

Luke's Passion narrative resembles that of Mark but has its own emphasis. The devil who departed from Jesus after the temptations returns now, entering Judas and demanding to sift Peter. Throughout his Gospel Luke portrays Jesus as the merciful and forgiving Savior of humankind; in death he forgives his executioners, and on the cross he brings salvation to a criminal.

Typical of Luke is his special attention to women in a society where they were downgraded. His story is that of a disciple who relives the drama of his Master. Personal attachment to Jesus is expressed by the repeated affirmations of his innocence. He develops the personal relationships between Jesus and the various characters in the tragedy, especially Judas and Peter.

To understand the Passion message we have to keep in mind the other half of Luke's two-volume work, the Acts of the Apostles. The Jesus who is accused by the chief priests before the Roman governor prepares the way for Paul being brought before the same cast of adversaries. The innocent Jesus who dies asking forgiveness for his enemies and commending his soul to God the Father prepares the way for the first Christian martyr, Stephen, who will die voicing similar sentiments.

- Apr 10:** Deadline for donations to the decorating of Church on Easter Sunday in Honor Of/Memory Of a loved one.
Apr 11: Penance Service, Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi 7:00 p.m.
Apr 12: Chrism Mass at Nativity BVM Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.
Apr 13: Penance Service, St. Michael, Biloxi 6:00 p.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. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.



Please join in praying The Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday (April 15), the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (April 24) as the Lord specifically asked of St. Faustina. And He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls." (796) Copies of the Divine Mercy Novena will be available at each of the Church entrances.



Bring me souls who especially venerate and glorify my mercy. These souls sorrowed most over my passion and entered most deeply into my spirit. Join us as we continue our Divine Mercy novena and our walk with Christ to the cross. Being Holy Saturday, there will be no mass. Novena will be at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

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 Jack Wesley Smith, April 19, 1983
- Reverend Sylvester Hynes, April 29, 1994

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MONDAY | APRIL 11 |
| Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr. |
| 8:15 a.m. | Ms. Lisa Grace Westbrook |
| TUESDAY | APRIL 12 |
| Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Ms. Jan deVries |
| 8:15 a.m. | Ms. Angela Loparo |
| WEDNESDAY | APRIL 13 |
| Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr. |
| 8:15 a.m. | Int. Mr. Robert Hanning |
| THURSDAY | APRIL 14 |
| Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | No Mass |
| 8:15 a.m. | No Mass |
| 7:00 p.m. | Ms. Elizabeth Ann Pickett |
| FRIDAY | APRIL 15 |
| Isa 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | No Mass |
| 8:15 a.m. | No Mass |
| SATURDAY | APRIL 16 |
| Genesis 1:1-2:2; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Isaiah 55:1-11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12 | |
| 8:15 a.m. | No Mass |
| 7:00 p.m. | Ms. Ligaya Camagong |
| SUNDAY | APRIL 17 |
| Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Ms. Jackie Endt |
| 9:00 a.m. | Mass of Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers |
| 11:30 a.m. | Congregation |
| 5:30 p.m. | Mr. David Mohler |

WEEKLY OFFERING

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| Sunday Collection..... | \$13,823.43 |
| Weekly/Monthly Online Collection..... | \$ 5,245.00 |
| Monthly Poor Collection..... | \$ 4,467.35 |

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, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Sean Halat, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, 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: Marcella Gonzales, mother of Kenny (Lisa) Gonzales of this parish, who passed away April 3rd in Luling, Louisiana.
Blake Senseney, brother of Bonnie Senseney of this parish, who passed away April 4th.

We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

FAITH FORMATION

Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonsus.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@osstalphonsus.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@osstalphonsus.org

Apr 14: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

Apr 17: No Faith Formation Classes or Adult Study Class



Thank you to all parishioners who participated in our 40 Hour Lenten Devotion. If you were unable to commit to an hour, don't fear! The Chapel is open for you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Make a point to spend an hour or more with our Lord this Holy Week and meditate on His Passion. Everything He suffered, He suffered for you.

To view the adoration schedule or to sign up for a weekly adoration hour—visit 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

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 Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry on Good Friday (April 15th) at the KC Hall from 4:00-6:00 p.m. or until they run out. Plates will be \$10 each and will include fish, potato salad, hush puppies, green beans and bread. Drinks will be available for purchase and deserts will be available for a donation. Dine-in and take-out will be available.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary along with Life Teen will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday on the church property. Please have your child bring their Easter baskets to church.



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



Intercessory Prayer

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



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**

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

****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 11: PreK Easter Bonnet Parade, 9:00 a.m.

Apr 13: Children's Mass/Passion Play, 8:15 a.m.

Apr 15: No School / Passion Play, 3:00 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. Alphonsus School's 5th Annual Spring Soiree, "Run for the Roses" will be held on Friday, May 6th at 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. Questions may be directed to pto@stal.org.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Apr 15: No School – Good Friday



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* (continued from last week)

The greater part of the listeners withdrew from Him (Jn 6:66), and immediately Christ asked the Twelve: "Do you also want to leave?" To which Peter responded: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:67-68). For not long before the disciples had seen the prodigious multiplication of the loaves and fishes – the miracle recounted by John at the beginning of the sixth chapter, with which he wished to introduce the great Eucharistic mystery.

If anyone has the power to multiply loaves of bread – which is certainly a singular power, connected to that of creation – he likewise has the words of eternal life when he speaks about the Eucharist. Therefore, Peter professes Christ to be the Holy One of God (Jn 6:69), that is to say, God Himself.

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