

The First Reading talks about the power and glory of God, who nonetheless, entered into a close and loving relationship with his people, Israel, and of the obligations and blessings that flow from such a relationship. This reading stresses the oneness of God. In the Second Reading this relationship is taken deeper; we are not just members of God's people, but members of God's family. We are God's children. The Holy Spirit dwells within us and has made us co-heirs with the Son. This reading makes clear reference to the three persons in God. The Gospel also makes reference to the three persons of the Blessed Trinity. Jesus, who has total power over the whole universe, now empowers his apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world. The all-powerful Son of God promises to be with them (and by implication with us) until the end of time. The mission of the Church is to help all people to know the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Eucharistic Adoration "A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not even worth an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

—St. Padre Pio

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.



On this Memorial Day weekend, we welcome any and all visitors who joined us today to celebrate the Eucharist. We hope all our families who are traveling over the weekend have safe arrivals to their destinations and a safe return home later on. We ask you all to be careful on the highways, byways and waterways

this busy weekend.

This weekend we remember all who gave their lives for this country and for the freedoms we so often take for granted. Please remember them in your prayers today.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.



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**



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who

are not registered /active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



Remember - our fallen heroes. They are the reason that we are free.

The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of All the Men and Women who died while serving in the U.S. Military

Altar Society Members for next week
Mary Ann Bounds, Barbara Fournier & Lois Rivera

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 31
Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Sullivan
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jamie Samonte
TUESDAY	JUNE 1
Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Roland Trebotich
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Gregory Wagner
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 2
Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Lee Molbert
THURSDAY	JUNE 3
Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Irma del Carmen Borrero Hudson
FRIDAY	JUNE 4
Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Ernestine Beaugez
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Ned Cleary
SATURDAY	JUNE 5
Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr. Mr. Gregory Hebert Russ, Carley & Brittany Jordan
	4:00 p.m. Mr. Rodney Goff
SUNDAY	JUNE 6
Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Aaron Asher
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Marie Weidner
5:30 p.m.	Int. Carroll Family

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,182.56
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,250.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



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,

Neal Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Steve Castleman, III, Pat Cronin, Lisa Cubbage, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Oscar DeMauro, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Ansley Gilich, 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 Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Edward Necaize, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Amy Petitjean, Leona & Chuck Petitjean, Richard Potash, 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.

From the treatise Against Heresies by Saint Irenaeus, bishop
The sending of the Holy Spirit

When the Lord told his disciples to go and teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an Advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.



You are invited to join Bishop Louis F. Kihneman on His Official Diocesan Pilgrimage to Medjugorje October 5-13, 2021 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary Year of Our Lady's Apparitions!

\$3,295 per person includes roundtrip airfare from New Orleans, 7 nights' accommodations (double occupancy), daily breakfast and dinner, all transfers via Private Motor coach, visits to Community Cenacolo, Mother's Village, local waterfalls, sightseeing and admissions fees in Dubrovnik and Split, daily Mass and Spiritual Activities coordinated with Bishop Kihneman and Fr. Michael Austin.

Space is limited to 40 pilgrims. For more information, call 800-715-6670 or visit <https://www.catholicjourneys.com/special-departures>.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Lionel Sentell Sr., father of Rocky (Sherry) Sentell of this parish, who passed away May 17th.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Registration for the 2021/2022 School Year Going on Now

School Subsidy Policy

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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Jesus established the Catholic Church to evangelize, and he commissions us to make disciples of all nations, to baptize them, to teach all he commands us, and to trust that he is with us always. Living out this Great Commission of Jesus is both personal and communal. Each of us is called personally not only to witness to our faith but also to accompany others in faith. Each of our parishes, families, schools, and ministries have the same mission, and it should be fostered each time the community comes together.

We as a Church have deep beliefs, traditions, and awe-inspiring rituals that have spanned the centuries. Part of the challenge for us as modern-day Catholics is how to reveal to the world our faith in and love of Jesus Christ and His presence with us. The secular culture not only discourages, but is often hostile to those of faith. Our tradition of "wordless witness" is no longer effective in today's world. The current culture in our parishes, families, schools, and ministries needs to shift to be effective in following the Great Commission of Jesus.

Many do not know how to share our faith with others. Each of us must begin by growing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Everyone, beginning with the leadership of our communities, needs to be trained to be disciple makers that embrace the clear mission of Jesus to foster discipleship, accompaniment, and to form disciple makers. I believe our parishes, families, schools, and ministries can make this shift from maintenance to answering the Great Commission of Jesus. It will mean that we all, individually and as a Church, commit ourselves to this mission. The following pastoral message gives the groundwork for how we will make this shift together. Pope Paul VI, Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis, have all called us to follow Jesus' Great Commission. It is time for us to heed the call and, "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19b-20a) -- Bishop Louis F. Kihneman

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PRAYER / REFLECTION

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to the world, hear me. I come to you as one of your many children. I am small and weak; I need your strength and your wisdom. Make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made, and my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise so that I may know the things you have taught your children, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make me strong, so that I may not be superior to other people, but able to fight my greatest enemy, which is myself. Make me ever ready to come to you with straight eyes, so that when life fades as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.