

For this and the next four Sundays the Gospel readings come from Chapter Six of St. John's Gospel. John has no account of the institution of the Eucharist. But this chapter more than compensates for that. The miracle described in the First Reading shows God's concern for his people during a time of famine. The bread in question was the bread of the first-fruits, which was meant to be offered to God. But instead of offering it to God, Elisha, the prophet of the old covenant, gave it to the people. The left-overs stress God's generosity. Like Elisha, Jesus, the prophet of the new covenant, feeds hungry people, and does so even more astonishingly. There are clear eucharistic overtones in the way the miracle is related. Jesus *'took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to the people.'* Such language is meant to remind us of what he did at the Last Supper, and of what happens every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Even though both feedings are miraculous there is an essential human element in each, without which no miracle is possible.



Altar Server Training: As we continue to open the Church, we are bringing back all ministries. An Altar Server Training is scheduled in the Church on July 27th and August 10th at 6:30 p.m. both nights. All altar servers or anyone who wishes to become an altar server (must have already made First Holy Communion) must attend both classes.



CURSILLO DRAWDOWN IS BACK ON!!! This is their only fundraiser and they need your help to make it a success. The DRAWDOWN and SILENT AUCTION event will take place at Sacred Heart in Pascagoula at 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2021. There will be 30 drawings of \$100 with the final draw at \$5000.00. Name never goes out of the drawing, so there are many chances to win! Tickets are \$50 each. Please contact Gay Camagong for tickets at (228)424-7722.



The Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries will take place on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage or more in 2021 are welcome to attend. Registration Forms are available in the Rectory Office during regular business hours. Deadline for registration is October 15, 2021.



10 Day PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
You are invited to join Father Mike Austin and Mrs. Paula Spears as they travel to the Holy Land, February 14 - 23, 2022. Through this life-changing Pilgrimage, you will have the opportunity to visit many holy sites including Bethlehem, Caesarea, Cana, Haifa, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, and Tiberias. Feel the Bible come alive with names, places and events we have been hearing about all our lives. The cost is \$3999, round trip from New Orleans. PilgrimageToTheHolyLand@gmail.com or call Paula Spears (228) 697-7814



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 Burres, Darlene Nichols and Juliana Skelton



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Paul Hung Huu Nguyen and Peter Hai Ho Nguyen

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 26
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
TUESDAY	JULY 27
Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43	
6:30 a.m.	Intentions for Our Country
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Noah Thibodeaux
WEDNESDAY	JULY 28
Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
THURSDAY	JULY 29
Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; John 11:19-27	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Alice Hire
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Christine Dasher
FRIDAY	JULY 30
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. John Pennell
8:15 a.m.	Int. Yvonne Viquerie and Family
SATURDAY	JULY 31
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory Protection of the Unborn
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
SUNDAY	AUGUST 1
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Joyce Langlinois
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Delbert Kruger
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$12,469.48
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,195.00
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, Bryleigh Brochard, Elena Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Pat Cronin, Lisa Cabbage, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Oscar DeMauro, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, 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, Melissa Menard, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Edward Necaize, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Roger Parker, Amy Petitjean, Leona & Chuck Petitjean, Richard Potash, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Jan Roberts, 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, Rose M. Vail, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch, Charlotte & Gene Williams, Jessie Williams, and Thane Williams.

Pray for Vocations



Our parish is answering the call to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We currently have 136 adorers signed up, covering 93 hours, leaving 75 hours open for adorers. Thank you to the parishioners who have committed to a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Please try your best to make your hour. If you find that the hour you signed up for isn't working, kindly change it on the We Adore Him website. If you are signed up and not going, please remove your name from the schedule to give others the opportunity to take that hour. If you find that you are requesting a substitute frequently, please consider changing your hour. The We Adore Him website is very user friendly. Go to: stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup to create an account. Here you can view the entire schedule, make a weekly commitment, make a one-time commitment, request a sub and select your preferred notification method and reminders. Using this system will create a seamless process and is highly encouraged. Questions or concerns may be directed to Jenny Gordon @228-282-0984. *"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."* ~St. John Paul II

What is Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration?

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is when a parish sets aside a small room, or chapel that is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with permanent exposition of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament for the purpose of silent, uninterrupted adoration.

What do I do during my Holy Hour of Adoration?

There are four kinds of prayer most appropriate in the presence of the Eucharist. Spend 15 minutes on each step:

- 1. Recognize the Presence of God**
Enter into His holy Presence with awe and love. A good way to begin is to pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* slowly, fervently and mindfully.
- 2. Thanksgiving**
Praise and thank the Lord. Worship Him. Read and pray psalms of praise and thanksgiving, such as *Psalms 16, 33, 34, 47, 92, 95, 100 and 150*. It is good to then pause and sit before Our Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, open to His love.
- 3. Reparation**
Repent of and express sorrow for your sins and those of the whole world. You can offer reparation through prayers such as the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*. *"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*
- 4. Petition**
Ask for your own deeper conversion and personal needs, as well as for those around you and the whole world. Remember also to pray for the Souls in Purgatory. If you can, pray the *Rosary*. Our Blessed Mother stands always at the side of her Son, ready to assist her children.

Always end your visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with thanksgiving.

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
- Or text **App** to **88202**

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

Aug 3: Meet the Teacher, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Aug 6: First Day of School, 8:15 a.m.



St. Alphonsus School is in the process of constructing an Adoration Chapel in the school in honor of Deacon Gregory Miller. For more information, see the flyer at each of the exits. Donations are being accepted. Please consider giving to this blessed cause.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

July 30: Robotic Blood Drive at Nativity BVM Cathedral 1-6pm
July 31: Drama Guild Leadership Retreat, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus will begin serving breakfast again on Sunday, August 15th from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.



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.

Parish Website: To view a copy of the weekly Church bulletin on our website just type in "St. Alphonsus Parish Ocean Springs, MS 39564". It will contain a copy of the weekly Church bulletin.

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

153. One day, I saw two roads. One was broad, covered with sand and flowers, full of joy, music and all sorts of pleasures. People walked along it, dancing and enjoying themselves. They reached the end without realizing it. And at the end of the road there was a horrible precipice; that is, the abyss of hell. The souls fell blindly into it; as they walked, so they fell. And their number was so great that it was impossible to count them. And I saw the other road, or rather, a path, for it was narrow and strewn with thorns and rocks; and the people who walked along it had tears in their eyes, and all kinds of suffering befell them. Some fell down upon the rocks, but stood up immediately and went on. At the end of the road there was a magnificent garden filled with all sorts of happiness, and all these souls entered there. At the very first instant they forgot all their sufferings.