

SCRIPTURE NOTE

The First Reading talks about a new covenant between God and his people. This new covenant was brought about through the death of Jesus: ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood’ (Lk 22:20). In the Gospel Jesus talks about his imminent death. It shows the very real disquiet with which he approached it. But it also stresses that what was to take place was within the purposes of God. Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat dying in order to yield a harvest, thereby suggesting that his own death will bear much fruit. John has no account of the agony in the garden in his Gospel. The nearest he gets to it is when he reports Jesus as saying, ‘My soul is troubled.’ And in the words, ‘Should I ask the Father to save me from this hour?’ we catch an unmistakable echo of his prayer in Gethsemane (Mk 14:36). We catch a similar echo in the Second Reading: ‘He learned to obey through suffering.’ This reading also stresses the fruitfulness of Jesus’ death: he became the source of eternal life for all who obey him.

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 22nd:
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 23rd:
The Man Who Was Born Blind
8:15 AM -Weekday Mass 9 AM-Bible Study

6 PM -Mission Night 2:
Healing Mass

Wednesday, March 24th:
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!



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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MARCH 22
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Neely Powers
TUESDAY	MARCH 23
Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Joseph Allen Gatschet
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Aaron Easterling
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 24
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Genevieve Shack
THURSDAY	MARCH 25
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Terry Miller
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nathan Richards
FRIDAY	MARCH 26
Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lucille “Lou” Young
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
SATURDAY	MARCH 27
Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Patricia McMackin
SUNDAY	MARCH 28
Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Linda Mayer
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Marshall Fayard
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathleen Shirer
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, 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.....	\$6,732.16
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,330.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection.....	\$ 364.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	

Altar Society Members for next week
Jamie Lloyd, Terry O’Connor, Norma Williams

Religious Education News

Chris Molino 228-860-8884; cmolino@osstalphonesus.org
Janie Sema 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonesus.org

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

Mar 25: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Mar 28: Youth Religious Education Class (times above)



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.

2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal
“Witnessing the Eucharist within Us”

In the pandemic year 2020 did you know that the Church provided \$742,000 in housing and utility assistance? Over 2 million pounds of food was distributed to those in need? Over 200 infants were provided with basic care items? Over 400,000 people in South Mississippi were helped in one form or another through the Church and YOUR generosity of prayer and financial support. 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.



The Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. Mass, Sunday 7:30 a.m. Mass and all daily Masses (with the exception of the Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Mass) will no longer be livestreamed. 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. Mass will still be available, but not on Facebook/Livestream.



You are invited to join us each Thursday in the Chapel for the Gethsemane Hour of Adoration and Devotional Prayer to the Precious Blood of Jesus from 11:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.



Donations for the decorating of the Church for Easter in Honor Of or in Memory Of a loved one will be accepted through next Sunday (March 28) 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 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 22-24: Spring Pictures
Mar 25: Children’s Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK3, K, 2, 3, 4
Mar 26: Children’s Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK4, 1, 5, 6

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Mar 24: 9th Grade Retreat; PTO Meeting, 8:00 a.m.
Mar 25: Mass, 9:40 a.m.
Mar 26: Progress Reports
Mar 27: 13th Annual Shamrockin the Coast, 7:00 p.m.
Mar 28: Science Honor Society Blood Drive, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pro-Life "The St James Pro Life Initiative has expanded diocesan wide. The name is now "Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life".



You can still use St James Pro Life Billboard on our Facebook page for news and updates. If you would like to support and continue to keep this ministry alive, please donate directly to Venmo @ dioceseofbiloxiprolife or mail checks directly to: Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life, 1790 Popps Ferry Rd, Biloxi, MS 39532, and mark "ProLife" on memo line of check. Thank you all for your support and please continue to pray for the unborn.

Michele Pisciotta M.D., Director of Pro-Life Ministries, NFP Coordinator; Karen Rhodes, President Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life; Penny Sullivan, Founder Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Bazzone (Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life Ministry) at dba29@aol.com or 727-460-1570.



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 to phone number 88202, or by visiting myparishapp.com. To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at www.formed.org and enter our Parish Code flf5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.

REFLECTION

A grain of wheat must die

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God. Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest, so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love. This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways. Every act of humility involves dying to pride. Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice. Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty. Every act of love involves dying to selfishness. Thus the false self dies, and the true self, made in God’s image, is born and nurtured. It is by giving that we receive; it is by forgiving that we are forgiven; it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.