

Because of his great successes on the battlefield, David was very popular with the people. As a result, Saul saw him as a threat and sought to kill him. The First Reading contains the moving story of how David had an opportunity to kill Saul, but refused to do so because in his eyes Saul, as king of Israel, was a sacred person.

This passage prepares us for the Gospel, which contains Jesus' injunction to love our enemies. Jesus goes on to stress the obligations of fraternal charity. The ideal of love to which his followers must aspire is that of God himself. We are to love as God loves.

Jesus' vision of human behavior is at such variance with the view most people have, that many people regard it as humanly unachievable, and therefore ignore it. From a human point of view it is unachievable. Divine help is needed.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus will have a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, February 25th from 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the KC Hall. Plates will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and desert. The cost is \$8.00 a plate. Dine-in and take-out will be available. Tickets are available at the Rectory. All proceeds will benefit the Morning Star Pregnancy Center.



If you are looking for a new direction to Lent this year, a more personal journey to a closer relationship and understanding of God's love for you, we invite you to join us for 9 consecutive Saturdays to learn about His Divine Mercy. Novena and sung chaplet starts on Saturday, February 26th immediately after the 8:15 a.m. Mass.



St. Alphonsus Parish will have a Lenten Mission on Sunday, March 13th and Monday, March 14th.

International Catholic Speaker and Author, Tim Glemkowski, will present The One Great Story.

You are invited to join us for two life-changing nights and rediscover the life and faith you were made for.



Evening of Intercession Intercessory prayer is going between the Lord and the person you are praying for, asking the Lord to show them his mercy and blessings.

I invite you to come and be a part of this night of intercession even if you have never heard about intercessory prayer before. We will meet in the church on Wednesday, March 16 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 pm. Please bring your Rosary with you. I look forward to seeing you there. Deacon Jim



Anyone interested in purchasing a Barricade Advertisement Sponsorship is asked to please contact Rodney Fountain at rodney@fountaincpa.com.

The multicolor banner will be attached to a barricade and displayed at church and school events that require barricades. The cost is \$500 per barricade with double sided signage and will be displayed for a twelve month period. After the purchase of the banner, remaining funds will be used towards the Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund which is given to qualified high school seniors each year.

REFLECTION

Giving

There are those who give but only on condition that they receive something in return, and receive it immediately. There are those who give on condition that they receive something in return later on and with a handsome profit. And there are those who give without expecting anything in return now or ever: they scatter the seeds of the heart without looking for any harvest. These are imitating the generosity of God, who bestows his love on good people and bad, and grants mercy to saints and sinners.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	FEBRUARY 21
James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. R.J. Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Aaron Asher
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 22
1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joey Fountain
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Nancy Prichard
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 23
James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Vera Lusk
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 24
James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Bill Hudson
8:15 a.m.	Norman and Mildred Eckert
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 25
James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Marvin James Ramsay
8:15 a.m.	Mr. David Grand
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 26
James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
	4:00 p.m.
	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 27
Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Richard Jones
9:00 a.m.	Int. Ms. Lisa Hebert
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Linda Griggs

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,865.60
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,110.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Anna June Skinner, Mother of Larry (Linda) Skinner of this parish, who passed away February 15th.

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



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Bob Boney, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Bryleigh Brochard, Jeffrey Brochard, Kay Brochard, Margaret Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Sean Halat, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Melissa Menard, Iva Misko, Johnny Mitchell, Edward Necaie, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Joyce Reynolds, Jan Roberts, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Robert Nelson

FAITH FORMATION

Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
 Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonsus.org

Edge (6th – 8th Grade): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Life Teen (9th – 12th Gr): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
 Contact Patience Clasen at pclasen@osstalphonsus.org

Confirmation (11th Gr): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
RCIA: Thursday, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
 Contact Chris Molino at cmolino@osstalphonsus.org

Feb 24: **RCIA**, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Feb 27: **No Faith Formation Classes**
No Adult Study Class



COME TO ME IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the real presence of Your Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We are obliged to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for sins. We need Your peace in our hearts and among nations. We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of Your forgiveness. May we obtain this through prayer and our union with the Eucharistic Lord. Please send down the Holy Spirit upon all peoples to give them the love, courage, strength and willingness to respond to the invitation to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. We beseech You to spread perpetual exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in parishes around the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament help us spread the glory of Your Son through perpetual exposition of the Holy Eucharist.

