

From the earliest days the apostles' encountered hostility from the Jewish leaders just as Jesus himself had. Even so, the First Reading shows Peter fearlessly proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus. He asserts that the stone they rejected (Jesus) has become the cornerstone of a new building. The risen Jesus is the one and only Savior.

The Gospel presents Jesus as the good shepherd who knows his sheep intimately and is known by them. Unlike the hireling, he is willing to die to protect his sheep.

In the Second Reading John talks about the wonderful love God has shown for us by making us his children. Our future state will be like that of the glorified Jesus. This reading invites us to rejoice in our status as God's adopted children.

If there is a theme in all three readings perhaps it is this: the great love God has shown us in what he has done for us in Jesus, the Good Shepherd and our one and only Savior.



**You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion** on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.



You are invited to attend the 2021 Ocean Springs Annual **National Day of Prayer** to be held at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ocean Springs Civic Center located at 3730 Bienville Blvd. (Highway 90). This community-wide observance marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Day of Prayer. This year's theme is "Lord, Pour Out Your LOVE, LIFE and *Liberty*" Masks are recommended but not required.



**You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction** on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



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](http://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.



**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, Daisy Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Randy Lesso, 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 Trochesstet, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch, J.W., and Thane Williams.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	APRIL 26
Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Roy Carroll Family
TUESDAY	APRIL 27
Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Sullivan
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Gregory Wagner
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 28
Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention St. Joseph
THURSDAY	APRIL 29
Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Robert Holt Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Richard Jordan
FRIDAY	APRIL 30
Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Roland Trebotich
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Chrissy Monohan
SATURDAY	MAY 1
Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
	Mr. Gregory Hebert
	Russ, Carley & Brittany Jordan
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Rudolf Foerster
SUNDAY	MAY 2
Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Irma del Carmen Borrero Hudson
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Maria Bishop
5:30 p.m.	Mr. James "Stew" Stewart

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,373.10
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$1,860.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal Collection.....	\$ 896.16
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Shirod Miller, Sr.**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

- Reverend Jack Wesley Smith, April 19, 1983
- Reverend Sylvester Hynes, April 29, 1994
- Reverend Msgr. Patrick J. Carey, May 1, 1979
- Reverend Msgr. Patrick K. Bambrick, May 1, 2002
- Reverend John T. O'Brien, May 18, 2009
- Reverend Dominic Phan, May 28, 2019

## Religious Education News

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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.

**Apr 29:** RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

**May 2:** Youth Religious Education Class (times above)

May Crowning, 10:15 a.m.



**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**



**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.



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.

### Pro-Life



"The St James Pro Life Initiative has expanded diocesan wide and is now "Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life". You can still use St James Pro Life Billboard on the 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.

### REFLECTION

#### Working with love

All work is empty save when done with love. And what is it to work with love? It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart, even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth. It is to build a house with affection, even as if your beloved were to dwell in that house. If you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work, and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms from those who work with joy. For if you bake bread with indifference, you bake a bitter bread that feeds but half of man's hunger. And if you grudge the crushing of the grapes, your grudge distills a poison in the wine. Work is love made visible. –*Kahlil Gibran*

### Pray for Vocations

## \*\*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 26:** Field Day – PreK and K

**Apr 27:** Field Day – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Apr 28:** Field Day – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Apr 29:** Children's Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK3, K, 2, 3, 4

**Apr 30:** Children's Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK4, 1, 5, 6  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Spring Soiree-run for the Roses"

St. Alphonsus Catholic School presents its 2nd Annual "Spring Soiree- Run for the Roses" *Virtually* this year on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Join remotely from your home by enjoying your "Charcuterie for Two Plus your choice of Wine" available for Pick Up at St. Alphonsus Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> between 4:30-6:30 PM. Live Programming will begin at 7:00 PM and will include the live auction featuring a Weekend Stay at the Grand Hotel, a Deep See Fishing Trip, Custom Mickey Mouse Birthday party and many other items! You may register to the bidding site at [stals2021.givesmart](https://stals2021.givesmart.com) to begin bidding, purchase split the pot raffle tickets, purchase Charcuterie for Two or make a donation for your favorite St. AL student! Questions? Reach us at [PTO@stal.org](mailto:PTO@stal.org). Thank you for your support!

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

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

**Apr 28:** PTO Meeting, 8:00 a.m. / Band-Choir Concert, 6:00 p.m.

Men's Varsity Basketball Banquet at Patio 44, 7:00 p.m.

**Apr 29:** Senior Farewell Mass, 9:40 a.m.

Divine Mercy In My Soul  
The Diary of the Servant of God  
Sister M. Faustina Kowalska

83. Write this: before I come as the just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort: All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the Savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day.

84. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!



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.

**Altar Society Members for next week**  
Joan Burren, Darlene Hosey Nichols, Juliana Skelton