

**SCRIPTURE NOTE**

The First Reading shows how God remained faithful to his people in spite of their infidelities. God's promises were not nullified by the sins of his people. It was because of their sins that God allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon. But his mercy is seen in their homecoming. This leads into the Gospel. God's love and mercy are seen in the fact that he sent his Son to save us. Jesus came into the world as a light. Sadly, some preferred darkness to the light, thus sealing their own condemnation. Judgement is not passed by God; people judge themselves by their response to the light. The reading from Ephesians stresses the enormity of the love God has shown us in Christ. It makes it clear that we owe our salvation, not to our own efforts, but to the goodness of God.

**2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal – “Witnessing the Eucharist within Us”**  
The Diocese of Biloxi is blessed to have 8 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese. We are also blessed to have 18 retired priests that continue to help minister to the 56,000 Catholics in South Mississippi. Your gift to the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal directly aids in the formation, education, and care of all of these men. Will you please consider a gift to the CSA in support of our future and retired priests? Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. If needed, pledge envelopes are available at each of the doors. Our parish CSA goal for this year is \$58,490. Please make all checks out to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Diocese.

**LENTEN MISSION**

FEATURING FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
MARCH 22-24, 2021



**MISSION TEAM:**  
**FR. ANTONY TINKER,**  
**FR. ATHANASIUS FORNWALT**  
<http://www.becomefire.faith>

**Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>:**  
*The Woman at the Well*  
8:15 AM -Weekday Mass 9 AM-Bible Study

**6PM -Mission Night 1:**  
**Adoration with Healing of the Heart Meditation**

**Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>:**  
*The Man Who Was Born Blind*  
8:15 AM -Weekday Mass 9 AM-Bible Study

**6 PM -Mission Night 2:**  
**Healing Mass**

**Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
*The Raising of Lazarus*  
8:15 AM -Weekday Mass 9 AM-Bible Study

**6 PM -Mission Night 3:**  
**Empowerment Night**

**Who Are The Franciscan Friars of The Holy Spirit**

The Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit are called by God to preach penance, minister to and live among the poor, evangelize with a special focus on praying with others for the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fostering a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Do you want to make this Lent more meaningful?  
Do you want to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit?  
Do you want a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ?  
This is your opportunity to ignite your faith!

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 15</b>
Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Steve Sema
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 16</b>
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16	
6:30 a.m.	Mike and Marian Keane
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Chandra Nicholson
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 17</b>
Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Thomas Wilson
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 18</b>
Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Johnny and Janette Williams
8:15 a.m.	Spec Int. for Families & Married Couples
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 19</b>
2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim and Toni Gunkel
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Joan Belson
	Int. Ms. Mary Elizabeth Wilson
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 20</b>
Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53	
8:15 a.m.	Msgr. Gregory Kennedy
	Ann and Cecil Wolf
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Richard Durkin
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 21</b>
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
9:00 a.m.	Int. Mr. Allen Stiglet
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Int. Mr. Robert Myer Hanning



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Rita Allen, Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Virginia Bigelow, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Anne Hindmarch, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Betty Horton, Melissa James, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Melissa Menard, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Lee Molbert, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Amy Petitjean, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch, J.W., and Thane Williams.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$10,740.30  
Weekly / Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 5,730.00  
Monthly Poor Collection.....\$ 3,283.00  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

**Altar Society Members for next week**  
**Judi Anderson, Theresa Stuart & Aline Balius**

**Religious Education News**

Chris Molino 228-860-8884; [cmolino@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:cmolino@osstalphonusus.org)  
Rachel Weatherford 228-327-6183; [youth@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:youth@osstalphonusus.org)  
Janie Sema 228-217-1392; [jsema@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org)

**Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
**Confirmation Class: 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.;**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Edge: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Lifeteen: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

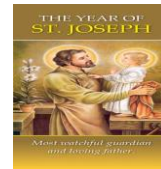
**Mar 18:** RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room  
**Mar 21:** Youth Religious Education Class (times above)



**The Lord Is My Help** needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) this coming week (March 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>). If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Norma Williams at 875-2636. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



**An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**



**2021 THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH:** Several Ladies from St. Alphonsus Church have been doing an at-home group study for the preparation to make their Consecration to St Joseph on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. They highly recommend Fr. Donald H. Calloway's book, Consecration to St Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father, for an in-depth study, or, St. Joseph the Protector, A Nine Day Preparation for Entrustment to St. Joseph by Fr. Mark Goring. There are other books available for this purpose, online, or visit our St. Alphonsus Bookstore for assistance. The Consecration can be made any time of the year. The Consecration prayer will be available on March 19th, for those who would like to join in."



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to 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 of each month. (i.e. March 20<sup>th</sup>).** 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!



**You are invited to pray the Rosary** on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. to honor St. Joseph and to pray for traditional marriage.



**We are now taking donations for the decorating of the Church for Easter in Honor Of or in Memory Of a loved one.** Donations will be accepted through March 28<sup>th</sup> and may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Rectory during regular business hours. Please print names clearly.



**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](mailto:bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com) to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 1, 2021**

**\*\*School Subsidy Policy\*\***

**Registration for the 2021/2022 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. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL**

**Mar 15-16:** No School – Spring Break  
**Mar 17:** Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.  
**Mar 18:** Children’s Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK3, K, 2, 3, 4  
**Mar 19:** Children’s Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK4, 1, 5, 6

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**Mar 15-16:** No School – Spring Holiday  
**Mar 17:** Mass, 9:40 a.m.  
**Mar 21-27:** 13th Annual Shamrockin the Net (virtual)



**Effective immediately only the 9:00 a.m. Mass and 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday and the Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Mass with the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions after Mass will be livestreamed.**



**Prayer Bouquet:** Help us present the Friars of the Holy Spirit with a bouquet of prayers for an abundance of graces as a result of their efforts to bring us spiritually closer to the Lord through the upcoming Lenten Mission. **Special Blessing:** Write a personal request on the note

before folding in half. Friars will not only be grateful for your prayers, but will bless your petitions. Prayer Bouquet materials are located in the Adoration Chapel.



**A note from Rob Grueling, SVdP President, St. Maximilian Kolbe Conference:** Our St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store (located in the Gulf Breeze Plaza next to Planet Fitness) is just about right on schedule thanks to the many volunteers. There’s little struggle as the

harvests are plenty, and the fields are not yet full. Put your personal stamp on this Catholic endeavor and come join in the fun. There’s something for just about everyone. To volunteer just call Sally at 228-215-1610. **We are selling tickets at \$20.00 per person for the “First Look”.** As a fundraiser for or front illuminated signage, this is your opportunity to walk into the thrift store just after 11:00 mass on Sunday March 21st. You’ll get the first choice to purchase anything for sale in our store. Bishop Kihneman will be with us at 10:30 on Thursday, March 25th to bless the store and those in it. It should be quite an event. For tickets call Sally.



**A Message from Bishop Kihneman:** Beginning with the Saturday Vigil for Palm Sunday (March 27), the general dispensation from the obligation of in-person participation in the celebration of Holy Mass will expire. A particular dispensation from the obligation to personally participate in the celebration will include those who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 due to an underlying health condition and who have not yet been vaccinated and those 60 years and older who have not yet been vaccinated. On a case-by-case basis, parishioners who are particularly concerned about their own or a family member’s vulnerability may approach Pastors for a one-month dispensation, renewable as the Pastor determines appropriate.

**Pray for Vocations**