

**The First Reading tells how Melchizedek, king of Salem (early name for Jerusalem), comes to greet Abraham.** Melchizedek is also a priest. As such he brings an offering of bread and wine to Abraham, and pronounces a blessing over him. In Christian tradition that bread and wine were taken to prefigure the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist is the earliest written account of the origin of the Eucharist (Second Reading). When we celebrate the Eucharist not merely is Christ present, but we re-enact the death by which he saved us. The Eucharist not only looks to the past, but also looks forward to the fulfillment of the Kingdom. The eucharistic significance of the multiplication of the loaves is brought out by the use of liturgical language. Luke uses the same words here as at the Last Supper and at Emmaus: Jesus 'took...blessed...broke...gave...' In the Eucharist the Church continues the mission of Jesus to teach, to heal, and to nourish the people of God.



**Bishop Kihneman and St. Alphonsus Parish cordially invites you to join us in celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Fr. Mike on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church at 6:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the KC Hall. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.**



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If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.



**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 Necaise, 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, Bridgett Shepard, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 20</b>
2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18;	Matthew 7:1-5
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. James Walker Steadman
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 21</b>
2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;	Matthew 7:6, 12-14
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Nancy Pelosi
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 22</b>
2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3;	Matthew 7:15-20
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Joiceelyn Mayfield
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 23</b>
Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26;	Luke 1:57-66, 80
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Tom Tatlow
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 24</b>
Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11;	Luke 15:3-7
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Gail Clark
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 25</b>
Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19;	Luke 2:41-51
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Thelma Miller
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 26</b>
1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21;	Galatians 5:1, 13-18;
Luke 9:51-62	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Edwin Catchot, Sr.
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Belinda Gryder
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,090.58  
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,285.00  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Anthony Goretski and Monica Goretski**

### HURRICANE PRAYER

**O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.**

**Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.**

**We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**(Save and pray frequently)**



**Summer is in full swing and many adorers are traveling and could use a substitute for their holy hour.** Please consider signing up as a substitute on the We Adore Him website. You are not required to commit to a weekly hour, you can just be a substitute. Click on the QR code and create your account. Click on 'Notify me of substitute requests' and choose the hours you would be available to sub. This is a great way to introduce yourself to visiting our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We appreciate all adorers who choose to also be a sub. Thank you for keeping Jesus company this summer!



*"The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him."*

-Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

You may also view the adoration schedule or sign up for a weekly adoration hour by visiting [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.
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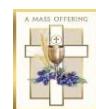
**SPEAK Women's Prayer Breakfast:** Our Lady of the Gulf in Bay St. Louis invites ALL women for a morning of fellowship, breakfast, prayer and learning. They will meet on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> beginning with 7:30 a.m. Mass. To register go to: [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) or call 985-789-4830.



**The Music & Fine Arts Ministry of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral is offering a special, Patriotic Celebration Concert** on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Nativity BVM Cathedral's Choral Society, "Gloria In Excelsis", along with members of Mobile, Alabama's "Mobile Vocal Arts" will offer this hour-long tribute of Patriotic Favorites, a Military Forces Musical Salute, and songs of gratitude for the service of our veterans. Following the concert – a Vigil, Patriotic Mass will be offered at 4:00 p.m.

The program is under the direction of Terry D. Maddox, M.M. – Minister of Music ~ Director of Fine Arts for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral of Biloxi, Mississippi. Contact Info: 251-406-1454 &/or [terrydalemaddox@gmail.com](mailto:terrydalemaddox@gmail.com)



**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.



**A Prayer to Cast Out Generational Spirits of Gun Violence:** Heavenly Father, we need your help. Our nation is wracked with gun violence, homicide and death. Innocent people are dying. Our children, whom You and we love so dearly, are at risk and many have tragically died. We pray that You would lift any curses and cast out any generational spirits of death, murder and gun violence, and any related evil spirits.

We forgive all our ancestors for the effects of their sins on us and our children. We confess and renounce our own sins. Forgive especially the sins of hatred, violence and murder. We renounce Satan and every evil power affecting this nation and our loved ones. We pray that You would restore the peace and tranquility of this land so that we might be one nation under God, united in love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**The Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life Ministry is proud to announce our very own Pro Life Billboard license plates.** The sale of these plates will help support the Pro Life Ministry. You may purchase the plate by

downloading an application on the Diocesan Website at [biloxidiocese.org](http://biloxidiocese.org), or from the church office during regular business hours. Complete, sign and mail the application along with your check to the address on the application form. The State of Mississippi will begin printing our plate once we reach the goal of 300 license plates. For additional information call June Bounds at 228-547-4404 or Karen Roads at 228-297-7704.



**Congratulations to Dominic Patino** – He was the recipient of this year's **Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund Award** given by the Knights of Columbus and Henry and Jean Nielsen (Chris' parents). This scholarship is given each year in memory of Chris Nielsen – a young KC member who died while in the Air Force.



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## Altar Society Members for next week Jamie Lloyd, Terry O'Connor

### Commentary on the Doctrine Of the Most Holy Eucharist

(Articles taken from the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

#### III. The Eucharistic Banquet: Communion

(continued from last week)

It is clear that communion is not an appendix or some kind of addition to the Mass, but indispensable, since it is a sacrificial banquet, a banquet in which the participants full participate in the sacrifice. Therefore, communion does not refer only to the real presence of the Body and Blood, but also refers to the real presence of the sacrifice itself.

Christ instituted the Eucharist as the sacrifices were being made in preparation for the Passover banquet. Those victims were able through their participation to participate in His sacrifice. Thus, He made it so that the paschal banquet would be a sacrifice of communion: the lamb that was immolated in the Temple was consumed in commemoration of that lamb whose blood saved the people from slavery (Ex 12:1-4). Christ, the new paschal victim, wills to join His followers to His oblation to the Father which was to be consummated once and for all by Him in the Cross in a bloody manner the following day. (Continued next week)