

The First Reading gives us a glimpse into the heart of a prophet, and we see how very human he is. Elijah, the great champion of God, flees into the desert, a broken and dispirited man. But like the Israelites of old, he is fed with 'bread from heaven'. Strengthened by this food he continues his journey to Horeb, the mountain of God.

In the Gospel Jesus declares that he is 'the bread that has come down from heaven'. The bread in question is primarily the revelation given to people by Jesus. Only at a secondary level does it envisage the Eucharist. The fundamental reaction called for is one of 'coming to him', which is a synonym of belief. Even though faith is a gift from God it does demand openness on our part.



The second Altar Server Training will be held in the Church on Tuesday, August 10th at 6:30 p.m.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Friday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



A Blood Drive is scheduled in Honor of Ansley Gilich on Friday, August 13th from 12 Noon until 7:00 p.m. at the Slavonian Lodge (159 Maple St) in Biloxi. Space is limited and appointments are encouraged by going to www.redcrossblood.org and using the sponsor code: Ansley Gilich or by calling 800-RED-Cross.



St. Peter's Catholic Church in Bassfield, MS is selling raffle tickets for their 26th Annual 800 Club. The tickets are \$50 each, if you buy five tickets, two are free. The first Sunday of each month, beginning September 2021, four tickets will be drawn, \$500 for first ticket and \$100 for remaining three, and all winners are eligible to win again as the tickets will be put back in the 'barrel'. So you get twelve chances to win \$500 or \$100 each month for one year. All proceeds from this fundraiser are used to defray the maintenance costs of the parish buildings. If you are interested in buying tickets, Fr. Mark will be celebrating all the Masses here at St. Alphonsus on the weekend of August 14th/15th. You may also call their parish office Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM. (601-943-6688) or (601-543-5939) or Father Chinnappa R. Mark at (601-943-5104). They thank you for your generous support.



An Anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, August 21st at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: **Rodney Senseney**, brother of Bonnie Senseney of this parish, who passed away July 31st.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 9
Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Lynn Pitalo Creel
TUESDAY	AUGUST 10
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Richard "Dick" Smith
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Paul Cashio
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 11
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Matthew Gospodinovich
THURSDAY	AUGUST 12
Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21—19:1	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Dorothy Tourille
FRIDAY	AUGUST 13
Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Johnny Norman
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Olivia Karp
SATURDAY	AUGUST 14
Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Anita Grace White
	Msgr. Gregory Kennedy
1 Chron 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2, 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28	
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ruth Boney
SUNDAY	AUGUST 15
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Ruth Woods
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Jeanne Marciant
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Dorothy Gates Collins
5:30 p.m.	The McCanna Family

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$10,431.43
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 2,175.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 2,838.00
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, Kay Brochard, Elena Broussard, Don Burchette, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Pat Cronin, Lisa Cubbage, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Wendy Decker, Oscar DeMauro, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Ansley Gillich, 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, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Melissa Menard, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Roger Parker, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Jan Roberts, Margaret Rucinski, 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.



Our parish is answering the call to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We currently have 144 adorers signed up, covering 93 hours. 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](http://www.stalphonsus.weadorehim.com) 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](http://www.stalphonsus.weadorehim.com) 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.

PRAYER / REFLECTION

Trust in God

Lord, I've no idea where I'm going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself. And the fact that I think I'm doing your will, doesn't mean that I'm actually doing it. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you, and I hope that I have this desire. Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death, I will not fear, for you are with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. *—Thomas Merton*

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Aug 13: Children's Mass 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

Aug 9: Varsity Football Parent Meeting, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Aug 11: Junior High Football Parent Meeting, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Aug 12: School Pictures, Mass 9:40 a.m.

Aug 13: High School Band Parent Meeting, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.



The Lord Is My Help is in need of egg cartons. If you are able to donate, please drop off at their location: 1205 Desoto St. –behind Phoenicia.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

October 5-13, 2021: Medjugorje with Bishop Louis F. Kihneman. For more information visit www.catholicjourneys.com/special-departures or call 800-715-6670 \$3,295 per person.

February 14-23, 2022: The Holy Land with Fr. Mike Austin. For more information email Pilgrimagetoholyland@gmail.com or call Paula Spears at 228-697-7814.

September 13-23, 2022: Austria & Germany including the Passion Play of Oberammergau with Fr. Mike Austin. For more information call 203-656-303, email info@nawas.com or visit www.nawas.com.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

(Articles taken from the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

271. What is the Eucharist?

CCC 1322-1323; 1409

The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which he instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until his return in glory. Thus he entrusted to his Church this memorial of his death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist?

CCC1323; 1337-1340

Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday "the night on which he was betrayed" (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles.

273. How did he institute the Eucharist?

CCC 1337-1340; 1365, 1406

After he had gathered with his apostles in the Cenacle, Jesus took bread in his hands. He broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat it, all of you; this is my Body which will be given up for you". Then, he took the cup of wine in his hands and said, "Take this and drink of this, all of you. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me".

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.

The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Alice Davidson Hire



Altar Society Members for next week
Janell Alliston, Deni Helms and Pat Zuber