




**The First Reading contains a message of hope addressed to the Jewish exiles in Babylon.** There will be a new exodus, so glorious that it will put the great events of the first exodus in the shade. And all of this will happen because God is faithful to his people. This prepares us for the Gospel. Christians see the radically new thing that God has done for us in and through Jesus. Specifically we see God's love and compassion in Jesus' treatment of a sinful woman. The story is taken from John, but it resembles the style of Luke. It's an 'entrapment' story which sought to show Jesus' wisdom in besting his adversaries. The aim of the Scribes and Pharisees was to set a snare for Jesus. If he pardoned the woman, he could be accused of encouraging people to break the law of Moses. If he agreed that she should be stoned, he would lose his name for mercy. But Jesus turned the tables on her accusers by suggesting that they look at their own sins. Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the justification that comes from faith in Christ, and for the hope of resurrection (Second Reading). Like a runner at the final stage of a race, he doesn't look back but keeps his eye on the winning tape.

**The Altar Society is accepting donations for the decorating of the Church on Easter Sunday.** Parishioners may donate the flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Envelopes are in the pews. When complete, envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Rectory. Please print names clearly on the envelope. The deadline for making a donation is Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Apr 4:** Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 7:** Nativity BVM, Biloxi Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 11:** Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 12:** Chrism Mass at Nativity BVM Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.
- Apr 14:** Mass of Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 15:** Passion Play by St. Alphonsus School 3:00 p.m.  
Reading of Passion w/Veneration of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence
- Apr 16:** Easter Vigil, Baptism & Profession of Faith, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 17:** Easter Sunday Masses – 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m., Hispanic Mass 2:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

 **Please remember to support the Catholic Sharing Appeal.** This program supports the ministries of our Church and provides for many individuals in need each year. Your gift of prayer and financial resources ensures that we will continue to help the mission of the Church in a real way. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Pledge envelopes are available at the exits of the Church. 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](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/giving). We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.

 **The rays in the image of Divine Mercy in the Church denotes blood and water. The pale rays stands for water which makes souls righteous. The red rays stands for the Blood which is the life of the soul. Come join us as we continue Christ's journey to the cross through the Divine Mercy Novena. Saturday, immediately following the 8:15 a.m. Mass.**


 **OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS**  
The Seven Sorrows of our Mother or the Seven Dolours of Mary, the Church observes and encourages two feasts in honor of this devotion, one on the Friday before Good Friday (April 8) and the other on September 15. This devotion should be practiced especially by souls who wish to rid themselves of sinful habits and also draws down the special protection of the Blessed Mother in the hour of temptation. You can find the Seven Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother brochures at the entrance of the Church.


## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 4</b>
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Marion Copen
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 5</b>
Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Althea Thibodeaux
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Alice Cole
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 6</b>
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Stephen Viquerie
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 7</b>
Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Alfredo Lopez, MD
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Elena Broussard
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 8</b>
Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Holt
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Genevieve Gatschet
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b>
Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Betty Horton
	Ms. Ruth Boney
4:00 p.m.	Congregation
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 10</b>
Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Joicelyn Mayfield
9:00 a.m.	Int. Mr. Marvin Smith
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Edmee' Baird
5:30 p.m.	Int. Mr. Gregory Mansfield

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$10,972.15
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 5,760.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection.....	\$ 1,096.00
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, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Gordon Gaethe, Anselvy 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 Necaize, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, 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.

 **Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Rose Marie Pettis, wife of Robert Pettis of this parish, who passed away March 18<sup>th</sup>. Geraldine Fountain Rushing, aunt of Rhonda Rosetti of this parish, who passed away March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.**

## 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 Will Haislmaier at [whaislmaier@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:whaislmaier@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)

**Apr 7:** RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room  
**Apr 10:** Faith Formation Classes, Times Listed Above  
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room  
Brant Pitre "The Jewish Roots of the Papacy: All are welcome to attend."



**There is still time to make good on your Lenten promises! We will begin a 40 hour Lenten Devotion in our Chapel on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

Come and visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and thank Him for giving His life so that we may have eternal life with Him in Heaven. You may sign up online at [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com) or on the sign up board in the Vestibule of the Church. If you have never visited our Chapel – now is the time!

To view the adoration schedule or to sign up for a weekly adoration hour–visit [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com). 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.



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who are not registered /active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



**St. Elizabeth Seton invites you to their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.**

The fair will be held on the Church grounds (4900 Riley Road, Ocean Springs) and will include local vendors with handmade crafts. They are also looking for vendors who would like to be a part of the fair. If interested, call Amy at 228-324-9406 or 228-875-0654.



**The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Blood Drive** on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the KC Hall. For early registration go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) – search St. Alphonsus in the upper right hand corner, "Find a Blood Drive" box and sign up for an available time. Walk-ins will also be accepted.

**Altar Society Members for next week  
Deni Helms, Jenny Hillyard, Pat Zuber**

## \*\*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

**Apr 4 - 7:** ITBS Testing – Grades 2-6  
**Apr 8:** 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

**Apr 4-6:** ITBS Testing  
**Apr 7:** Powerlifting Banquet, 6:00 p.m.  
**Apr 10:** Men's Basketball Banquet, 6:00 p.m.



**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, April 27 from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 pm. Please bring your Rosary with you. I look forward to seeing you there. –Deacon Jim



**A Men's Cursillo will be held May 12-15, 2022 at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Dedeaux. The Spiritual Director will be Fr. Khoa Vo. Applications are available online at: <https://biloxicursillo.org>. If you have questions, please call 228-382-3215.**

## Commentary on the Doctrine Of the Most Holy Eucharist

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

### II. The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist

1. *Real Presence*  
The New Testament clearly expresses how one must understand the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In 1 Corinthians 10:14ff., St. Paul affirms that Christ is truly present under the signs of bread and wine in the Eucharist. After the narration of the Institution of the Eucharist, St. Paul adds: "A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor 11:28-29). "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord" (1 Cor 11:27). Although St. John omits the institution narrative (differing from the other Evangelists in this regard), he showed that the mystery of the Incarnation was to be perpetuated by the Eucharist. With the sermon on the bread of life in the Synagogue of Capernaum (Jn 6:22), Christ spoke of the bread which came down from heaven through the Incarnation. Thus he asserted: "I am the bread that came down from heaven" (Jn 6:41), and continuing he added, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (Jn 6:51). To stupefied listeners he continued: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (Jn 6:53-54). Continued next week.