

Many Gentiles had accepted Christianity as a result of the preaching of Paul and Barnabas. But then a question arose: how much of the Law and traditions of Moses should be required of these Gentile converts? The answer was: the bare minimum. They must abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood (symbol of life and which belonged to God), from the meat of strangled animals (which still had blood in them), and from marriage within degrees of kindred forbidden to Jews though allowed in other traditions. And so, instead of becoming a Jewish sect, Christianity became a universal religion.

The Gospel reading is taken from Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper, and is dominated by his imminent departure. He is concerned to assure his disciples that he will not leave them orphans. Despite his leaving, he and they will not be apart. If they keep his word they will be drawn into the love of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit will remind them of his words. Peace is his final gift to them, a peace the world cannot give.



**Congratulations Deacon Jesus Arellano and Deacon Jim Gunkel on your sixth year anniversary (May 21<sup>st</sup>) as Permanent Deacons. Thank you for your service to St. Alphonsus.**



**Learn more about "Walking with Moms in Need" Ministry (Pro Life) Workshop which will be held on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**

For more information, contact Margaret Miller (parishioner) at 228-217-4742 or [mrmliller@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:mrmliller@biloxidiocese.org) or [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com).



**The Gulf Pine Catholic will publish the names of high school and college graduates in the June 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Gulf Pine Catholic.** We do not want to miss listing anybody – so please call the church office (875-5419) or email ([stalparishes@gmail.com](mailto:stalparishes@gmail.com)) us and give us the name and school your child will be graduating from. The deadline to submit is Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

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



**Registration continues for this year's Catholic Kid's Camp! 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 forms are available at each of the church exits or online at the St. Alphonsus Parish website. Registration ends May 29<sup>th</sup>.

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@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org).

### Altar Society Members for next week

**Jamie Lloyd, Terry O'Connor, Norma Williams**



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Deacon Jesus Arellano and Deacon Jim Gunkel**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 23</b>
Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Freddie and Vera Lusk
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 24</b>
Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Christine Conover
8:15 a.m.	Mr. John Lipscomb
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 25</b>
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Felix and Nettie Cirlot
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MAY 26</b>
Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 27</b>
Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Billy Boney
8:15 a.m.	Frank and Amy Gatschet
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 28</b>
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Manuel Severino
	Int. Mr. Peter Murrough
	Congregation
4:00 p.m.	May 29
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Tom Long
9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Dave Bruno
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Andy Byrd

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,570.86  
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 1,910.00  
 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, 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 Necaie, 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.

**Pray For Vocations**

## FAITH FORMATION



**We congratulate the following from our Elementary School and Religious Education program who received their First Holy Communion during the 11:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday (May 15).** We congratulate these individuals who received this Sacrament and pray that they will continue to grow in their Catholic faith in the years ahead.

They are: Hanna Arminio, Liam Arminio. Ella Boudreaux, Sarah Dale, Elias Flores, Hadlee Holmes, Madeleine Humer, Sophia Ibarra, Skylar King, Anna Kowalewski, Cooper Landry, Brody Langlinais, Paulo López, Layla Lunsford, Lila Matassa, Hugo Ochoa, Nataly Ochoa, Ruby Ochoa, Piper Packard, Luke Perez, Lucia Pickens, Santos Pineda, Wesley Rector, Luke Ryan, Dianalys Torres-Castillo, Lilly Trinh, Graceson Voelkel, Miriam Williams and Chloe Zulli.



**Bishop Louis Kihneman, III administered the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Alphonsus at the 5:30 p.m. Mass last Sunday (May 15).** We pray that these young men and women step out in confidence and grace as they take their places as adults in faith in the Body of Christ.

They are: Philip Clasen Jr., Chase Connor, RJ Davis, Priscilla Foster, Mason Gazzo, Ximena Hernandez, Edgar Nazario Hernandez, Juliana Ladnier, Cheryl Lawrence, Jessica Lawrence, Presley Mullinax, Juliana Sabagh, Nelson Endt, Myles Spring, Gavin Straub, Billy Tice III and Samantha Varone.



**There is always so much to do and not enough time to do it. There are always so many needs, crosses, challenges. So little time to do it in. Lord, do You see how busy I've been all my life? Where has all the time gone?** I think of how far my life has come, how it seems to go by faster and faster. Is everything speeding up? Family, friends, my job, the kids, projects, church, committees, social and civic work.....the responsibilities are heavy. What if I really don't have time to pray for an hour each day?

Jesus, help me to first understand that all time is a gift from You. Every minute of my life is purely Your gift-undeserved and often not appreciated.

Jesus, help me to understand that the only true measure of time used is how it is used in Your behalf, and for Your honor and glory.

Jesus, help me to understand that nothing of this world is worth my time if it does not include You.

Jesus, help me to realize that You cannot be outdone in generosity, that time given to You as my priority will come back to me in greater gifts.

Jesus, help me to realize that time will expand and lengthen if it is offered to You first. Show me that my time spent in Your behalf will allow me adequate time for the world, where I thought there was none.

Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He is waiting for you!

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

## \*\*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

**May 24:** PreK/K "Moving on Up" Program, 9:00 a.m.

**May 25:** Grades 1-6 Awards/Talent Show

**May 26:** Children's Mass/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, 8:15 a.m.  
 Noon Dismissal

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**May 23-25:** Final Exams



**If you have not yet made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes are available at each of the exits of the Church.**

Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community. Please make all checks payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Diocese. You may also give online at [www.biloxidiocese.org/catholic-sharing-appeal](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/catholic-sharing-appeal).

### 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

##### 4. Consequences for the Christian Life

Since Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, in the first place it follows necessarily that the mystery of the Incarnation is perpetuated by it. St. John, speaking of the Incarnation, asserts that the word became flesh (Jn 1:14), but he adds that it dwelt among us. In the Greek text, the verb *skénoun* is used, which means to pitch one's tabernacle or dwelling tent and undoubtedly denotes the original sanctuary of God in the Old Testament, which was positioned outside the camp (Ex 25:8). John himself hands on the words of Christ: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" (Jn 2:19); and he explains the meaning: "But he was speaking about the temple of his body" (Jn 2:21), which subsists in the Eucharist.

The Incarnation of the Word occurred at a single moment in time. However, He who became incarnate remains with us as the Temple of God (*shekinah Yahve*); it is no longer in Jerusalem, but everywhere that the Eucharist is reserved, since it is certain that the Risen Christ is present there.

According to the Gospel of John, during Christ's life, the Spirit had not yet been given since Jesus "had not yet been glorified" (cf. Jn 7:39). To be sure, Christ, as a man, was the Son of God from the moment of the Incarnation; nevertheless He did not give the Holy Spirit, because the Spirit is sent into the Church as the fruit of the sacrifice of Christ: Christ offered Himself to the Father on the Cross, which oblation the Father accepted and therefore raised His Son: for the Spirit was embraced by both the Father and the Son when, on the day of Pentecost, He descended upon the Church. (continued next week)