

The First Reading tells of God's promise to Abraham that he would have numerous descendants, and that those descendants would possess the land of Canaan. As a pledge of his fidelity God made a solemn covenant with him.

Our passage describes an ancient rite of covenant or treaty making. To ratify a covenant the contracting parties cut an animal (or animals) in two and walked between the divided parts, invoking the fate of the animals on themselves should they fail to observe the terms of the contract. Since God's covenant with Abraham is unilateral, only God (symbolized by the furnace and the torch) passes between the pieces. The birds of prey symbolize the forces hostile to Israel.

This covenant led to the covenant at Sinai, and culminated in the new and eternal covenant which Jesus sealed in his own blood on Calvary. The chief significance of the Tabor experience was for Jesus himself, and this is what Luke emphasizes. The incident was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken. It comforted him to know that the road he was traveling was marked by the feet of prophets such as Moses and Elijah. The transfiguration also benefited the apostles. It prepared them for the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah.



In today's Scripture we hear of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Let us pray for God's grace to be transfigured in our own lives to more the person that God is calling us to be in the world today. One way to help in the Mission of the Church is by giving a generous gift to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal. Pledge envelopes are available at the exits of the Church. Together we can make a difference in our communities and help in that Mission in a real and tangible way. This year's parish goal for St. Alphonsus is \$61,146. Please make checks payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi at 1790 Popp's Ferry Road, Biloxi 39532. You may also donate online at www.biloxidiocese.org/giving.



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.



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Please remember to bring the Synod questionnaire back with you to the meeting.



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



An anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, March 19th 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.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) the week of March 28 - April 1, 2022.

If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Norma Williams at 875-2636. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Pray For Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MARCH 14
Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Joseph Gatschet
TUESDAY	MARCH 15
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Rose Gospodinovich
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Santo Loparo
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 16
Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
THURSDAY	MARCH 17
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Eileen Burkhardt
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Charles "Mickey" Michael McGee
FRIDAY	MARCH 18
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46	
6:30 a.m.	1943 Fire
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Jordan William Odom
SATURDAY	MARCH 19
2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory Protection of the Unborn
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
SUNDAY	MARCH 20
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Susan and Scott Bishop
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Brady Palmer

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$12,220.87
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....	\$8,250.00
Poor Collection.....	\$4,142.76
Churches in E Europe/Africa Collection.....	\$2,279.25
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, 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, 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 Ncaise, 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.

Altar Society Members for next week
Judi Anderson, Aline Balius, Theresa Stuart

FAITH FORMATION

Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonusus.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 Will Haislmaier at whaislmaier@osstalphonusus.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@osstalphonusus.org

Mar 17: RCIA, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Mar 20: Faith Formation Classes, Times Listed Above
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
All are welcome to attend.



From the Eucharistic throne, streams of light and power, joy and peace, comfort and blessings pour into countless human hearts that come to Him with confidence, humility and love. Even though we cannot see Him, spending time in the shadow of the tabernacle, so near to our Lord, we grow spiritually warmed by the rays of His invisible graces like a plant absorbing sunlight. You cannot see the plant grow, but you can see that it has grown; in like manner you cannot see your soul progressing spiritually yet experience proves it does. Our Lord said: "Blessed are they who do not see and believe."

Excerpt taken from: *Hidden Treasure: The Riches of the Eucharist*

Please remember that SILENCE IS GOLDEN. Be cognizant of adorers praying and contemplating in the chapel while you are entering and leaving and while you are praying. Even the slightest whisper can be heard and disrupt others.

There are several early morning hours that need coverage. This is a great time to be one on one with Jesus!

To view the adoration schedule or to sign up for a weekly adoration hour, visit stalphonusus.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 stalphonusus.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.



The SVPD Thrift Store in Ocean Springs is celebrating its 1st Anniversary this month. They invite you to help them celebrate and take advantage of the specials they will be having during March.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

Reverend William J. Vollar, March 2, 2011
Reverend Nicholas Walsh, March 5, 1995
Reverend Gerard M. Cleary, March 9, 2015
Reverend Msgr. James J. Hannon, March 16, 2008
Reverend Msgr. Eamon Mullen, March 19, 1992
Reverend Msgr. Thomas E. Williams, March 25, 1983
Reverend James P. McGlade, March 31, 1980

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

Mar 16: Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.

Mar 18: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Stations of the Cross, 2:30 p.m.

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

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Mar 17: Mass, 9:40 a.m.



For a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone, you are invited to join us this Saturday as we continue the Divine Mercy Novena following the 8:15 a.m. Mass.



Since we are offering the very powerful Divine Mercy Novena after Mass on the nine Saturdays prior to Divine Mercy Sunday, we will resume the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows on the third Saturday in May. Meanwhile we encourage you to pray the Rosary of the

Seven Sorrows, honoring Our Blessed Mother, during the Lenten season.



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 3, 2022**



The Lord Is My Help is in need of a Cook/Kitchen Manager. This is a full time position (Monday-Friday), has a competitive hourly wage and benefits are available. Duties will include creating a menu, prepping food and cooking for 180+ people a day. Will also work with the Meals on Wheels program as well as a rotating group of volunteers.

A Serve Safe Certification and Resume' with references is required. If interested, please call 228-238-9315 (M-F 9:30-5:30) or email: thelordismyhelpso@gmail.com.

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

3. *Propitiation*
The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross fulfilled the prophesied substitution of the Servant of the Lord who "makes himself an offering for sin" when "he bore the sin of many" (CCC, no. 615), also having the power of 'reparation, as atonement and satisfaction' (CCC, no. 616) and is therefore a sacrifice 'in reparation for our disobedience' (CCC, no. 614). Continued next week