

As the Israelites journeyed through the desert, Moses provided them with the life-saving gift of ordinary water. Jesus, the new Moses, gives the people something infinitely better – ‘living water’, a share in the very life of God.



“A while ago I was visiting a grade school, and a child, perhaps seven years old, asked me, ‘Why do you pray?’ Dozens of thoughts flashed through my mind, all of which may have suited an adult or a theologian, but I couldn’t find the words to express them to a child. So, I asked him the same question he had asked me: ‘Why do you pray?’

He didn’t have to think about it. Spontaneously and casually he said, ‘Well, God is my friend, and friends like to know what is going on in each other’s lives.’” --Matthew Kelly, Rediscover Lent

Come often to visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel. Catch up with your Friend.

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



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



A Parish Pot Luck Celebration is scheduled for this Thursday (March 19th) 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 this Thursday (March 19th) from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



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 March. (i.e. March 21st). 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!



An Anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, March 21st at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



Join parishioner Johnnie Bernhard in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Book Store next Sunday (March 22) at 12:30 p.m. as she signs copies of her latest novel, *Sisters of the Undertow*. 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.

2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal: In today’s Gospel, we discover that, just as the Samaritan woman at the well, NOBODY is the same after encountering the Lord Jesus. Your support of this year’s Catholic Sharing Appeal can help bring many of our brothers and sisters who live and work in South Mississippi the opportunity to encounter Christ. Please consider a generous gift to this year’s appeal! Pledge envelopes are available in the pew or in the back of the Church.

Your gift is very important. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Our parish CSA goal for this year is \$59,603. Please make all checks payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Diocese.

We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.

Altar Society Members for next week

Judi Anderson, Theresa Stuart and Mark Aultman

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY MARCH 16

2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30

6:30 am Mr. Theo Laborde

8:15 am Mr. Chad Michaud

TUESDAY MARCH 17

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

6:30 am Mr. Dick Porterfield

8:15 am Ms. Mary Edna King

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Ms. Shirley Lee

THURSDAY MARCH 19

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

6:30 am Int. Margaret and Wolfgang Traylor

8:15 am Int. Ms. Mary Elizabeth Wilson

FRIDAY MARCH 20

Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

6:30 am Int. Deacon Jim Gunkel

8:15 am Int. Ms. Kris Allen

SATURDAY MARCH 21

Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

8:15 am Int. Mr. Julian Galloway

Mr. Steve Sema

Fr. John Izral

4:00 pm Ms. Joan Gilbert

SUNDAY MARCH 22

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

7:30 am Ms. Jene Pierre

9:00 am Congregation

11:30 am Ms. Virginia Mae Dillon

5:30 pm Mr. Randy Trahan

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,219.91

Black & Indian Mission Collection.....\$ 1,366.75

Children’s Collection.....\$ 42.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Kathy Dietrick, sister-in-law of Peggy (Dale) Closson of this parish, who passed away March 6th in Metairie, Louisiana.

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



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 Necaise, Leonard Necaise, Peggy and Edward Necaise, 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 - Lifeteen: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mar 19: RCIA, Holy Eucharist/Adoration, 6:00 p.m., Meeting Room

Mar 20-22: Youth Convention

Mar 22: Religious Education Class for Elementary Only (time 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.alphonus.hsyg) and on Facebook (St. Alphonsus Youth Group).

School Subsidy Policy

Registration for the 2020/2021 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. ALPHONUS SCHOOL

Mar 17: 5th/6th Grade to SPHS

Mar 18: Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.; Report Cards

Mar 19: St. Joseph Altar in Parish Hall

Mar 20: Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Stations of the Cross, 2:30 pm
Fun on the Lawn, 3:45 – 5:30 p.m.

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 16: Spring Holiday

Mar 17: Mass, 9:40 a.m.

Mar 18: ACT Practice Session, 3:05 pm

Mar 19: St. Joseph Altar

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.



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.



On Saturday, March 21st, the Knights of Columbus will host a new combined Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplification immediately after the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass. The new Ceremony is only 30 minutes long, and your

spouse, family, and guests are welcome to attend (no ceremony secrecy is involved). It does not matter if you are currently joining, currently a 1st Degree Knight, or currently a 2nd Degree Knight, you will be a 3rd Degree Knight at the end of this Ceremony. We hope that you be able to join us for this new Exemplification. If you can attend please let our Membership Chairman, Carl Brochard (228)327-0066 or Joe Sasser (228) 324-8577 know so we can have your Degree Kit, and new membership card available at the ceremony. We would also like all 3rd and 4th Degree Knights at the 4:00 Mass to consider staying for the New Ceremony and participate.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Monday, March 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Villa Maria. All are invited.



Several parishes in the Diocese of Biloxi will be hosting the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima in late March and early April. This historic image of Our Lady of Fatima has been traveling worldwide since 1947, when it set forth from Fatima to bring Our Lady’s message of hope and peace to a world in need.

The presence of this special stature, sculpted by José Thedim based on Sister Lucia’s description of her encounters with Our Lady, is a great gift to our community.

Listed below are the parishes that will be hosting the statue:

Nativity BVM Cathedral, Biloxi: Saturday, March 28 with Masses at 8:00 a.m. (Chapel) and 4:00 p.m. (Cathedral). The statue will be on display in the Cathedral between Masses and will depart after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi: Sunday, March 29

Masses will be at 8:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The statue will be in the Church from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. At 11:00 a.m. there will be a procession and talk by the custodian. Beginning at 1:00 p.m., there will be quiet veneration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 6:00 – 7:40 p.m. followed by Benediction. **St. Thomas Aquinas, Hattiesburg:** Mon, March 30 – Wed, April 1 March 30 – Opening procession will start at 4:45 p.m. followed by Rosary at 5:00 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by a talk. March 31 – Quiet veneration from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.; Rosary at 11:30 a.m. and Mass at Noon.

April 1 – Quiet veneration from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.; Rosary at 5:30 p.m. and Mass at 6:00 p.m.

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St. Patrick High School, Biloxi: Thursday, April 2

Statue on display from 9:30 - 10:40 a.m. Patrick Sabat, Director of Custodians for the World Apostolate of Fatima, will present a talk. There will be a Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Alphonsus: Thursday, April 2 – Saturday, April 4

April 2 – Procession at 6:30 p.m.; Custodian talk at 6:45 p.m.; Penance service, scapular enrollment, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7:00 p.m. and continuing until Saturday, April 4 (except during scheduled Masses).

April 3 – Children’s Mass at 8:15 a.m. followed by custodian talk and scapular enrollment at 9:00 a.m. At 6:45 p.m., there will be another custodian talk and scapular enrollment followed by Stations of the Cross and Mass

April 4 – First Saturday Devotions with Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 7:45 a.m. Mass at 8:15 a.m. followed by custodian talk at 9:00 a.m. Public veneration ends at 9:15 a.m.



Congratulations to Deacon Jim Gunkel - He was the fourth winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Aaron Jenkins.

Pray for Vocations