

In his address to slaves (see **Second Reading**), Peter urged them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the good Shepherd, bore his sufferings for love of us. Slavery was a fact of life in New Testament times. The New Testament writers do not, as might have been expected, lead a campaign against it. Even if they had wanted to do so, they must have been aware that such a stance could only be judged subversive and would imperil the tenuous foothold Christianity was gaining in the world of the day. Peter's words have a wider application. He singled out slaves only because their burden of suffering was heavier than that of others.



Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a 3 year movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We are currently in the Year of the Diocese phase of the revival. The Year of the Parish phase of the revival will begin in June with a Eucharistic Procession through Ocean Springs on the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 11th. This is the first of many events our parish is in the process of planning. Please keep your eyes open for news concerning the Eucharistic Revival and opportunities to help with this mission. If you would like to learn more about this national movement, check out the website eucharisticrevival.org and sign up for the newsletter.

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St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night on Thursday, May 4th 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 us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, May 5th beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, May 6th at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.



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 May 15th – 19th.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,963.45
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,280.00
Catholic Home Missions Collection.....\$ 1,463.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 1
Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Liborio and Mrs. Immaciotta Padula
TUESDAY	MAY 2
Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Robert and Holly Parker
8:15 a.m.	Mr. James Winkeljohn
WEDNESDAY	MAY 3
1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
THURSDAY	MAY 4
Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Patsy Ellmer
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Elena Diaz Broussard
FRIDAY	MAY 5
Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Lois
SATURDAY	MAY 6
Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14;	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
SUNDAY	MAY 7
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Billy Gee
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Vara Lyons
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Ann Tootle



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, 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.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Ives LeBlanc

FAITH FORMATION

May 3: Confirmation Class: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
May 4: RCIA: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mount Carmel Meeting Room
May 7: 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



Hour of Grace is a time of encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ present to us in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar; an opportunity to lift our voices and hearts to Christ in worship as He pours His graces upon us. This Hour of Grace will be on Thursday, May 4th, at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral in Biloxi. Come and be renewed by the Lord!



You are invited to join a Special Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Fr. Mike Snyder and Terri Smith of the MIR Group May 27th – June 4th, 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.



Attention St. Alphonsus Graduating High School Seniors: There is a \$1,000 Scholarship available from **The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund** to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Brian Sanderson at bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 5, 2023.**



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.



The Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries will take place on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage in 2023 are welcome to attend. Registration Forms are available

in the Rectory Office during regular business hours or you may register on the diocese website at: www.biloxidiocese.org.
Deadline for registration is October 13, 2023.



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.
If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.

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

May 5: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

St. Alphonsus Catholic School will host its largest fundraiser of the year, the Spring Soiree - Run for the Roses, on Friday, May 5th at the Walter Anderson Museum in Downtown Ocean Springs. This fun event offers multiple opportunities to support the school's students by purchasing split the pot raffle tickets, sponsorship opportunities, as well as the incredible online auction (you don't want to miss the fun trip options and locally donated items!) Should your schedule not allow you to attend, do check out and participate in the online auction! All of the information regarding Spring Soiree is available conveniently off the PTO website at www.stalspto.com.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

May 2: Band + Choir Concert, 6:00 p.m.

May 3: Senior Farewell Mass, 9:40 a.m.

May 4/5: Senior Exams



Face-to-face Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a form of prayer that began centuries ago. The word adoration means, "to pay honor or homage to someone or something." As Catholics we have the opportunity to pay honor to the One who deserves all our praise. The same Eucharist we receive at Mass is what, or more accurately Who, we worship in Adoration. During Adoration we have the opportunity to come face-to-face with the living God. Like spending time with a close friend, Eucharistic Adoration is about deepening and strengthening our personal relationship with God.

"In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; Eucharistic Adoration is simply the natural consequence of the Eucharistic celebration, which is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration."

-Pope Benedict XV

An excerpt take from 'Come Adore' produced by Life Teen.

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'

If you have questions or difficulty using this website, please reach out and call 228-282-0984. We are happy to help you navigate!

Pray For Vocations