

Jesus is the Paschal Lamb of the Christian Passover, who by his death delivered the world from sin, as the original paschal lamb's blood delivered the Israelites from the destroying angel. And Jesus is also the Servant of God described in Isaiah as being led without complaint like a lamb before the shearers, a man of sorrows who 'bore the sins of many and made intercession for the transgressors.' Thus at the beginning of his Gospel John outlines a whole Christology: Jesus is the eternally existing One, who is to die as the Paschal Lamb and Suffering Servant for the sins of men and women, and then pour forth the Holy Spirit on a new Israel.



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**The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. January 21<sup>st</sup>).** The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



**Anointing of the Sick Service** will take place on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



**The Lord Is My Help** needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (no cooking involved) the week of January 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Jamie Lloyd at 713-818-6071. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



**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. You are invited to come and be a part of this night as we continue with **GENERATIONAL SPIRITS AND HEALING WITH A MASS**. We will meet in the church on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Please bring your Rosary with you.



**St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night** on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Church. This is an evening for all to come and worship the Lord in the presence of His Eucharistic body. There will be music and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. We hope to see all of our parishioners at XLT and encourage all families to come. This is a great time to lay the burdens of everyday life at the feet of God and be filled with His peace.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Bishop Howze**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 16</b>
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Miss Catherine Luminais
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 17</b>
Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Elena Diaz Broussard
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 18</b>
Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Briellen Howell
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 19</b>
Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Carol Gordon
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 20</b>
Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Laura Noble
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Genevieve Broussard Walker
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 21</b>
Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 22</b>
Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matt 4:12-23	
7:30 a.m.	Ramona and Arthur Bousqueto
9:00 a.m.	Mr. John Mangin
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Deceased Parishioners St. Alphonsus

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,024.40  
 Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$6,340.00  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Barney Banks, Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, Bob Boney, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Roland and Margaret Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Pat Cronin, Billy Cruthirds, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Dale Dorcik, Marjorie DuBois, Nija Fountain, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Charlie Goff, Sandra Grantham, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Daisy Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Iva Misko, Johnny Mitchell, Edward Necaie, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Roger Parker, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Glenn Sigumjak, Linda Smith, Leonard Tarrant, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

**Altar Society Members for next week**  
**J Anderson, T Stuart, J Brickson, P Carter,**  
**Flowers - M Aultman**

## FAITH FORMATION

**Jan 18: Confirmation Class:** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Jan 19: RCIA:** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mount Carmel Meeting Room  
**Jan 22: Adult Study Class,** after 9am Mass, Mount Carmel Mtg Room  
**Faith Formation Classes,** Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 10:15 a.m.  
 Contact Jane Sema at [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org)  
**Edge Class,** 4:00 p.m.; **Life Teen Class,** 6:30 p.m.  
 Contact Will Haislmaier at [whaislmaier@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:whaislmaier@osstalphonsus.org)

**The Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to provide meals on Sunday nights for our high schoolers.** They meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Mt. Carmel room and enjoy dinner together before starting the meeting. Thank you to all volunteers who have already provided meals, it is greatly appreciated!

Click on the link to view the details and to sign up.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ca9a622a1f58-help#/>



**Thank you to everyone who attended our Campaign Kick-off events this past week.**

The *Building on Faith, Growing to Serve* Capital Campaign is an exciting endeavor for our parish and school, and it will mean so much to the future of our community. Every family in the parish and school community will receive a packet of information, which includes a financial request and instructions on how to invest in the future of St. Alphonsus.

We want to express several thoughts regarding this campaign and what is being asked of our families:

**Invitation not Expectation** - Every family will be asked to consider a specific commitment to the campaign. We have gone through an exhaustive process to determine an appropriate request for each family. That said, in some cases our request may be too high. In some cases, it may be too low. It is not an *expectation*. It is an *invitation* – and the starting point for your personal discernment. Ultimately, the parish and school will gratefully receive whatever gifts you may provide.

**Reflect and Pray** - In advance of the request, we ask that you spend some time reflecting on St. Alphonsus Church and School, its future, and how you can help. Pray and ask the Lord for guidance. Give in a way that represents the blessings that God has bestowed upon you.

**Shared Responsibility** - One family or a few families should not shoulder the responsibility of this campaign. The obligation rests with the entire parish and school community to ensure this effort is a success. That means generosity and sacrifice – and not just monetarily. We need gifts of time, talent and prayer too.

We appreciate your participation and ask for your continued support of St. Alphonsus Church and School!



### Willwoods Faith and Marriage Married Couples Retreat

**Attention All Married Couples:** You are invited to attend an upcoming married couples retreat June 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful St. Joseph Abbey in Covington, LA. You and your spouse will spend time listening to inspiring talks, enjoy private couple time and individual prayer time, adoring the Lord in Eucharist Adoration, and celebrating the Sacraments with fellow couples from our parish. Through God's grace, you will walk away with a renewed strength and a deeper commitment to each other and to God. The retreat starts with breakfast Saturday morning and ends after lunch on Sunday. To register for your relaxing and rejuvenating retreat, visit [FaithandMarriage.org](http://FaithandMarriage.org). A suggested donation of \$325 for the couple is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make the weekend! Scholarships are available! If you have any questions, please call (504) 830-3716. Limited space available.

### Pray For Vocations

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Jan 16:** No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
**Jan 18:** Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.  
**Jan 20:** Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Jan 16:** No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  
**Jan 19:** Mass, 9:40 a.m.



**Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> is a National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn.** We would like to have 24 hour coverage in the chapel beginning at midnight on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be eight Chaplet of the Unborn rosaries with prayer cards in the pews for adorers to use. Please leave these special rosaries in the chapel as they are meant for everyone to use and we will use them again in the future.

To view the adoration schedule and sign up for an hour you have 3 options:

1. Go to the adoration website at [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com)
2. Scan the QR code



3. Click on the My Parish app, click the button 'Parish Info' and you will find 'We Adore Him Adoration Sign Up'

Once you have gotten to the website, click on Sign Up (if you don't already have an account) or Log In (if you have an existing account). You will need to create a password. If you cannot remember your password, click forgot password and create a new one. You will then gain access to the schedule to view available hours. If you have questions or difficulty using this website, please reach out and call 228-282-0984. We are happy to help you navigate!



**The Traditional Catholic Doctrine of Creation: The Only firm Foundation for a Culture of Life.** Did we really evolve from monkeys? What do you think? The Evolution Debate: Who is telling the truth? Evolution scientists or Moses and Jesus? "If You Believed Moses,

You Would Believe Me" were the words of Jesus (John 5:46) when people at the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem did not believe Him.

You are invited to join us on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Church to find out and to restore your faith in the words of Moses and Jesus. This seminar is co-sponsored by the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation and St. Alphonsus Parish and will be presented by the founder and Director, Hugh Owen.

In this presentation, Owen will explain how evolutionary indoctrination of his father, Sir David Owen, in university in England led to his abandonment of Christianity, his embrace of secular humanism, and ultimately to his decision to become the first secretary general of International Planned Parenthood Federation at the very time when IPPF changed its position on abortion as well as contraception, and sex education. Owen will also show how the traditional doctrine of creation – especially the tradition teaching on the special creation of Adam and Eve, body and soul – has led directly to the global assault on marriage, family, and the right to life.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Carol Peresich,** sister of Wink Cunningham of this parish, who passed away December 20<sup>th</sup> in Mobile.

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