

Jesus asks us to be his witnesses in the world. However, we often lack the courage to witness openly to our faith. But Jesus says to us what he said to his first disciples, *“Do not be afraid.”* So let us bring our fears to him, and ask his help in overcoming them.

Lord, you give us strength when we are weak. Lord, have mercy.
 Lord, you give us courage when we are afraid. Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, you give us new heart when we fail. Lord, have mercy.
 --New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB



St. Alphonsus Parish and School are grateful and blessed to have your generous support of our Capital Campaign here at St. Alphonsus. We currently have \$1,477,712 pledged of our \$1,500,000 goal!

The new school roof is in the process of being replaced. Please keep its completion in your prayers. The Building Committee continues to meet monthly with the architect to finalize plans for phase B (Church) and phase C (Chapel). We will continue to provide updates as our campaign projects progress.

Beginning in July, we will email or mail statements showing your pledged amount, frequency of payment, and current balance. If for some reason you have made a pledge but do not receive the statement, please call the rectory office at 875-5419.

If you are still interested in making a pledge or a one-time gift there is still time! Contact Patience Clasen at (504) 920-5468, pclasen@osstalphonusus.org or the parish office with any questions about the campaign or to make a pledge or donation. Please continue to pray our campaign prayer for the success of our campaign throughout the years to come.



You are invited to join us after the 9:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday (June 25th) for coffee, donuts and fellowship in the Parish Hall.



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



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, July 1st 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.



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.



Notice: XLT Night will not be held in June or July and will resume again in August.



Catholic Charities of South Mississippi is offering a divorce recovery support group titled “Surviving Divorce”. The group will meet at Catholic Charities of South MS, 1450 North Street Gulfport beginning Wednesday, July 19th and will meet weekly through September 27th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. For more information call Michelle Eleuterius at 228-701-0555. To register online go to: catholiccharitiesofsouthms.org and click on the ‘counseling’ tab or email: meleuterius@biloxidiocese.org.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Sr. Eileen Lowney

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 26
Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. R.J. Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
TUESDAY	JUNE 27
Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. John Streiff
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 28
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Billy Gianelloni
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Joseph Stewart
THURSDAY	JUNE 29
Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19	
6:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Juanita Ruiz
FRIDAY	JUNE 30
Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4	
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention for TCH
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Leonard Tarrant
SATURDAY	JULY 1
Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17	
8:15 a.m.	The Jordan Family The Pitalo Family
4:00 p.m.	Congregation
SUNDAY	JULY 2
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matt 10:37-42	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Jerica Cooper
9:00 a.m.	Int. Mr. Noah Padula
11:30 a.m.	Mr. A.O. “Herman” Soares
5:30 p.m.	Int. St. Alphonsus Parishioners



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, Mrs. McKinney, 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,285.17
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,065.00
 Diocesan Priest Supplemental Collection.....\$2,489.46
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Adoration

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

“Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but he has revealed to his servants that those who visit him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace.”

Alphonsus Liguori had an excellent upbringing and a brilliant legal career before he was moved to seek ordination. He became a popular preacher in Naples. Yet he eventually felt called to minister in the nearby countryside, then impoverished both materially and spiritually. Drawing like-minded men to his mission, he founded the order of Redemptorists.

He became a distinguished moral theologian. His teaching was founded on the great goodness of God, to whom man should freely respond in gratitude. To this end, he advocated frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament. He wrote a little book, *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament*, with content for a month’s worth of daily visits. And he is the author of the Spiritual Communion prayer that begins, “My Jesus, I believe you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.” Alphonsus died in 1787 and was canonized in 1839.

Good Jesus, may all our choices be governed by a grateful recognition of your goodness, manifested so powerfully in the Blessed Sacrament.

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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 stalphonusus.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!



Have you seen the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store?

It’s full of many wonderful bargains. To add to those bargains, on Monday, July 3rd, all furniture and clothing will be 1/2 off. DVD’s and discs will be 4/\$1.00. Your shopping with them helps to help others who are in need. The store will be closed Tuesday July 4th.



Our Lady of the Gulf is offering a two day seminar on rekindling the joys of marriage and learning to relate to your spouse in a new way on Saturday, July 22nd and Sunday, July 23rd.

This is not your typical marriage seminar! Do you have a good marriage but wonder if it could be better? Do you miss the excitement of when you were dating, but not sure how to get that spark back? Then it’s time for a tune-up! Find out what God says about your marriage and about your spouse. Registration is required. To register, visit trinitywellnesscenterms.com. Meals and refreshments will be provided.

**Altar Society Members for this week
 Darlene, Juliana, Mellie, Ann**

Pray For Vocations



Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharist and the Sacred Heart:
 A Prayer after Communion
 By: John Henry Newman

Most sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus, You are concealed in the Holy Eucharist, and you beat for us still.

Now, as then you say: “With desire I have desired.”

I worship you with all my best love and awe, with fervent affection, with my most subdued, most resolved will.

For a while you take your abode within me.

O make my heart beat with your Heart!

Purify it of all that is earthly, all that is proud and sensual, all that is hard and cruel, of all perversity, of all disorder, of all deadness.

So fill it with you, that neither the events the day, nor the circumstances of the time, may have the power to ruffle it;

But that in your love and your fear, it may have peace.

To hear more about the National Eucharistic Revival log onto eucharisticrevival.org.



Missionaries of Our Mother of the Eucharist (MOME)

(MOME) is a semi-cloistered hermitage which devotes much time to prayer and intercessory activities for our world. The steel building Hermitages that they live in are in need of repairs and are asking for donations. If you would like to help, please send your donation to: Missionaries of OME, 11 Fiat Way, Poplarville, MS 39470. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



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.



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.



If you appreciate the ease of online banking and bill pay, you will be happy to know that you can easily offer a regular tithing with support to the Church through Direct Debit through our bank, Hancock Whitney (forms may be printed off on our website under “Forms and Applications” or by calling the Rectory Office) or by making one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website by clicking the “Online Donation” box. Stop worrying about weekly envelopes – you can turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you would like. Have questions? Call the Rectory Office during regular business hours and we will be happy to help you in any way.

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A Special Parish Prayer Book

is located on the south side of the Vestibule of the Church (front entrance). Anyone desiring prayers for any intention is requested to enter their intention on the Parish Prayer Book and they will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful at all weekend Masses.



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