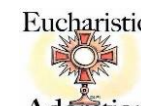





The reading from Acts describes the ascension of Jesus. It also shows how Jesus, now in the glorious presence of his Father, continues to act through the Holy Spirit and through his followers. The Gospel is concerned with the Lord's ascension and the missionary charge he gave his apostles. The preaching of the apostles was to have the same effect as the preaching of Jesus. The reference to picking up snakes and drinking poison is not to be taken literally. According to the Middle Eastern mentality hyperbole is an accepted way of making a point – through the power of Jesus the apostles will triumph over all evils. The apostles are to challenge people of all times and places either to believe or reject the Gospel. The statement that equates belief in Christ with salvation and disbelief with condemnation, can't be preached as bluntly as that. Today unbelief springs from many factors, not least from the poor witness given by those who claim to believe in Jesus. The theological meaning of the feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making him head of the Church and Lord of creation. The ascension of Jesus is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth.

 **“Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe, capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world”**  
**–St. Maximilian Kolbe**  
 Please take a moment to sign up for a weekly hour as we strive to become a perpetual chapel. The signup board is located in the Vestibule of the Church or you may contact Jenny Gordon at 228-282-0984.

 **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 (May 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</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, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**

 **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**

 **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.

 **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.**

**Pray for Vocations**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 17</b>
Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Elvin Asher Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 18</b>
Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Ruth Boney
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Carl Clark
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 19</b>
Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Harry Childress
8:15 a.m.	Int. Liz and Dick Eckert
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MAY 20</b>
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Kenny Wagner
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 21</b>
Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Margaret W. Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Armella Salm Mangin
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 22</b>
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25	
8:15 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory Int. For Our Country
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 23</b>
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Elena Diaz Broussard
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Michael (Tike) Fremin
11:30 a.m.	Freddie and Vera Lusk
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Joseph Balius

Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

4:00 p.m.	Congregation
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## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,386.56
Weekly / Monthly Online Collection.....	\$6,640.00
Monthly Online Poor Collection.....	\$1,155.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of those making the Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

 **Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Frank Schneider Sr.,** husband of Loraine Schneider of this parish, who passed away May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

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

## Religious Education News

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

**May 16:** Sacrament of First Communion, Church, 12:30 p.m.  
**May 20:** RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

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

1190 + Jesus. **–From all My wounds, like from streams, mercy flows for souls, but the wound in My Heart is the fountain of unfathomable mercy. From this fountain spring all graces for souls. The flames of compassion burn Me. I desire greatly to pour them out upon souls. Speak to the whole world about My Mercy.**



**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.**



**Hospital Stays:** Because of privacy concerns, it is difficult to find out who is in the hospital. Many times the clergy list we get to see does not have everyone's name listed. This seems to happen especially to those who are admitted through the Emergency Room. If you or a family member is going to be in the hospital and wish to be visited or receive communion while there, please call the Rectory at your earliest convenience.

### REFLECTION

#### Instruments of the Lord

‘Go, preach the Gospel to all nations.’ This was the farewell command of Christ. He has no body now on earth but ours. He has no hands but ours to raise up the fallen. No feet but ours to seek out the lost. No eyes but ours to see the silent tears of the suffering. No ears but ours to listen to the lonely. No tongue but ours to speak a word of comfort to the sad. No heart but ours to love the unloved. Lord, take pity on us, your timid and fearful disciples; give us courage to witness to you in the world, and so the Gospel will be preached, and people will find their way into your kingdom.



**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, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Oscar DeMauro, 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, Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Melissa Menard, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Amy Petitjean, Leona & Chuck 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, Charlotte & Gene Williams, Jessie Williams, and Thane Williams.

## \*\*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

**May 16:** Sacrament of First Communion, Church, 12:30 p.m.

**May 17:** PK2 and PK3 Awards, Church, 9:30 a.m.

**May 18:** PK4 Awards, Church, 9:30 a.m.

**May 19:** Kindergarten Awards, Church, 9:30 a.m.

**May 20:** Children's Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK3, K, 2, 3, 4 / May Crowning

**May 21:** Children's Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK4, 1, 5, 6

PTO Wine & Cheese (Meet the Principal), 5:30-8:30 pm (RSVP)

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**May 17:** Powerlifting Banquet, 6:00 p.m.

**May 18:** Baseball Banquet, 5:00 p.m. / Softball Banquet, 6:30 p.m.

**May 19:** Academic Awards Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.

**May 21, 24, 25:** Semester Exams



**We are seeing so many new faces at Mass. If you are new to our parish, please know you are very welcome. If you are going to make St. Alphonsus your spiritual home, please register with the Church. Registration forms are available in the Vestibule of the Church and on our website (St. Alphonsus Parish Ocean Springs, MS 39564) or parish app.**

### What can you do with the Parish App?

- See upcoming events
- View the bulletin
- Listen to an audio of the Rosary
- Read the daily Scripture Readings
- And much more...
- Download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)
- Or text **App** to **88202**



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.