Rm
Mar 8: Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., The Apostle Peter and the Papacy, Parish Hall Meeting Room, All are welcome to attend.
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. Alphonsus Youth Group).



Come visit the Bookstore and Gift Shop for your Lenten needs and view our lent calendars, children activities, books, Prayer devotions of the crucifixion of Jesus, Stations of the Cross pamphlets, DVD's, CD's and more. We also have sacramental gifts for reconciliation, communion and confirmation. The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., after the Saturday Vigil Mass, and after all English Masses on Sunday.



A Parish Pot Luck Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th (changed from March 10th) from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the KC Hall. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.

Bring your favorite dish to share: homemade or picked up! Questions? Call Beth McMackin at 228-324-4188.



St. Alphonsus School invites you to come and view their St. Joseph Altar on Thursday, March 19th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. After the viewing, all food will be donated to local charity organizations.



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.



Save the Date for Catholic Kids Camp June 15-19, 2020. This year's theme is "Cathletics? Training to be Champions for Christ" the overall goal of this sports themed week-long program is to engage kids into the LIFE OF CHRIST with teachings from God's Word on the Commandments, the Beatitudes and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Registration will be April 25 through May 25, for children in Kindergarten through the 5th grades.

REFLECTION

Pruning time

Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree. The pruner rids it of all those suckers which use up a lot of energy but produce no fruit. However, the aim of this surgery is not to inflict pain, but to help the tree produce more and better fruit. Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time. There is much that is useless and perhaps harmful in our lives, which saps our energy, and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness. Of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent so that we may become more fruitful branches of Christ, the true Vine?

ST. ALPHONUS SCHOOL

Mar 4: School Science Fair
Mar 6: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Stations of the Cross, 2:30 pm

St. Alphonsus School will host its 3rd Annual Spring Soiree-Run for the Roses on Friday, May 1st at the Maritime Museum from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Tickets and sponsorships are available. For more information please contact Marie Sanderson at pto@stal.org, www.stal.org or 601-946-4529.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Mar 2: Varsity Women's Soccer Banquet, 6:00 p.m.
Mar 3: ACT Workshop for Juniors/Sophomores, 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Mar 4: ACT Practice Session, 3:05 pm
Mar 5: Lenten Penance Service, 9:00 a.m.

St. Patrick Catholic High School is now enrolling for the 2020-21 school year. Our faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions. To learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit our website at www.stpatrickhighschool.net. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please contact Dr. Matt Buckley at 228-702-0500 or mbuckley@stpatrickhighschool.net.



Catholic Day at the Capitol will take place Wednesday, March 4th 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.



St. Thomas the Apostle in Long Beach invites you to join their Parish Mission "Angels and the Spiritual Life" with Fr. Mike Austin on March 9th, 10th, 11th beginning at 6:30 p.m. each night. Look into all the realms that make up the created order – who all the players are, how we interact with each other and what impact it all has on our relationship with God, with each other and on our salvation. All are invited.



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



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).



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.



Congratulations to Jordy Pitalo - He was the second winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Mike Bourgeois.

Pray for Vocations