

The territory occupied by the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali (later known as Galilee) was the most northerly part of Israel. Because it bordered on pagan territory it would have been associated with darkness. It was the first province of Israel to be conquered by Assyria in 732 BC. Isaiah predicted future liberation for the people of that region. In his Gospel, Matthew sees Isaiah's prophecy as fulfilled in Jesus.



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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) this coming week (January 23rd - 27th). 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 25th 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 26th 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 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 9th 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.

Pray For Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JANUARY 23
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Families and Married Couples
TUESDAY	JANUARY 24
Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joey Fountain
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Rich O'Brien
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 25
Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Bill Davis
8:15 a.m.	Barry and Jacquelyn Ungerleider
THURSDAY	JANUARY 26
2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:21-25	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
FRIDAY	JANUARY 27
Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Fr. Mike Snyder
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Alfred Gregory Mansfield
SATURDAY	JANUARY 28
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-119; Mark 4:35-41	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Mille Jackson
4:00 p.m.	Congregation
SUNDAY	JANUARY 29
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Earl Hammond
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Robbie Vickery Beeler
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Judy Soares
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Bonnie Senseney

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,817.00
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,185.00
Aged & Infirm Priests.....	\$2,015.40
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, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Nancy Letort, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Iva Misko, Johnny Mitchell, Edward Necaise, 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 Sigurnjak, Linda Smith, Leonard Tarrant, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

Altar Society Members for next week
T O'Connor, Aline Balias, AB Davidson, L Keefe
Flowers - J Lloyd

FAITH FORMATION

Jan 25: Confirmation Class: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Jan 26: RCIA: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Mount Carmel Meeting Room
Jan 29: Adult Study Class, after 9am Mass, Mount Carmel Mtg Room
Faith Formation Classes, Kindergarten - 5th Grade, 10:15 a.m.
 Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonsus.org
Edge Class, 4:00 p.m.; **Life Teen Class,** 6:30 p.m.
 Contact Will Haislmaier at 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#/>



We want to keep you up to date on the progress we are making with the Building on Faith, Growing to Serve Capital Campaign that kicked off only two weeks ago. First, thank you to our church and school staff, teachers, campaign leaders, volunteers for all their hard work. And thank you to our parishioners and school families that have already submitted their campaign pledge.

At this time, every family in the parish and school community has received a packet of information, which includes a financial request and instructions on how to invest in the future of St. Alphonsus. Remember, every family will be asked to consider a specific commitment to the campaign. 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. 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. Please return your pledge card to the rectory as soon as you are able.

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



The Ocean Springs Church Women will meet on Monday, January 30th at Macedonia Baptist Church, 1700 Dr. Jessie L. Trotter Street. Fellowship and food begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by the meeting at 10:00 a.m. For further information, please call the First Presbyterian Church office at 875-5326.

St. Elizabeth Parish Marriage Couples Ministry Six Dates for catholic Couples: 6 sessions, every Monday, beginning Monday, February 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The facilitators will be Gina and Chris Cazaubon (228) 326-4419. For more information, call St. Elizabeth Seton at 875-0654. The cost is \$25 per couple and includes the HAPPY TOGETHER book. Childcare will be available.. You are asked to register as soon as possible so they can prepare better to serve you as you deserve.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Patsy Ellmer, a member of our parish family, who passed away January 11th in Houston, Texas.

Wilda Yoast, a member of our parish community, who passed away January 12th.

Frank Leach, husband of Cynthia Render-Leach of this parish, who passed away January 16th.

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

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Jan 27: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Confessions - Families Welcome

Jan 29: Student Mass, 9:00 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Jan 25: Course Selection/Grad Req Seminar for 9-11 Gr Parents, 6 p.m.

Jan 26: Mass, 9:40 a.m.

Jan 29: End of Year Dance Banquet, 11:00 a.m.



Monday, January 23rd 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 23rd. 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

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!



Willwoods Faith and Marriage Married Couples Retreat

Attention All Married Couples: You are invited to attend an upcoming married couples retreat

June 10th - 11th 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. 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.



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.



The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Sr. Eileen Lowney