

The resurrection, the ascension, and the giving of the Spirit are part of the same event. In one action that goes beyond earthly time, Jesus emerges from the tomb, returns to the Father, and gives the Spirit. However, from the viewpoint of the first disciples, who continued to live on within time, these actions are described as having taken place at different times: They found the tomb empty on Sunday morning; the risen Lord appeared to them on that day or subsequently; the termination of the appearances caused them to realize that Jesus was now permanently with God; and they received the Spirit. The theological meaning of this feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making him Head of the Church and Lord of creation. In both the First Reading and the Gospel Jesus gives a mission and makes a promise to his followers.



St. Alphonsus Parish wishes to recognize and congratulate all our Seniors who already have or will be graduating from a local High School at this time.

Our students either attend Ocean Springs, St. Martin or St. Patrick High Schools. They are: Madison Burton, Erin Clifford, Maya Geissing, Avery King, Claiborne LaGrone, Katelin Lawrence, Ashlyn McDaniel, Nicholas McNew, Hanna Mitchell, Chloe Paske, Gabriela Patino and Zachary Wade.

We congratulate them in their achievements and wish them well in their future education endeavors. May God continue to lead and guide them on their life's journey.

We also congratulate the thirteen Sixth Graders who graduated from our Elementary School this past week. We wish them every success in their education in the years ahead and ask God to continue to lead and guide them as they grow and develop. They are: Jordan Ayme, Madeline Bechtel, Brady Goppfarth, Matthew Habte, Sofie Humer, Aubrey Ladnier, Averie Kate McKenzie, Nora Mestayer, Joseph Ross, Lucas Sinopoli, Emily Watson, Brooke Winters and Forrest Winters.



At this time we are also happy (and proud) to recognize Avery King as the Salutatorian at St. Patrick High School. Avery is the daughter of David and Suzanne King of this parish.



On this Memorial Day weekend we remember all who gave their lives for this country and for the freedoms we so often take for granted. Please remember them in your prayers.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MONDAY | MAY 25 |
| Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Mr. Theo Laborde |
| 8:15 a.m. | Special Intention - RG |
| TUESDAY | MAY 26 |
| Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Ms. Shannon Moran |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mr. Henry Endt, Sr. |
| WEDNESDAY | MAY 27 |
| Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Ms. Lucille "Lou" Young |
| 8:15 a.m. | Int. Ms. Marley Severino |
| THURSDAY | MAY 28 |
| Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Int. Ms. Annelise Buch |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mr. & Mrs. Morris (Anna) J. Rabe, Jr. |
| FRIDAY | MAY 29 |
| Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Ms. Phyllis McGinley |
| 8:15 a.m. | Ms. Chandra Nicholson |
| SATURDAY | MAY 30 |
| Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 | |
| 8:15 a.m. | Int. Mr. Andrew Kowalewski |
| | Int. Mr. Julian Galloway |
| Genesis 11:1-9; Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; | |
| Joel 3:1-5; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39 | |
| 4:00 p.m. | Ms. Susie Jurich |
| SUNDAY | MAY 31 |
| Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Congregation |
| 9:00 a.m. | Mr. William "Bill" Gryder, IV |
| 11:30 a.m. | Mr. George Wavra |
| 5:30 p.m. | Mr. André Kaufman |

WEEKLY OFFERING

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| Sunday Collection..... | \$7,145.00 |
| Online Collection..... | \$ 675.00 |
| Poor Collection..... | \$ 640.00 |

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of all Graduates



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Carol Ready, aunt of Fr. Mike Snyder, who passed away May 7th. Frank Pasquini, husband of Carolyn Pasquini, who passed away May 16th.

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
Joan Burres and Juliana Skelton**

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.



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 on the Parish Website, in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Being real people of faith comes with a price. Have you ever been seen as unpopular, out of sync or peculiar because of your faith? St. Peter tells us, "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you." If being a Christian comes easy for us, then we ought to rethink how we approach our faith. Developing habits of prayer, living in accord with the Gospel, setting time aside each week for the practice of our faith, seeing our relationship with Christ as the center and focus of our families all come with sacrifice. We are going to look differently than other folks and we ought to. We are going to find ourselves doing less of the things we are "supposed to do" and more of the things we know we "ought to do or want to do." This often means resisting secular tides and putting our boats into different waters. If this is what helps us know the one true God, then so be it. It also brings us to eternal life.



Attention Graduating Seniors: There are two \$500 Scholarships available from [The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund](https://www.chrisnielsen.com) to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Brian Sanderson at bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: August 15, 2020**



Bethesda Free Clinic is currently serving patients' needs via a telemedicine system. Anyone needing prescription refills or other basic needs can call the Clinic at 228-818-9191. If no one is available, you may leave your name and number and someone will return your call as soon as possible.



The Bookstore and Gift Shop is currently open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. We are now set up to take credit cards. Come and see the new collection of books, prayer resources and sacramental gifts.



Radio Maria - a Catholic Radio right here in Ocean Springs! You can listen to it on your radio at FM 88.1; livestream it on your computer at radiomaria.us; download the free app onto your smartphone; or by calling 1-712-832-8065. There are many good programs from inspirational Catholic speakers, programs about history, prayer, care giving, finding a job, Marian apparitions, conversion stories, and many others! Plus there is great music. Let us be grateful to God for this sublime gift to us, for His mercies endure forever! Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)



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REFLECTION

Returning to God

We are born in exile and die there too. As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return. We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen. Like homing birds that are released in a strange country, and know no rest until they return home, so it is with us. When we die, we do not so much go to God as return to him. You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.