

The resurrection, the ascension, and the giving of the Spirit are part of the same event. In one action that goes beyond earthly time, Jesus emerges from the tomb, returns to the Father, and gives the Spirit. However, from the viewpoint of the first disciples, who continued to live on within time, these actions are described as having taken place at different times: They found the tomb empty on Sunday morning; the risen Lord appeared to them on that day or subsequently; the termination of the appearances caused them to realize that Jesus was now permanently with God; and they received the Spirit.

The theological meaning of this feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making him Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

In both the First Reading and the Gospel Jesus gives a mission and makes a promise to his followers.

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



We will kick off the 'Year of the Parish' next month with our Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, June 11th. Please plan to be a part of this very important procession as we show our love and devotion to Jesus Christ, present in the

Blessed Sacrament. For more information on the National Revival, check out the website eucharisticrevival.org and stay tuned for opportunities to learn more about our Eucharistic Lord, who is the source and summit of our Catholic faith.

St. Alphonsus Parish and School are grateful and blessed to have met 98% of our campaign goal! We are so close and just a few pledges away. If you are still interested in making a pledge or a one-time gift there is still time! We thank you for your generosity and prayers. Please continue to pray our campaign prayer for the success of our campaign throughout the years to come.

We are excited to announce that the first project of our campaign, the school roof replacement, is scheduled to begin at the end of the month once students are off the campus. We will continue to provide updates as our campaign projects progress. Contact Patience Clasen at (504) 920-5468, pclasen@osstalphonus.org or the parish office with any questions about the campaign or making a pledge or donation.



The Gulf Pine Catholic will publish the names of high school and college graduates in the June 9th issue of the Gulf Pine Catholic. We do not want to miss anybody – so please call the church office (875-5419) or email us (stalparishos@gmail.com) and give the name and school your child will be graduating from. The deadline to submit is Wednesday, May 24th.



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, May 28th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$8.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice. Come and enjoy the great food and fellowship.



The month of May is truly a celebration of motherhood. Traditionally, May has been dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also the time in which we honor and thank our earthly mothers for their sacrificial love. And, the Feast of the Visitation on May 31st celebrates the meeting of two mothers – Mary and Elizabeth – both with a child hidden within their womb.

--Margaret Miller, coordinator for the Diocese of Biloxi, 228-217-4742 or mrmliller@biloxidiocese.org.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,846.36
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$3,245.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 22
Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry & Mrs. Laura Hall
TUESDAY	MAY 23
Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. James Bayliss, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Freddie and Vera Lusk, Sr.
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24
Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Carol Bradley
THURSDAY	MAY 25
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dale Snyder
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Robin Stewart
FRIDAY	MAY 26
Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. John L. Williams
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
SATURDAY	MAY 27
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25;	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Gerard "Geri" Benezue
4:00 p.m.	Mr. John Mitchell
SUNDAY	MAY 28
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Int. Mr. Peter Murtough
	Int. Mr. Manuel Severino
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Patrick Wagner
5:30 p.m.	Redemptorist Fr. Steve Wilson



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 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.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Rose Mary Reed

FAITH FORMATION

May 25: RCIA: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mount Carmel Meeting Room



If you are interested in signing your child up to be an altar server, we are hoping to schedule an altar server training this spring or early summer. Please email or text John McMackin (jmcmack1@alumni.nd.edu / 228-229-6236) with your child's name, the mass your family normally attends, and your availability for the months of May-July."



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, June 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral. Come and be renewed by the Lord!



Ladies of the Biloxi Diocese are invited to join a half-day Women's Road of Discipleship Seminar beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 3rd at Sacred Heart Church in D'Iberville. The guest speaker will be Bishop Kihneman. To register, call Sacred Heart at 392-4526. The cost is \$20.00 per person.



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@cardinalgrouplc.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 5, 2023.**



St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night (extreme adoration with music and a short talk) on Thursday, June 8th 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.



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 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.

Pray For Vocations

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 23: PK-K "Moving On Up" Program, 9:30 a.m.

May 24: 1st-6th Grade Awards, 9:30 am; Talent Show, Grades 1-6

May 25: Mass / 6th Grade Graduation, 8:15 am; Noon Dismissal

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

May 23-25: Final Exams

May 24: Softball Banquet, 6:00 p.m.



Bask in the Light of His Presence

"In our self-centered culture and classic American emphasis on work, we often feel we have to accomplish something during our times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We rate our experience by how 'good' our prayer was, how heartfelt our devotion was, or how focused we could remain. Yet prayer and contemplation are fundamentally God's work, in which we are invited to participate. We need only to give Him the opening, and He will do the rest. By coming to adoration, we are handing Him the keys to our hearts, allowing the rays of His love and grace to bathe our souls in the light of His presence, as the rays of the sun bathe our bodies in light. If we can take the time to pull away from the busyness and distractions of life and just sit at His feet, He will lead us."

~Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration

Whether you are visiting the chapel for 10 minutes or 2 hours, please sign in using the IPAD. Also, be sure to sign out when you leave. This requires a simple tap on your name.

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!



The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

will be celebrated 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. You are asked to register whether you can attend or not. If you cannot attend a certificate will be mailed to you. The Mass will be followed with official pictures being taken and a reception at the Sacred Heart Center. 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.

Altar Society Members for this week
 Terry, Aline, Anna Beth, Lois K., Jamie, Norma