

**The First Reading tells of the opposition the apostles encountered from the Jewish authorities.** Persecution did not come as a surprise: Jesus had predicted it. (Lk 21:12-13) It became an opportunity for the apostles to bear witness to him. They refused to be silenced. Always the central point of their witness is the resurrection of Jesus. Far from being demoralized, they were glad to suffer for the sake of Jesus.

The Gospel shows that a constant feature of the resurrection stories is that Jesus is not recognized at once; it takes some word or familiar gesture for him to be known. This is an effective way of making the point that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death. He is the same Jesus, yet transformed. He is not as he was; but he is still who he was.

The miraculous catch of fish symbolizes the mission of the apostles to be ‘fishers of men’. The large catch shows how successful the disciples can be with Jesus’ help. The meal symbolizes the eucharistic meal in which Jesus is present among them and feeds them. Peter, who three times denied his Master, is now given three chances to profess his love, and then is given a mandate to care for the Lord’s flock. In giving authority to the man who denied him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness.



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, May 4<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.

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.



**You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction** on Friday, May 6<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, May 7<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.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



**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 May 16 – 20, 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

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 2</b>
Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Theresa Joy Acosta
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 3</b>
1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lois Ferguson
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Bessie Nielson
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 4</b>
Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Tom Long
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MAY 5</b>
Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51	
6:30 a.m.	Msgr. Gregory Kennedy
8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 6</b>
Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Billie Joe Odom
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 7</b>
Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69;	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family
	The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Camille B. Durkin
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 8</b>
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Joicelyn Mayfield
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
11:30 a.m.	Deceased Members St. Alphonsus SVDP
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$7,957.27  
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$5,995.00  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



### The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Shirod W. Miller, Sr.



**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, Roland and 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, 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, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

## FAITH FORMATION

**May 5:** RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room  
**May 8:** No Faith Formation Classes



Please remember to sign **IN AND OUT** when you visit the chapel, whether you are there for your regularly scheduled hour or you are just visiting. If you are not followed by an adorer, **CLOSE THE TABERNACLE DOORS.** The Lord is never to be left alone while exposed.

**Food for Thought:** If every regular adorer talked with one friend, daughter, son, mother, father or husband and encouraged them to sign up for an hour we would become a PERPETUAL CHAPEL!!! Do you know how very special that would be for our parish and diocese? It is our job to bring as many people as possible to the feet of Jesus in recognition of His true Presence, in Thanksgiving, in Reparation and with our Petitions.

*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.*

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.



You are invited to attend the 2022 Ocean Springs Annual National Day of Prayer to be held **at 12 noon Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, at the Ocean Springs Civic Center located at [3730 Bienville Blvd.](http://3730 Bienville Blvd) (Highway 90).



**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.



**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@cardinalgrouplc.com](mailto:bsanderson@cardinalgrouplc.com) to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 3, 2022**

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**May 6:** Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.  
 5<sup>th</sup> Ann Spring Soiree “Run for the Roses”, 7pm; Galleria BMW Tickets and sponsorships are available now! Please join this coast-wide event and bring a friend as we raise funds to support the students at St. Alphonsus School. The schools past events have helped to enhance curriculum, provide cutting edge technology in every classroom, and support St. Al’s new piano lab, where every child at St. Alphonsus is receiving piano and music instruction! Tickets may be bought off the school website at [STAL.org](http://STAL.org). Questions may be directed to [pto@stal.org](mailto:pto@stal.org).

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**May 4:** Band/Choir Concert, 6:00 p.m.  
**May 5:** JV/V Men’s Soccer Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
**May 5/6:** Senior Exams  
**May 7:** Catholic Elementary School Track Meet, 8:00 a.m.  
**May 6/7:** Spring Drama Production, 6:00 p.m.  
**May 8:** Spring Drama Production, 2:00 p.m.



**You are invited to join us for a week of fun and discovery as we learn more about the incredible Vocations of our Catholic Faith at Catholic Kid’s Camp** scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins this Sunday (May 1<sup>st</sup>) and forms are available online at the St. Alphonsus Parish website. Space is limited so please register early. We are also looking for adult and youth volunteers to help with CKC. Youth volunteers must be completing the 6<sup>th</sup> grade this year or older. For more information, contact our CKC director, Jane Sema, at [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org).



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Mary Alice Hepburn**, mother of Mitzi (Rick) Feo of this parish, who passed away March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Peggy Winfree**, a member of our parish family, who passed away April 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
**Joyleen Seymour**, a member of our parish family, who passed away April 25<sup>th</sup>.  
 We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

### 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. The Change of Substance

The Church, however, never doubted the significance of Christ’s words or His purpose. Therefore, the faith of the Fathers fits the real and true sense of such words from which she concluded that nothing was changed in the appearance, but that Christ’s words, which are God’s, are efficacious. For the Church made progress in understanding this mystery, but always in the same sense and meaning as before, just as occurred elsewhere as the mystery of Christ was more deeply perceived. What the Church concluded through much study with the passage of time is expounded in summary form in the *Catechism*: “The mode of Christ’s presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raised the Eucharist above all the sacraments as ‘the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend.’ In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained.’ ‘This presence is called “real” – by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be “real” too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense; that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present” (*Mysterium Fidei*, no. 39)” (CCC, no. 1374; cf. CCC, no. 1375; 1376).