

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

The flesh is our old self of yesterday and the one we left behind in baptism. It is the self of doubts and fears, sin and error, reluctance, untamed passion, and errors in judgment. It is also the self of missed opportunities and roads untraveled. Although we were baptized many years ago, every day is another day to live, not according to the flesh of yesterday with its regrets and misgivings, but rather to live the life of the spirit of today and tomorrow. The burdens of our personal baggage and of life itself can weigh us down. The love of Jesus Christ and the life of the spirit can pick us up, refresh us, and provide us with the hope for new opportunities and discoveries. Because we have been baptized in Christ, we need not be anxious about what we did or did not do yesterday or anxious about what will come tomorrow. We need only to seek out the love that is before us, around us, and in us and learn.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

The prophet Zechariah foretells the coming of the messianic king who will put an end to war and to establish peace. It was as such a Messiah that Jesus entered Jerusalem before his passion. Matthew sees Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy. Jesus lightens the burdens of the poor and brings peace to the humble. His life is based on his unique relationship with the Father, a relationship which he wants to share with his disciples.



The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed from July 1st – July 17th for inventory and repairs and will reopen July 18th.



If you appreciate the ease of online banking and bill pay, you will be happy to know that you can easily offer a regular tithe with support to the Church through Direct Debit through our bank, Hancock Whitney (forms may be printed off on our website under “Forms and Applications” or

by calling the Rectory Office) or by making one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website by clicking the “Online Donation” box. Stop worrying about weekly envelopes – you can turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you would like. Have questions? Call the Rectory Office during regular business hours and we will be happy to help you in any way.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Geraldine Blessey, aunt of Valri (Ron) Crosby, who passed away June 29th.

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 Honor of Those Who Protect Our Country

**Altar Society Members for next week
Janell Alliston, Deni Helms and Pat Zuber**

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 6
Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Tommy Noble
TUESDAY	JULY 7
Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Ann Doyle
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Paul Hung Nguyen
WEDNESDAY	JULY 8
Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Int. Gewehr Family
THURSDAY	JULY 9
Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Edna King
8:15 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Neely Powers
FRIDAY	JULY 10
Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Margaret W. Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Kris Allen
SATURDAY	JULY 11
Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah Galle Foushee
	Int. Mr. Holt Foushee
	Msgr. Gregory Kennedy
4:00 p.m.	Congregation
SUNDAY	JULY 12
Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Rosalie Trebotich
9:00 a.m.	Mr. William “Bill” Gryder, IV
11:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. William (Joyce) Staehle, Jr.
5:30 p.m.	Mr. André Kaufman

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,141.25
Online Collection.....	\$1,660.00
Peter’s Pence Collection.....	\$ 171.00

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, Ellen Brown, Sybil

Burchinal, Eileen Burkhardt, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Nettie Cirlot, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Blake Donald, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Jackie Endt, Fr. Bernie Farrell, Loretta Foster, Carmen Gaethe, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, 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, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Nancy Riedinger, 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.

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.



If you have a loved one who is homebound and not able to come to Mass or is sick and temporarily homebound – please call the Rectory with the information.



Married Couple Retreat: Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? The next Married Couple Retreat will be held July 17 – 19 at St. Joseph Abbey’s Retreat Center in Covington, La. The theme will be: Growing Together in Faith and Love. Visit FaithandMarriage.org for more information.



Attention Graduating Seniors: There are two \$500 Scholarships available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund 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.



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.



Pray for Our Military: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.



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REFLECTION

Come to me

The Lord said to me, “Come to me.” But I said, “I’m not worthy.” “Come to me,” he repeated. And I said, “I’m afraid.” “Come to me.” “I’m too proud.” “Come to me.” “But I’ve no appointment.” “Come to me.” “But I can’t afford the time right now.” “Come to me.” With that I fell silent. Then he said, “Come...sit down...take the load off your feet.” “Sit here as in the shade of a tree.” “Refresh yourself as at a running stream.” “Here you will find rest. Here you will find peace.” “And your yoke will become easy, and your burden light.”



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HURRICANE PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.

Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.

We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Save and pray frequently)

