

There is a clear theme running through all three readings today: God takes the initiative in our regard. God took the initiative in forming a covenant with the Israelites (First Reading). God took the initiative in loving us because Christ died for us while we were still sinners (Second Reading). And Jesus took the initiative in reaching out to the people (Gospel).

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



A Prayer for Father's Day: God our Father, In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death, separation, or divorce, and who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen all Dads by your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Evening of Intercession - Intercessory prayer:

Jesus calls us to join him in interceding for ourselves, our families, our friends, the world, and even for those who may not like us. It is through Mary we are brought closer to Jesus; into a more intimate relationship with Him. Mary is our Intercessor, please come and join us on this journey of faith through prayer and intercession the seven joys of Mary with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and how she responded to the grace of God in her life. It is through Mary, our Mediatrix, who will take our prayers to Jesus! Join us on Wednesday, June 21st 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)



The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed for inventory and repairs Friday, June 30th through Tuesday, July 18th.



An Altar Server Training will be held immediately after the 9:00 mass on Sunday, July 30th. Any children who have received their first communion are welcome to attend. Please plan on at least one parent per family attending as well. If you have any questions, contact John McMackin at jmcmack1@alumni.nd.edu or 228-229-6236.

From the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation:
New Wine Groups to Begin August 2023

The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi will again offer a 3 year program called "New Wine" beginning in August of this year. The program provides education and formation for adults interested in being involved in lay ministry. Interested individuals should contact their Pastor or Principal no later than July 21, 2023 for more information.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Michael O'Brien, brother-in-law of Elaine O'Brien of this parish, who passed away June 4th in Los Alamitos. CA. **Robert Cox**, husband of Peggy Cox of this parish, who passed away June 10th.

Leonard Tarrant, husband of Anne Tarrant of this parish, who passed away June 11th. We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$13,427.31
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 3,205.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 19
2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Francesco & Mrs. Santa Mercurio
TUESDAY	JUNE 20
2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Arthur Gianelloni
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Mary Skaar
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 21
2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Salvation of Souls
THURSDAY	JUNE 22
2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Charles Petitjean
8:15 a.m.	Harold and Joiceyn Mayfield
FRIDAY	JUNE 23
2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23	
6:30 a.m.	Int. All Priests and Deacons
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Robert Cox
SATURDAY	JUNE 24
Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Edna Migues
	4:00 p.m.
	Mr. Earl Hammond
SUNDAY	JUNE 25
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33	
7:30 a.m.	Int. St. Alphonsus Parishioners
9:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Patrick Wagner
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: 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, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Bill Gryder and Neil Gryder

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



Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Adoration
Blessed Carlo Acutis

"If we get in front of the sun, we get sun tans, but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints." Carlo Acutis was born in England, but his parents moved back to their native Italy when he was a baby. While still very young, he was drawn to the Eucharist. His parents were not particularly devout, but Carlo started to insist on entering every church they passed to greet Jesus. He asked to make his First Holy Communion at the age of seven, and faithfully attended daily Mass. Carlo was a fun loving boy who had four dogs, two cats, and lots of goldfish. He loved computers and computer games. By a special grace, he knew he would die young, but it did not sadden him. He was eager not to waste his time, and devoted himself to works of charity, including working as a catechist from the time he was confirmed at age eleven. Soon he began to travel to the sites of Eucharistic Miracles. He wished to foster belief in the Real Presence and draw others to the Catholic faith, so he built a website documenting these miracles: www.miracolieucaaristici.org. Carlo died at age fifteen from a devastating leukemia. "I am happy to die....because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things that do not please God."

Eucharistic Jesus, aided by the prayers of Blessed Carlo Acutis, may we never consider time spent with you as wasted.
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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!



The Music & Fine Arts Ministry of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral announces their annual "Patriotic Concert & Mass" for 2023. This year's Concert will be presented in the Cathedral on Saturday, June 24th at 3:00 p.m. and will feature music

of Nostalgia and Patriotism in celebration of our national Independence Day and in "Thanksgiving" for our Veterans. Immediately following, we will celebrate Mass with Patriotic Hymns and anthems.

These events are free, and the public is warmly invited to attend. For further information please contact: Terry D. Maddox, M.M. – Minister of Music ~ Director of Fine Arts at 251-406-1454 and/or terrydalemaddox@gmail.com.



St. Alphonsus Parish and School are grateful and blessed to have \$1,471,712 pledged of our 1,500,000 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, has begun. We will continue to provide updates as our campaign projects progress. Contact Patience Clasen at (504) 920-5468, pclasen@osstalphonsus.org or the parish office with any questions about the campaign or making a pledge or donation.



Our world is loud and fast-paced. It can be difficult to hear the voice of God if we don't intentionally create space to listen. As we kneel before the elevated host, the world stills. When we receive Holy

Communion, we are the closest to Jesus we can possibly be this side of heaven. Whether we perceive it or not, each and every Mass is a supernatural experience of encounter with God.

To learn more about the National Eucharistic Revival, check out the website eucharisticrevival.org.

Thank You to everyone who participated in our Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession last Sunday. It was a beautiful display of our love and devotion to Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.



The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart

In the apparitions of Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647 to 1690) at the Visitation convent of Paray-le-Monial (France) beginning in 1673, twelve promises were given (within the octave of Corpus Christi in the year 1676) to increase devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

They are:

1. **I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.**
2. **I will establish peace in their homes.**
3. **I will comfort them in all their afflictions.**
4. **I will be their secure refuge during life and above all, in death.**
5. **I will bestow abundant blessings on all their undertakings.**
6. **Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.**
7. **By devotion to my Heart, lukewarm souls shall grow fervent.**
8. **Fervent souls shall rise quickly to high perfection.**
9. **I will bless every place where a picture of my Heart shall be set up and honored.**
10. **I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.**
11. **Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart, never to be blotted out.**
12. **I will grant the grace of final penitence to those who communicate (receive Holy Communion) on the first Friday of nine consecutive months.**

Based upon these promises the enthronement of the Sacred Heart has been promoted, wherein a painting, picture, or representation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is displayed in homes. It also has led to the formation of First Friday Clubs whose members receive Holy Communion each First Friday of the month, as well as stimulating the devotion of the First Nine Fridays among the faithful.

Pray For Vocations