

**Just as an orchard is judged by the quality of its fruit, so a person's talk shows what kind of person he is. (First Reading)** This links with what Jesus says in the Gospel: 'A tree is known by its fruit...the words of the mouth flow out of what fills the heart.'

In the Gospel it is no longer a question of love of enemies, but of love of one's brothers and sisters in the community. A Christian is his brother's keeper. But one cannot undertake to guide others unless one has found the way oneself. Hence, self-criticism must precede criticism of others. This applied especially to Christian teachers.

But it had even more relevance for prophets. There were many prophets in the early Church. These were people who had received this gift from God and more or less guided the community. But the community had to be careful because there were also false prophets.

Just as we judge a tree by its fruit, so we judge a prophet by his actions. Any prophet who teaches the truth is none the less a false prophet if he does not himself practice what he teaches. The true prophet is one who behaves in the Lord's way.



**The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for Mardi Gras.**



**Lent begins Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> with a day of Fast and Abstinence.** Four masses will be available on that day beginning with the usual morning masses at 6:30 and 8:15 a.m. (children from our elementary school will attend), 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m. A Special Collection will be taken up for the Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa.



**During Lent, Stations of the Cross** will be conducted each Monday morning immediately after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, each Friday afternoon by the school children at 2:30 p.m. (adults welcome), and Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. with the Way of the Cross followed by Mass.

**All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (abstaining from meat and meat products for those who are 14 years of age and older).**

**Fasting:** Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all the weekdays of Lent the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations," when considered together, should not equal the main meal – and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

**Abstinence:** All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent, unless the Friday is a solemnity (as on March 25 in 2022).

In their Penance and Abstinence pastoral, the U.S. Bishops declared: "the obligation both to fast and to abstain from meat, an obligation observed under a more strict formality by our fathers in the faith, still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation..." They also stated: "we preserve for our dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice."

**Flowers and Music:** During Lent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar, with the exceptions of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, and the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19), and the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25); musical instruments are only to be played in order to support the singing, with the same exceptions.

**Gloria and Creed:** The Gloria and the Creed are sung/said on the Lenten solemnities. Note that when the Creed is said during the Mass on the Annunciation that all genuflect at the words, "and by the Holy Spirit, he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

**Covering Crosses and Images:** Crosses and images should not be covered for the whole of Lent. The appropriate time to cover crosses and statues in purple is before the Saturday Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 3<sup>rd</sup> (after the Saturday morning Mass of that day). Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday; other images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

**Holy Water:** Removing holy water from the fonts during the season of Lent (and replacing it with sand, etc.) is not permitted; holy water is removed after the evening Mass Holy Thursday and refilled on Holy Saturday with water blessed at the Easter Vigil.

**Funeral Masses:** The celebration of a funeral Mass is not permitted on the Sundays of Lent and Easter, Holy Thursday, and the days of the Easter Triduum. However, when necessary, a "Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass" may be used.



**St. Alphonsus Parish will have a Lenten Mission on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. each night in the Church.**

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.



### Enjoy the silence this Lent

The noise of life seems to get louder and louder by the day. Whether it is work, school, children, projects, clubs or sports we can't seem to find any silence in our day. Could you use a little calm in your day, some downtime to just sit in silence and contemplate your life? Try visiting our chapel to enjoy some silence with Jesus. I promise, you won't find this kind of silence anywhere else. Come and be with Jesus. You don't have to say anything, He knows your heart. Just sit and be with Him. You will feel His presence within you and come back for more. This Lent, let Jesus come into your heart and give you the comfort and peace only He can give.

*"There is one great question: how can man really be in the image of God? He must enter into silence. When he drapes himself in silence as God himself dwells in a great silence, man is close to heaven, or rather, he allows God to manifest himself in him. We encounter God only in the eternal silence in which he abides. Have you ever heard the voice of God as you hear mine? God's voice is silent. Indeed, man, too, must seek to become silence."*

*-Robert Cardinal Sarah  
The Power of Silence*

To sign up for a weekly adoration hour, visit [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup](http://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](http://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.

### Commentary on the Doctrine Of the Most Holy Eucharist

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

#### 4. The Ends of the Eucharistic Sacrifice

##### 1. Service to God or the cult of worship

By the Greek word *latría* are meant service to God and cult and ministry. By the celebration of the Eucharist, we worship God and adore Him not only because He Himself created us and we have nothing good that we do not owe to Him, but also because through Christ the Father is clearly shown forth, so that in the hymn known as the *Gloria* or in the doxology of the Mass (the *Per Ipsum*), He reveals Himself openly.

In the Eucharist, we adore the Father through Christ, the Incarnate Son, and with Him, and through Him. Therefore, this adoration differs from any other praise which we can render to God. Christ Himself is the perfect praise to the Father, which we offer to the Father so that we might praise Him and give Him thanks.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>
1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Int. Retired Diocesan Priests
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 1</b>
1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Alice Cole
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 2</b>
Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Stephen Viquerie
12:00 p.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
6:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 3</b>
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25	
6:30 a.m.	Bill and Gloria Davis
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Ron Fournier
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 4</b>
Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Holt
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Elena Broussard
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 5</b>
Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Int. Brashier Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 6</b>
Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Chris Seymour
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Henry Hall
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Edmee' Baird
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,248.00  
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,150.00  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**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, Breaune 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 Necaïse, 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 Honor of St. Alphonsus Parishioners**

## \*\*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 28–Mar 1:** No School - Mardi Gras Break

**Mar 2:** Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

**Mar 4:** Stations of the Cross, 2:30 p.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 28-Mar 1:** No School – Mardi Gras Break

**Mar 2:** Ash Wednesday Service, 2:30 p.m.

**Mar 6:** JH Boys and Girls Soccer Banquet, 6:00 p.m.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Contact Jane Sema at [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org)

**Edge (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

**Life Teen (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Gr):** Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Contact Patience Clasen at [pclasen@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:pclasen@osstalphonsus.org)

**Confirmation (11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cmolino@osstalphonsus.org)

**Mar 3:** **RCIA**, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

**Mar 6:** **Faith Formation Classes**, Times Listed Above

**Adult Study Class**, 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

All are welcome to attend.



**You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction** on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



**You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion** on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.



**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. until 7:30 pm. Please bring your Rosary with you. I look forward to seeing you there.  
Deacon Jim

**Altar Society Members for next week  
 Mary Ann Bounds, Barbara Fournier,  
 Mary Alice Kanode, Lois Ravera**