

All three readings are concerned with faithfulness to God. The First Reading describes the ceremony of the offering to God of the first fruits of the harvest. It was an occasion for the people to thank God, not only for the blessings of the harvest, but for all he had done for them in the past, and especially in the Exodus. The creed which the offeror recited is a summary of Israel's early history and humble origins. The readings of the following Sundays will focus on significant moments of that history.

The Second Reading contains in its simplest form the Christian credo: Jesus is Lord; he died for our sins and was raised up for our justification. Obviously for this faith to be genuine, it must be professed not just with one's lips but also with one's life.

Luke's account of the temptations follows closely that of Matthew, except that he deliberately changes the order of the last two temptations so that the series ends in Jerusalem. This is in keeping with his theological interest in the holy city. The three scenes serve to correct a false understanding of Jesus' mission. Jesus repels the tempter by quoting from the book of Deuteronomy, which stresses God's will for Israel.



This weekend is Catholic Sharing Appeal commitment weekend. This is the weekend to expand our hearts to give of ourselves generously to those most in need right here in our community. Every gift you make (no matter how big or small) has a tremendous impact by providing for the physical and spiritual needs of those most in need.

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.



You are invited to join us after the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday (March 13th) for coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall. This would be a great time for fellowship.



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



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



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



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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MARCH 7
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Laura Dove
TUESDAY	MARCH 8
Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Matre Gospodinovich
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jocelyn Mayfield
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 9
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Helen Ann Purdy
THURSDAY	MARCH 10
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12	
6:30 a.m.	Ann and Cecil Wolf
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention RM
FRIDAY	MARCH 11
Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. John Malone
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Michael Joseph Gatschet
SATURDAY	MARCH 12
Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48	
8:15 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
4:00 p.m.	Congregation
SUNDAY	MARCH 13
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b-36	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. David Mohler
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Neil Gryder
	Mr. William "Bill" Gryder, IV
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Johnny Norman
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Robert Nelson

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,540.75
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,280.00
Black & Indian Mission Collection.....	\$1,275.21
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 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.

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

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 9: Parent Meeting for Reconciliation/First Communion, 5:30 p.m.
Mar 10: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Mar 12: First Reconciliation, in Church, 9:30 a.m.
Mar 13: Faith Formation Classes, Times Listed Above
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
All are welcome to attend.



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 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.



Thanks to everyone who donated to the "From the womb to the tomb Pennies for Life". We were able to give \$700 to the Catholic Charities of South Mississippi to support local pregnancy centers.

The Knights of Columbus Council 5654 wish to thank everyone who supported the Morning Star Women's Center Fundraiser either through the purchase of tickets, providing deserts, or the preparing, serving and/or delivering of the meals. They are able to give the Women's Center \$1,000.

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 9: Parent Meeting for Reconciliation/First Communion, 5:30 p.m.
Mar 11: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Stations of the Cross, 2:30 p.m.
Mar 12: First Reconciliation, in Church, 9:30 a.m.
Mar 13: Student Mass, 11:30 a.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 9: Sophomore Retreat; PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.

Mar 10: Mass, 9:40 a.m.

Mar 13: Varsity Women's Basketball Banquet, 2:00 p.m.



Praying to the Holy Family: The Family is the basic governing unit of every society. In this day and age, the family is under great attack. If the basic governing unit of a culture is broken or disintegrating, no wonder we have so many problems.

We need to pray to the Holy Family for help! This picture of the Holy Family is a miraculous picture taken during the Holy Consecration of the Mass.

Google www.catholicdoors.com/misc/consecration.htm to find out the story of the picture and the special blessings that come with it.

You will find a beautiful Family Prayer on the back of the Holy Card. We encourage you to say it with your families every day. The cards are available at the front and side entrances of the Church.. We also encourage you as a Family to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet frequently.



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



Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 a.m. Please remember to put your clocks forward one hour next Saturday night before you go to bed.

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

2. Thanksgiving

The movement of the spirit by which we render thanks to God is the most noble and human among all acts, flowing from the heart unto God. For, "Eucharist" means thanksgiving.

By it, however, God gives us more than we give to Him; therefore, the Mass in and of itself is the very act of thanksgiving by which we joyfully, lovingly and dutifully worship and obey God. The divine mercy is spread abroad so that it becomes a sacrifice of thanksgiving, that is to say, Christ Himself. Among all the prayers of the Mass, the preface stands apart as the solemn act of thanksgiving made to God for creation, redemption and the Church.