

As the Israelites journeyed through the desert, Moses provided them with the life-saving gift of ordinary water. Jesus, the new Moses, gives the people something infinitely better – ‘living water’, a share in the very life of God.

--New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, Flor McCarthy, SDB



**The Diocese of Biloxi is blessed to have 5 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese.** We are also blessed to have 19 retired priests that continue to help minister to the 56,000 Catholics in South Mississippi. Your gift to the 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal directly aids in the formation, education, and care of all of these men. Will you please consider a generous gift to the 2023 CSA in support of our future and retired priests? Your gift of prayer and financial support ensures that we will continue to help the mission of the Church in a real way.

Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Our parish CSA goal for this year is \$70,146. If needed, pledge envelopes are available at the church exits. Please make all checks out to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Diocese.



**An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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)

### St. Alphonsus Lenten Mission March 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Year of the Eucharist: Each night a Priest from Our Diocese will give a talk on Mass and Adoration.

Sunday, March 19th after 5:30 Mass:  
Fr. Mike Snyder: Introduction and Personal Testimony

Monday, March 20th, 7:00 p.m.  
Fr. Mike Austin, Holy Family Parish

Tuesday, March 21st, 7:00 p.m.  
Fr. Mike O'Connor, Our Lady of the Gulf Parish

Wednesday, March 22nd, 7:00 p.m.  
Fr. Godfrey Andoh, N.B.V.M. Cathedral

Thursday, March 23rd, 7:00 p.m.  
Fr. Adam Urbaniak, Our Lady of Victories Parish

Each night we will have a time of Adoration, Reflection and Talks on the Eucharist. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

**Altar Society Members for this week  
J Anderson, J Brickson, P Carter, T Stuart**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 13</b>
2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Michael & Mrs. Maria Szekunda
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 14</b>
Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 a.m.	Int. Families & Married Couples
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 15</b>
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5-17-19	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 16</b>
Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Peter Kourkounis
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Elena Diaz Broussard
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 17</b>
Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Sandra George Beemis
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 18</b>
Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory Protection of the Unborn
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 19</b>
1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7; 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Patsy Ellmer
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Dennis Belson Ms. Joan Belson Int. Ms. Mary Elizabeth Wilson
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Frank Leach
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,544.50  
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 7,140.00  
Poor Collection.....\$ 3,313.34  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Ashleen Balias, 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 Cruithirds, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Nija Fountain, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Charlie Goff, Sandra Grantham, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Nancy Letort, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Iva Misko, Johnny Mitchell, Edward Necaie, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, 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.

## FAITH FORMATION

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

**Mar 16: RCIA:** 6:00 p.m., Mount Carmel Meeting Rom

**Mar 19: RCIA:** Second Scrutiny, 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Adult Study Class,** after 9am Mass, Mount Carmel Mtg Room

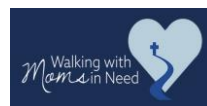
**Faith Formation Classes,** Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 10:15 a.m.

Contact Jane Sema at [jsema@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org)

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

Contact Will Haislmaier at [whaislmaier@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:whaislmaier@osstalphonusus.org)

**The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocese of Biloxi Youth Convention** will be held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for High School Youth and Sunday afternoon from 2-9 p.m. for a Middle School Rally for the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth. If interested, please contact Will Haislmaier for more information.



**Thank You St. Alphonsus Parish for participating in this year's Love Life / Pennies for Life.** \$1,000 was donated and the proceeds will be used by Walking with Mom's in Need to support mothers and their babies throughout the Diocese of Biloxi.

--Margaret Miller, coordinator for the Diocese of Biloxi,

228-217-4742 or [mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org).



**The Adoration Ministry will host Hospitality Sunday next Sunday (March 19<sup>th</sup>) after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall.**



**The Lord is My Help** needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (no cooking involved) the week of March 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<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.



**St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night** on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</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.



**You are invited to join a Special Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** with Fr. Mike Snyder and Terri Smith of the MIR Group May 27<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The cost is \$3,297 per person, based on double occupancy, and includes roundtrip airfare from New Orleans, 7 nights accommodations in Medjugorje, breakfast and dinner daily, airport transfers, all tips and gratuities and an English speaking Catholic guide. To book your pilgrimage, call 800-715-6670 or go online to [www.catholicjourneys.com/smith](http://www.catholicjourneys.com/smith).

### 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 Nicholas Walsh, March 5, 1995  
Reverend William J. Vollar, March 2, 2011  
Reverend Gerard M. Cleary, March 9, 2015  
Reverend Msgr. James J. Hannon, March 16, 2008  
Reverend Msgr. Eamon Mullen, March 19, 1992  
Reverend Msgr. Thomas E. Williams, March 25, 1983  
Reverend James P. McGlade, March 31 1980

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Mar 13-14:** Spring Holiday – No School

**Mar 15:** Report Cards

**Mar 17:** Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m. / Stations of the Cross, 2:30 p.m.

**Mar 19:** Student Mass, 9:00 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Mar 13/14:** Spring Holiday – No School

**Mar 16:** Dance Team tryout Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

**Mar 17:** Mass, 9:40 a.m.

**Mar 18:** Shamrockin the Coast, 7:00 p.m.



### An Hour of Companionship

Spending an hour before the Eucharist is a practice that the Church has been encouraging for centuries. It is hard to find a saint who did not write about how important it was in his or her life. Blessed Fulton Sheen encouraged Catholics to try to spend an hour every day before the Blessed Sacrament. This may not be practical for everyone depending on your current state in life, but a holy hour once a week is highly encouraged. Blessed Fulton Sheen said in his autobiography, *Treasure in Clay*, the only time Our Lord asked the apostles for anything was the night he went into his agony. As often in the history of the Church since that time, evil was awake, but the disciples were asleep. That is why there came out of his anguished and lonely heart the sigh: 'Could you not watch one hour with me?' Not for an hour of activity did he plead, but for an hour of companionship. Excerpt taken from Discipleship Quad Guidebook, Part 2 by Bob Rice.

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

1. Go to the adoration website at [stalphonusus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonusus.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!



**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. March 18<sup>th</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!



**An anointing of the Sick** will take place on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</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.



**A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (March 18/19) for the Catholic Relief Services. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.**