

Murder and adultery are born in the heart. Jesus reinterprets the fifth commandment so that it embraces those angry feelings and emotions which may lead up to murder. And he interprets the sixth commandment so that it embraces lustful thoughts and desires which may lead to sexual sin and infidelity.

As for oaths: he encourages people to behave in such a way that oaths are superfluous. The disciples are simply to be truthful.



LOVE LIFE
From the womb to the tomb
Pennies for Life

For Valentine's Day, St Alphonus Parish and School is again collecting Pennies for Life! Participants are asked to donate one penny for each year of their lives in thanksgiving to God for the life He has given them (any coin denomination or folding money is also accepted). The proceeds collected will be given to the Diocese of Biloxi Walking with Moms in Need Ministry. This ministry supports and provides assistance to mothers and babies in need.

Donations may be placed in the large container, decorated with a red heart balloon, located at the entrance to the Church or School and donations will be accepted through Tuesday, February 14th.

Thank you!!! for your willing heart, your precious time and love for others, especially the vulnerable mother and her child(ren) in need.



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 9:00 a.m. in the Mount Carmelite Meeting Room.



Evening of Intercession - Intercessory prayer: You are invited to come and be a part of this night as we continue to learn to intercede and pray with faith in God's love, and with confidence and persistence, even to the point of bargaining with God. No petition is too small! Jesus calls us to join him in interceding for ourselves, our families, our friends, and even for those who may not like us. To ask God to soften our hearts and help us stay open to the mystery of the way he is at work among us. Join us on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Please bring your rosary. "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." (Philippians 4:6)



A special Blood Drive for Trent Hartzog (husband of school Principal Eleanor Hartzog) will be held at St. Alphonus on Thursday, February 16th from 12 Noon – 4:00 p.m. You may go to the link below to schedule an appointment:

https://www.mbsonline.us/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/21573

Walk-ins are also welcome.



St. Alphonus is hosting an XLT night on Thursday, February 23rd 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

- Reverend Herbert Mullen, February 12, 1984
- Reverend Patrick Hannelly, February 14, 1990
- Reverend Msgr. James Russell, February 15, 2002

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	FEBRUARY 13
Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Monica Goretski
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 14
Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. June Straight
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Richard M. Durkin, Sr.
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 15
Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Glen Skelton
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 16
Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Toni Gunkel
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 17
Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34—9:1	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Denise Wilson
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Broussard F. Walker
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 18
Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Families & Married Couples
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Jan & Mrs. Ludovita Szekunda
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 19
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Daisy Winters
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Carol Gordon
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Joseph A. Shirer, Sr.
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$11,284.26
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....	\$ 6,648.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 4,500.00

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, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Nancy Letort, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Iva Misko, Johnny Mitchell, Edward Necaize, Terese Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Roger Parker, Thomas Peresich, 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
J Anderson, T Stuart, J Brickson, P Carter
Flowers – M Aultman

FAITH FORMATION

Feb 15: Confirmation Class: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Feb 16: RCIA: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mount Carmel Meeting Room

Feb 19: 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@osstalphonus.org

Edge Class, 4:00 p.m.; **Life Teen Class,** 6:30 p.m.

Contact Will Haislmaier at whaislmaier@osstalphonus.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#/>



Next weekend plays an important role in the Building on Faith, Growing to Serve Capital Campaign, Commitment Weekend. During

next weekend's Masses, we will give everyone an opportunity to be a part of our success. We will ask all in attendance to complete a pledge card to get involved and be a part of securing the future of our parish and school. Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to this very important effort, we have currently raised over \$1,000,000 toward our goal of \$1.5 million. The upcoming Commitment Weekend is for those parishioners who just haven't had time to meet with our volunteers or complete their pledge cards. We are hoping that 100% of our parish will participate in the campaign in some way. With your help we can meet our goal and make a lasting impact on our church and school. Again, we want to say thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to this important effort. We ask anyone who has yet to make a campaign commitment to consider, pray and commit during next week's opportunity to give. Every gift makes a difference! And remember that, February 18th and 19th is not only Commitment Weekend, but we are also formally welcoming Fr. Kennedy to our parish family with a celebratory hospitality weekend in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. What a wonderful weekend for St. Alphonus!



The 5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Mass Music Ministry is searching for musicians and vocalists to play/sing in their group. If interested, please see Erwin Gaines after the 5:30 p.m. Mass or leave your name and number with the Church Office.



On behalf of SVD Laity Missionary of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, you are invited to a "HEALING MASS SERVICE" on Friday, February 17th at 5:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, 216 Saucier Ave. Pass Christian, MS. 39571.

They look forward to seeing you. Please bring your friends and those who need special prayers in this powerful Healing Mass Service.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Nick Thomas, brother of Ree (Ray) Frazier of this parish, who passed away February 3rd.

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



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of St. Alphonus Parishioners

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Feb 15: Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.

Feb 17: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m. / PK3 Mardi Gras Parade, 9:30 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Feb 16: Mass, 9:40 a.m.



Your Lenten Plan

Lent is right around the corner, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. Do you have a Lenten plan? Just as Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days, we are called to spend these upcoming 40 days preparing ourselves for Easter, for His glorious Resurrection! Pray about your plan over the next week and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. Pray about adding an hour of meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament this Lent. Are you already visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Invite your family or neighbor to join you!

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

1. Go to the adoration website at stalphonus.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. It is important that you sign up as this will enable you to receive upcoming adoration event information as well as help in the safety of all who attends Adoration (i.e. receiving update of door code). If you have questions or difficulty using this website, please reach out and call 228-282-0984. We are happy to help you navigate!



You are invited to a Catholic Wellness Retreat for Women, sponsored by Trinity Wellness Center, on Saturday, February 18th from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Christus Rex House Retreat, 11680 Firetower Road, Pass Christian.

The day will include confessions, Holy Mass, a Rosary walk and Wellness Discussions. The cost is \$50 per person and includes breakfast/lunch, swag bag filled with a Catholic Wellness Planner/Journal and other goodies. Space is limited. For more information or to register visit TrinitywellnesscenterMs.com.



Willwoods Faith and Marriage Married Couples Retreat

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