

In the First Reading Peter shows great courage when he confronts the people with their part in the death of Jesus. However, he goes on to excuse them on the grounds that they acted in ignorance. In this he may have been inspired by the dying prayer of Jesus: 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.' He urges them to repent, assuring them that if they do, their sins will be forgiven.

In the Gospel Luke's primary interest is to show that the risen Jesus is the same person the apostles had known prior to the crucifixion. He emphasizes the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection, but makes it clear that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death.

It was only by combining various passages from the prophets that the early Christians came to accept the idea that a suffering Messiah was part of God's plan of salvation. So Luke has the risen Lord showing the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and so enter into his glory. Jesus also gives them a mission – the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

In the Second Reading John says that authentic love is proved by obedience to the commandments. Anticipating that the Christian will sin, he reminds us that we have in Jesus an advocate who will plead our cause.

One theme occurs in all three readings: forgiveness is available to those who repent and believe in Jesus as their Savior. This has great relevance for us. A lot of ugly crimes are committed today, not all of which can be put down to ignorance. But if there is forgiveness for those who killed Jesus, then surely there is forgiveness for those who do these things. The task of preachers of the word is to assure people that God's forgiveness is available to them, thus enabling them to make a fresh start.



We are grateful for your support of the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your prayers and financial support helps the Church to continue the works of the Lord Jesus. If you have not made a

pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes are at each of the exits of the church or you can give online at www.biloxidiocese.org. Remember – when our parish reaches its goal, all funds raised over our goal are returned to the parish for our use. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Bob Boney, Abby Bosarge, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Elena Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki

Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Steve Castleman, III, Pat Cronin, Lisa Cabbage, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Anne Hindmarch, Ron and 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	APRIL 19
Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Peggy Necaie
TUESDAY	APRIL 20
Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Rosie Romero
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Anthony Goretski
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 21
Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Leo Noble
THURSDAY	APRIL 22
Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Maralou Guice Richards
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Delilah Wilson
FRIDAY	APRIL 23
Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. George Wavra
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Madeline E. West
SATURDAY	APRIL 24
Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory Intentions for Our Country
	4:00 p.m. Mr. Rodney Goff
SUNDAY	APRIL 25
Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Eileen Burkhardt
9:00 a.m.	Joy and Gary Cooper Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Milton Roe
5:30 p.m.	

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,020.78
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,525.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of all Deceased Altar Society Members



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Mark Fletcher, cousin of Fr. Mike Snyder, who passed away April 4th.

Elinor "Ruth" Boney, wife of Robert Boney of this parish, who passed away April 9th.

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
 Jamie Lloyd, Terry O'Connor & Norma Williams**

Pray for Vocations

Religious Education News

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

Apr 22: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Apr 25: Youth Religious Education Class (times above)

Congratulations to those brought into the Church through Full Initiation or Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil: Lisa Beaugez, Jennifer Canaan, Charles Illanne, Ashley Loiselle, Hunter Polk, Alethea Reynolds, Christian Reynolds, Robert Reynolds III, William Swanson and Eric Taconi.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who came and gave blood last weekend at the KC Hall. The American Red Cross collected 45 units! Special thanks to Grand Knight Joe Sasser and KC Health Coordinator Dr. Blake Elkins for such a great job.



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.



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



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**



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.

REFLECTION

The wounds of love
 Those who care about others pick up a lot of wounds. There may be no great wounds, only a multiplicity of little ones – a host of scratches, wrinkles and welts. But there can also be a lot of invisible wounds: the furrows left on the mind and the heart by hardship, worry and anxiety, disappointments, ingratitude, and betrayal. These wounds are not things to be ashamed of. They are badges of honor. They are the proof of our love. Jesus didn't hide his wounds. Neither should we. By his wounds we are healed.

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

Apr 19-22: ITBS Testing

Apr 21: Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.

Apr 22: Children's Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK3, K, 2, 3, 4

Apr 23: Children's Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK4, 1, 5, 6

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Apr 19-21: ITBS Testing

Apr 21: 10th Grade Retreat

Apr 22: Mass, 9:40 a.m.

Apr 23-24: Spring Drama Production, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Apr 25: Spring Drama Production, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



A Special Parish Prayer Book is located on the south side of the Vestibule of the Church (front entrance). Anyone desiring prayers for any intention is requested to enter their intention on the Parish Prayer Book and they will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful at all weekend Masses.



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 1-631-359-8743.

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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