Hours needing coverage in the Chapel are:

Sunday 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am, 1 pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 10pm
Monday 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 12pm, 1pm, 11pm
Tuesday 1am, 2am, 3am, 11am, 2pm, 11pm
Wednesday 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 10am, 10pm, 11pm
Thursday 1am, 2am, 3am, 11am
Friday 3am, 10am, 11am, 2pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, 11pm
Saturday 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am, 10am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 10pm, 11pm

To sign up for an adoration hour, visit stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup

If you know you cannot make your hour, please request a substitute on the website.

1. Log in to your adoration account at stalphonsus.weadorehim.com
 2. Click on 'My Dashboard'
 3. Scroll down until you see 'My Commitments'
 4. Click the yellow highlighted box that says, 'Request Substitute'
 5. A text box will pop up asking you to confirm your sub request. Click on the green 'Request Substitute' box to confirm.
 6. Click 'Okay' to complete.
- The computer will now find you a substitute and let you know when one has been secured.

Call 228-282-0984 for any questions on logging in or using the website.



A Boy's Retreat will be held at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center (14595 Vidalia Rd, Pass Christian) on March 4th-6th for all 9th – 12th grade Boys. The cost is \$60.00. For more information or to register, please contact Desmond Hoda at 228-493-8817 or dwhdc2@gmail.com

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

School Subsidy Policy

Registration for the 2022/2023 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

Feb 24: PreK Mardi Gras Parade.
Feb 25: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

St. Alphonsus School is looking to hire a PK1 Teacher. If you have childcare experience and would be interested, please contact the school at 875-5329.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Feb 20: Varsity Soccer Banquet, 6:00 p.m.
Feb 22: Cheerleading Parent Information Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Feb 24: Mass 9:40 a.m.



Love's Legacy: The Story of Father Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)

You are invited to hear a presentation on the heroic virtue of a remarkable figure in American history. Trailblazer and leader in the American Catholic Church, Fr. Tolton was born into slavery, was ordained in Rome, and led a parish in Chicago. How do you overcome hate? For Fr. Tolton, it was by living in love. The story of **The Venerable Father Augustus Tolton** serves as heartfelt inspiration for all.

The lecturer is Dr. Tim Weldon, Professor of Philosophy at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. An Author of essays and books, he has also been a frequent guest on radio programs and podcasts. He tells the story of Fr. Tolton in a way only a Franciscan scholar can. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community Center (720 East Beach Blvd, Long Beach) on Thursday, February 24th. Social Hour with Dr. Weldon from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.; Lecture 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835 or religionseducation@saintthomaslb.org.

Commentary on the Doctrine Of the Most Holy Eucharist

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

3. Believe that you may understand (continued from last week)
 Therefore, the same sacrifice of Christ offered on the Cross and accepted by the Father when He glorified His Son, remains permanently glorious in heaven, and thus the original victim itself and the priestly action of Christ Himself is daily present and renewed in the Mass. When the Eucharist is consecrated, by the working of the Holy Spirit through the words pronounced by the priest, Christ the victim is shown forth under the Eucharistic species by virtue of transubstantiation. The action by which the offered and glorified Christ remains in the Father's presence is represented for us through the priest: the same victim and the same priestly oblation of Christ, carried out on the Cross and destined to remain perpetually in heaven, is now made present through the priest. Thus, in truth the one and same sacrifice is accomplished likewise in the sacrament. The Church makes her own the sacrifice of her beloved Spouse, and at the same time offers herself with Christ, so that every grace which is needed might be bestowed on her and on the whole world.

Altar Society Members for next week
Jamie Lloyd, Terry O'Connor, Norma Williams