

**Today is Palm Sunday** - For us, this event is commemorated by blessing palm branches at the beginning of each Mass and then distributed by the ushers to the congregation at the end of Mass. You are asked to take the palm branches home and place them in some prominent place as a reminder of the events we celebrate today.

Today is also the beginning of Holy Week, or Passion Week. The Passion according to Matthew is read at all Masses today to remind us of all the events that transpired immediately after Jesus' arrival to Jerusalem. Events unfold quickly on this Holiest of weeks and you are asked to join us in remembering these events.

- Apr 2:** Deadline for donations to the decorating of the Church on Easter Sunday in Honor Of/Memory Of a loved one.
- Apr 4:** Chrism Mass at Nativity BVM Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.
- Apr 6:** Mass of Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 7:** Passion Play by St. Alphonsus School 3:00 p.m. Reading of Passion w/Veneration of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. Annual Collection taken up for the Holy Land Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence Rectory Office Closed for Good Friday
- Apr 8:** Easter Vigil, Baptism & Profession of Faith, 7:30 p.m.
- Apr 9:** Easter Sunday Masses – 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m., Hispanic Mass 2:00 p.m.
- Apr 10:** Rectory Office Closed for Easter Monday

**Eucharistic Adoration** **The Adoration Chapel will be closed prior** to the start of the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 6) and will re-open after the conclusion of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday (April 8).

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** As we enter into Holy Week, let us also keep in mind that Easter Sunday is followed by Divine Mercy Sunday, instituted through the efforts of St. John Paul II. In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, we encourage you to say the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet which begins on Good Friday. Copies are available at the exits of the Church. Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy is recorded three times in the Diary of St. Faustina. "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).

**As we come to the end of our Lenten journey in preparation to celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus,** please consider joining all the faithful in the Diocese of Biloxi in participating in this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal. A gift, of any amount, combined with others, really does make an impact for the mission of the Church. 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. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.

**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 Msgr. Joseph Mercier, March 20, 2023  
Reverend Jack Wesley Smith, April 19, 1983  
Reverend Sylvester Hynes, April 29, 1994

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 3</b>
Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Elena Diaz Broussard
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 4</b>
Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Marge K. Galle
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. JoAnne Odom Houle
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 5</b>
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26-14-25	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Patsy Ellmer
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 6</b>
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15	
6:30 a.m.	No Mass
8:15 a.m.	No Mass
7:00 p.m.	Int. St. Alphonsus Parishioners
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 7</b>
Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42	
6:30 a.m.	No Morning Mass
8:15 a.m.	No Morning Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 8</b>
Genesis 1:1—2:2; Exodus 14: 15—15:1; Isaiah 55:1-11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10	
8:15 a.m.	No Morning Mass
7:30 p.m.	Congregation
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b>
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Earl Hammond
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Roger Parker
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Carol May Peresich
5:30 p.m.	No Evening Mass

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,624.91  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$1,825.00  
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, Carol Lee Cantin, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Pat Cronin, Billy Cruthirds, 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, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Iva Misko, Johnny Mitchell, Edward Necaize, 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

- Apr 5: Confirmation Class:** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Apr 6: RCIA:** Tenebrae + Night in the Garden  
**Apr 7: RCIA:** Veneration of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.  
**Apr 8: RCIA:** Retreat 10am-2pm; Holy Saturday Vigil Mass, 7:30 p.m.  
**Apr 9: No Faith Formation or Adult Study Class**



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who are not registered /active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



**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. April 15<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 Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Mount Carmelite Meeting Room.**



**St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night** on Thursday, April 20<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.



**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, April 26<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)



**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).

## \*\*School Subsidy Policy\*\*

### Registration for the 2023/2024 School Year Going on Now

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School. In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

- Apr 4:** PK4 Easter Bonnet Parade, 9:00 a.m. / Class Egg Hunts  
**Apr 5:** Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m. / Passion Play  
**Apr 7:** No School – Good Friday / Passion Play 3:00 p.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

- Apr 5:** PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.  
**Apr 6:** Holy Thursday Service, 9:40 a.m.  
**Apr 7:** No School – Good Friday



### A Holy Hour for Holy Week

It seems like yesterday that we received a cross of ashes on our foreheads and heard the familiar words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." We have this week to pray and meditate on Jesus' Passion and try to wrap our brains around the sacrifice He made to save us from our sins. Now is the time to pay Him a visit in the Blessed Sacrament, present in the chapel. Come and sit in silence and soak up His radiant love and grace. He is waiting.

*"A Holy Hour of Adoration in our modern rat race is necessary for authentic prayer."*  
~Blessed Fulton Sheen

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. 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!



**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.

**Altar Society Members for this week**  
**Mary Alice, Mary Ann, Lois Barbara, Jan**