


**LIVE THE LITURGY**  
Inspiration for the week


To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.


**SCRIPTURE NOTE**

Jesus rejects the inadequate ways in which others understand his role, and demands that his disciples speak for themselves. Peter replies with what no doubt was a solemn confessional formula of Matthew's Church. Then Jesus reciprocates by conferring a new title on Peter. He will be the foundation-stone of the new people of God. The story shows that the primacy of Peter was not something that was invented by the Church later on. It went right back to the beginning, yes, to the mind and will of Jesus himself. The failures of popes throughout history do not contradict Jesus' promise that the gates of hell would not prevail against the Church. Peter himself failed the Lord. In giving authority to the man who denied him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness. The Church's true foundation is Christ himself. The pope is his servant, not his substitute.

 **We are happy to inform you of another way in which to stay up-to-date on what is going on at St. Alphonsus Church.** You are now able to go to Facebook (St. Alphonsus Catholic Church-Ocean Springs) and see the weekly bulletin as well as individual listings of coming events. You will still be able to visit the website or phone app and view these items as well.

 **The deadline for New Wine applications has been extended to Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

 **Men, could God be calling you to the diaconate?** If so, the Biloxi Diocese plans to begin a new Formation Class for the diaconate in 2021. Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted from 8:30-Noon on the following days: Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Clare, Waveland; Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart, Hattiesburg; and Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary, Gautier. For interested men who think you may have a calling, attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory with your wife. Please see your pastor, or call Deacon Mike Saxer, (228) 216-8060 or Deacon Mike Harris, (228) 342-1536.

 **Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Lajuan Fowler,** sister of Judy Meyers of this parish, who passed away August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Marie Meyers,** mother-in-law of Judy Meyers of this parish, who passed away August 14<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Betty Lou Callegari and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ryan on the Anniversary of Their Death**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 24</b>
Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m.	Bob and Linda Mayer
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 25</b>
2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Elaine Derteen
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Michael Donegan
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 26</b>
2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Ancestors of Wilson Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 27</b>
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Hung Nguyen
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Charlotte Lamar
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 28</b>
1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Annette Galle
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. William Odom
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 29</b>
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Mark 6:17-29	
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention - RG
	4:00 p.m. Congregation
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 30</b>
Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Rosalie Trebotich
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Matthew Roe
5:30 p.m.	Int. Ms. Genevieve Gatschet

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$8,342.55  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$1,110.00  
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, Henry Endt, 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, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Nancy Riedinger, Sarah Robinson, Jamie Sablich, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch and Thane Williams.

**Altar Society Members for next week**  
**Kay Brochard, Sue Garlotte and Norma Williams**

**ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL**

**Aug 25:** PTO Virtual Meeting (8 or 6)  
**Aug 26:** Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK3, K, 2, 4 Fall Pictures  
**Aug 27:** Fall Pictures  
**Aug 28:** Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK4, 1, 3, 5, 6

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**Aug 26:** PTO Meeting, 8a.m.; Junior Ring Presentation, 1 p.m. Women's Soccer Parent Meeting (Virtual), 6-7 p.m.  
**Aug 27:** Mass 9:40 a.m.

**Religious Education News**

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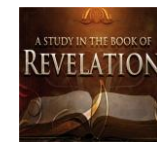
**Religious Education Classes and RCIA** will be starting the second week of September. You will be able to download registration forms online soon and fees will be collected at registration. More details to come.



**Congratulations to Avery King and Quinn Lagrone** – They were the recipients of this year's **Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund Award** given by the Knights of Columbus and Henry and Jean Nielsen (Chris' parents). This scholarship is given each year to two graduating high school seniors in memory of Chris Nielsen – a young KC member who died while in the Air Force.



**A national and diocesan collection will be taken up next weekend (August 29/30) for The Catholic University of America.** The mission of Catholic University centers on the discovery of knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church — a service that is greatly needed today. University faculty and scholars promote Catholic social teaching and, through their research and discourse, help form the Church's response to challenging social issues of our time. In addition, Catholic University educates hundreds of priests and religious each year and can proudly call more than 12,000 of them alumni. No special envelopes will be available for this collection, so please make sure you mark your donation for The Catholic University of America.



**You are invited to watch or listen to Jeff Cavins (ascensionpress.com) Study of Revelation** on Thursday's, September 10<sup>th</sup> – November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. To attend via PC audio/video or use any phone/iPad for audio only, contact [wanda.biblestudies@gmail.com](mailto:wanda.biblestudies@gmail.com). You must register to receive the access codes and the script for the video presentation. Presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end of times." Hope you can join and invite your friends and family. If there is enough interest, will also begin the Bible Timeline in October. For more information, please contact Wanda Freeland at: Cell 228-355-0156; Home 875-3951; wfreeland@bellsouth.net.



**St. Peter Catholic Church in Bassfield is selling tickets for their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual 800 Club monthly drawing for \$50 each and will be available in the St. Alphonsus Rectory Office (during regular business hours).** All proceeds from this fundraiser are used to help the rejuvenation and up-keep of the parish facilities of St. Peter where Fr. Chinnappa Mark is pastor. The first Sunday of each month, beginning September 2020, four tickets will be drawn, \$500 for first ticket and \$100 for remaining three, and all winners are eligible to win again as the ticket will be put back in the 'barrel'. They thank you for your support.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**  
Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Choice of Stewardship  
What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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.



**Our Parish App is one great way to help make the liturgical season more present in your daily life.** Helpful reflections will aid you in reflecting on the Mass readings each day. Also – under FORMED, you will be able to stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere. **Don't have the App or FORMED yet?** If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the App by texting [App](https://www.myparishapp.com) to phone number [88202](https://www.myparishapp.com), or by visiting [myparishapp.com](https://www.myparishapp.com). To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at [www.formed.org](https://www.formed.org) and enter our Parish Code f1f5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.



**The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses. They are now set up to take credit cards.**

**REFLECTION**

**Peter**

Peter has been called a stumbling saint. He is a great consolation to us because courage fails us all. All of us are mere mortals, who are inconstant in our beliefs. We must learn to forgive ourselves momentary weaknesses and failures. We need to surmount these things and see the world in less rigid terms. We must not judge ourselves or others by momentary inconsistencies, but rather by commitment given over a long time. Jesus was well aware of Peter's faults, but he saw that, in spite of everything, his heart was sound. Which meant he had the ability to love. And in the long run love is what counts.