

St. Luke exploits Jewish tradition which saw Pentecost as the feast of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. According to the legend a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. In a further refinement, the fire split into seventy tongues of fire corresponding to the seventy nations of the world: the law was proclaimed, not only to Israel, but to all humankind. Luke, too, has the mighty wind and tongues of fire coming upon the group of disciples. But for Luke the universal proclamation was not that of the Law, but of the Good News, a proclamation that has undone the sentence of Babel and re-united the scattered nations.

St. John has the giving of the Spirit happening on Easter day. However, we must avoid any impression of a twofold solemn bestowal of the Spirit. John and Luke are both saying the same thing: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit and inaugurates the mission of the Church. That they differ in their dating is due to theological concerns.

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



On this Memorial Day weekend, we welcome any and all visitors who joined us today to celebrate the Eucharist. We hope all our families who are traveling over the weekend have safe arrivals to their destinations and a safe return home later on. We ask you all to be

careful on the highways, byways and waterways this busy weekend. This weekend we remember all who gave their lives for this country and for the freedoms we so often take for granted. Please remember them in your prayers today.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.



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 mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, June 2nd beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, June 3rd 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.



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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,009.00
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,155.00
 Catholic Communications Collection.....\$ 1,165.67
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 29
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Contanza & Mrs. Rosario Padula
TUESDAY	MAY 30
Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Elizabeth Hughbanks
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Chayse Harmon
WEDNESDAY	MAY 31
Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56	
6:30 a.m.	Int. All Graduates
8:15 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY	JUNE 1
Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52	
6:30 a.m.	Edward and Marie Weidner, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Elena Diaz Broussard
FRIDAY	JUNE 2
Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nick Thomas
SATURDAY	JUNE 3
Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33;	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Al Gianelloni
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
SUNDAY	JUNE 4
Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
9:00 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim Gunkel
11:30 a.m.	The Jordan Family The Pitalo Family
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



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, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Charlie Goff, Sandra Grantham, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, 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 Honor of Charlie Company 1-555 to offer protection and prayer during their deployment



We congratulate those brought into the Church through Full Initiation or Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil (April 8): Noah Bartram, Blake

Boothby, Kelli Davis, Mary Lynn Faiola, Gavin Hartley, Casey Hill, Amanda Hill, Lisa Manley, George "Pete" Manley, Alexander Pace, Gideon Smith and Mary Smith.



We congratulate the following from our Elementary School and Religious Education program who received their First Holy Communion at the 11:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday (May 21). They are: Sebastian Arellano, Tobby

Bankoske, Preston Bell, Catherine Bertasi, Andi Bertrand, Cole Blystone, Price Boyd, Eduan Camacho, Elizabeth Carey, Josephine Cecil, Julianne Cecil, Kaylin Davis, Audrey DeCampo, Amalia Deleon Cuebas, Sebastian Deleon Cuebas, Christopher Dykes, Ben Elkins, Zoe Gilmore, Mary Katherine Haaf, John Michael Hamilton, Annie Hanley, Ellen Hanley, Caroline Hill, Arbon Harris, Brianna Irby, Claire Johnston, Vera Jones, Charlie Ladnier, Charles LaPrad, Emerson Miller, Hadleigh Morano, Thomas Morgan, Adelina Perez, Michael Ross, Aric Senteno, Dallas Seymour, Julian Siragusa, Syrena Smith, Kamila Toledo, Victoria Toledo, Griffin Watters, Luke Whorton, Griffin Young, Nalleli Zepeda, Carla Zepeda and Christopher Zepeda.



Bishop Louis Kihneman administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:30 p.m. Mass this past Sunday (May 21). We congratulate these individuals who received this Sacrament and pray that they will continue to grow in their Catholic Faith in the years ahead. They are: Wyatt

Allen, Parker St. Amant, Brookelynn Bankoske, Parker Brickson, Dolly O'Connell, Michael Diaz, Addison Fountain, Matthew Gordon, Carson Kilpatrick, Alexis Le, Mathilde Marsh, Julia Kate Massey, Cooper Mercier, Isabella Patino, Lyndzie Padula, Brooklyn Pizzetta, Sydney Penn, Thomas Seglio II, Maya Showalter and Cohen Weinhofer.



St. Alphonsus Parish wishes to recognize and congratulate all our Seniors who already have or will be graduating from College or a local High School at this time.

Our College Graduates are: Jacob Futch, University of South Alabama; Marc Malloch, Mississippi State and Reagan Elizabeth Scarborough, University of Southern Mississippi.

Our high school students attended Ocean Springs, St. Martin or St. Patrick High School. They are: Philip Clasen Jr, Chase Conner, Robert Davis, Mason Gazzo, Jake Landgrave, Juliana Ladnier, Cheryl Lawrence, Jessica Lawrence, Presley Mullinax, Katie Oropesa, Juliana Sabagh, Myles Spring, Gavin Straub, Billy Tice III and Samantha Varone,



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Fred Schillinger, a longtime member our parish family, who passed away May 19th.

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



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 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'

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



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.

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