

The reading from Acts speaks of the ascension of Jesus. It also shows how Jesus, now in the glorious presence of his Father, continues to act through the Holy Spirit and through his followers.

The theological meaning of the feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making him head of the Church and Lord of creation.

The Gospel Reading consists of the end of Luke's Gospel. It contains Luke's first account of the Ascension, which is here presented as occurring on Easter Sunday. The risen Lord shows the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and rise again. Jesus also gives them a mission (the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins) and promises to send the Holy Spirit to them. They return in joy to Jerusalem to await the Spirit.

In his Gospel Luke has shown that 'the time of Israel' has yielded to 'the time of Christ'. Now, 'the time of Christ' is to yield to 'the time of the Church'. The word of salvation will go forth from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. He will tell us about that in his second book, Acts of the Apostles. The Ascension is seen as the culmination of Jesus' life and the start of the Church's mission.



On this Memorial Day weekend, we welcome any and all visitors who joined us today to celebrate the Eucharist. We hope all our families who are traveling over the weekend have safe arrivals to their destinations and a safe return home later on.

We ask you all to be careful on the highways, byways and waterways this busy weekend.

This weekend we remember all who gave their lives for this country and for the freedoms we so often take for granted. Please remember them in your prayers today.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.



The Feast of the Visitation on Tuesday, May 31st celebrates the meeting of two mothers – Blessed Mother Mary and St. Elizabeth – both with a child within their wombs. In preparation for the Feast of the Visitation, join Catholics nationwide in prayer.

For more information, contact Margaret Miller (parishioner) at 228-217-4742 or mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org or www.walkingwithmoms.com.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, June 3rd beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, June 4th 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.



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, June 15th 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**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 30
Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Molly Spear Graham
TUESDAY	May 31
Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 1
Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Mr. William Moncreif
THURSDAY	JUNE 2
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Betty Dugan
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Tom Tatlow
FRIDAY	JUNE 3
Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Elena Broussard
8:15 a.m.	Salvation of Souls
SATURDAY	JUNE 4
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family The Jordan Family
Genesis 11:1-9; Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ezekiel 37:1-14	
Joel 3:1-5; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39	
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
SUNDAY	JUNE 5
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Patricia Gunkel
11:30 a.m.	Deceased Members St. Alphonsus SVDP
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,343.43
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$5,580.00
Catholic Communications Collection.....	\$ 947.50

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Ann Tootle, mother of Kay Trahan of this parish, who passed away May 21st.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of all Graduates

Altar Society Members for next week
Mary Ann Bounds, Barbara Fournier,
Mary Alice Kanode, Lois Ravera



Registration ends this Sunday (May 29) for this year's Catholic Kid's Camp! Your children will enjoy a week of fun and discovery as they learn more about the incredible vocations of our Catholic Faith at Catholic Kid's Camp scheduled for June 13th – 17th.

Registration forms are available at each of the church exits or online at the St. Alphonsus Parish website. For more information, contact our CKC director, Jane Sema, at jsema@osstalphonusus.org.



St. Alphonsus Parish wishes to recognize and congratulate all our Seniors who already have or will be graduating from a local High School at this time. Our students either attend Ocean Springs, St. Martin or St. Patrick High Schools.

They are: Madison Allen, Riley Dellenger, Sofia Diaz, Kaiden Johnson, Sydney Johnson, Caitlyn Landry, Grace Landry, Briggs Menendez, Caston Mestayer, Dominic Patino, Gabriel Showalter and Logan Snow. We congratulate them in their achievements and wish them well in their future education endeavors. May God continue to lead and guide them on their life's journey.

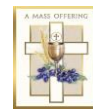
We also congratulate the eighteen Sixth Graders who graduated from our Elementary School this past week. We wish them every success in their education in the years ahead and ask God to continue to lead and guide them as they grow and develop. They are: Aubrey Bechtel, Kaitlyn Blevins, Ava Doughman, Sophie Gammon, Amanda Gordon, Peyton Jordan, Phoenix LaCap, Ali Landgrave, Lauren Landgrave, Michael LoCoco, Jackson Mays, Samuel McClain, Allie Moreton, Colby Anne O'Connell, Mary Owens, Christian Smelley, Katherine Wall and Elizabeth Winters.



A big Thank You to Mike and Julie Illanne for the purchase and planting of the camellia and gardenia plants in front of the Parish Hall. We would also like to thank Debbie and Donnie Fremin for their help in this project along with Marlene Taylor in all her ongoing efforts in beautifying our church grounds. Everything looks wonderful!



The Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI) Men's Ministry is hosting a morning of Fraternity, Breakfast, Prayer and Learning on Saturday, June 11th at Our Lady of the Gulf Church, 228 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis. The morning will begin at 7:30 a.m. with Mass. The event is free and all denominations are welcome. For more information, go to pray0622.eventbrite.com or call 504-250-7539.



Mass for Family and Friends: You can have Masses offered for the Intention of family and friends as well as for the deceased. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.



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, Lisa Patterson, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Jan Roberts, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.



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. 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.

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

From all of this, we learn through Christ present in the Eucharist to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Christ present in the Eucharist sanctifies us and changes us for the better, and we receive the joy and peace which man desires; remaining in the Eucharist man acts more diligently.

Thus, it is both the custom and the duty of the Church to reserve the Eucharist in a tabernacle. It is not proper to neglect the eucharistic presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.

To neglect Christ present in the Eucharist, reserved in the tabernacle, is not at all permitted. If Christ willed to remain in such a marvelous sacrament, there is no doubt whatsoever that through Him are poured forth abundantly those gifts of grace which we need, so that we might live in Him. How much the saints, whether priests or laity, owe to this presence which attracts and draws them to itself! The Christian religion embraces it with one word: Christ, and Christ is present here. Therefore, the joy of Christians living in such a great mystery is very well understood.

(Continued next week)

Pray For Vocations