

The incident of Peter sinking and being saved by Jesus is probably a reference to Peter's failure during the Passion, and his restoration after the resurrection. The writer would have known this, and almost certainly had it in mind when telling this story.

In any case, Peter represents the typical disciple, caught between faith and doubt. Jesus' rebuke, 'Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?' is directed at us, who often start out courageously only to lose heart when faced with a crisis.

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



Tuesday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Vigil Mass will be Monday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. Masses on Tuesday will be at 6:30 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. (school children will attend), 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Tuesday, August 15th in observance of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Evening of Intercession - Intercessory prayer is a powerful way to support others spiritually. This can be done in a general way — as when we pray for the faithful departed, the poor or victims of a natural disaster, the turmoil of our country — or specifically by praying for our families, our friends, our schools or a particular person by name. We may not be in a position to help others in a particular way every time a need is expressed, but we are always given the opportunity to pray for them. Jesus wants and desires your prayers, He longs for you to ask and to seek Him in prayer. In Matthew 7:7-8, scripture reads, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Please come and join us on this journey of faith and prayer Wednesday, August 16th 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)



Save the Date: Faith Formation Registration for K-5th Grade, Edge, Lifeteen, & Confirmation will be held **August 20th – August 31st.** Please watch the bulletin for more information.



St. Alphonsus Parish and School are grateful and blessed to have your generous support of our Capital Campaign here at St. Alphonsus. The school roof is

nearing completion and we are currently waiting on bids from contractors to begin the Church renovations. Please continue to watch the bulletin for updates.

Statements for July have been emailed or mailed to all who have made a pledge to our Capital Campaign. If you did 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@ostalphonsus.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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Rosie Salazar, mother of Christina (Robert) Malloch of this parish, who passed away August 3rd in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 14
Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Ann Wnukowski
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Hannah Smith
1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16;16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28	
6:00 p.m.	Int. Doctors, Nurses, EMT's, Police
TUESDAY	AUGUST 15
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Noah Padula
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Dorothy Gates Collins
6:00 p.m.	Mr. Steve Sema
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 16
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20	
6:30 a.m.	Harold and Jocelyn Mayfield
8:15 a.m.	Freddie and Vera Lusk, Sr.
THURSDAY	AUGUST 17
Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21—19:1	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Julia Mejia
FRIDAY	AUGUST 18
Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Hospitalized & Infirm
SATURDAY	AUGUST 19
Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Mike Santa Cruz
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ken Reiling
SUNDAY	AUGUST 20
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Catholic Education & Schools
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Roger Parker
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Leonard Tarrant
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: 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, Marshall Car, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Ida Jean Ellis, Nija Fountain, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Charlie Goff, Sandra Grantham, Trent Hartzog, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Iva Misko, Edward Necaise, 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, Renee McVeay Spicer, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Hannah & Logan Short on their Anniversary



Eucharistic Adoration is the secret to knowing the love of Jesus Christ. "One cannot know the Lord without being in the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence. I believe, if I am not mistaken, that this prayer of adoration is the least known among us; it is the one we engage in the least. To

waste time- if I might say it -before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ. To adore, there in silence, in the silence of adoration. He is the Lord, and I adore Him." --Pope Francis

Consider spending one hour of your week in front of the Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There, in the silence, you will find peace and joy that only He can provide.

If you are signed up on the website for an adoration hour and are not going anymore, please return to adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for us to keep Him company! If you are absolutely unable to fulfill your commitment, please remove yourself from the schedule.

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!



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Thursday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



Are you Searching for a Relationship with God? Do you just simply want to know more about the Catholic way of life? Are you interested in becoming a Catholic Christian? Were you baptized Catholic but are not in full communion with the Church through First Eucharist and Confirmation? Do you want to convert to Catholicism from another church? If you answered YES to any of these questions, then St. Alphonsus Catholic Church invites you to join our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. **Classes for RCIA will meet on Thursday's from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. beginning in September in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Room.** For additional information, contact Deacon Jim Gunkel at 228-218-2160.



Are you looking for an opportunity to share your love for an hour or two during the week? St. Alphonsus School would love your help! They have started a program called **Hourly Angels** to help serve the Little Saints in our school. If you would like to help feed and/or comfort a toddler as they fall asleep, they could use your help. If you feel led to be of service, please contact Christina Malloch at 228-282-0607.



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend for the Catholic Extension Society. Envelopes are available at the Church exits.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$12,657.76
 Poor Collection.....\$ 4,777.19
 Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 7,665.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Eucharistic Revival

When did Jesus stop being enough?

In big and little ways—if we are honest—we can all relate to this question. I remember years ago when I first sensed the call to religious life. I struggled because, deep in my heart, I didn't believe Jesus' love was enough for me. It was only when I chose to surrender to his merciful love that I began to experience how his love—indeed, how Jesus himself—is infinitely more than enough for me. This coming week—before Sunday Mass, in the quiet of an adoration chapel, before the tabernacle, or even in the privacy of your room—you can join me in making a spiritual examen, asking Jesus these questions:

- Jesus, where in my heart do I still doubt that you are enough?
- What part of me believes I am unworthy of you?
- How do I believe the lie that other people or pleasure or possessions or power will fill my heart, when the truth is that only you can?

After you've sat for a little while in prayer with these questions, ask Jesus to show you how: "he alone nourishes our soul; he alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; he alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; he alone gives us the strength to love and, he alone gives us the strength to forgive in difficulties; he alone gives that peace to the heart that it is searching for; he alone gives eternal life when life here on earth ends."* He alone is enough. Wait in the silence—he will answer, even if ever so softly.

*Quote taken from Pope Francis, *Angelus*, August 8, 2021.

~Sister Alicia Torres, Managing Editor Heart of the Revival Newsletter

For more information on the National Eucharistic Revival log on @ eucharisticrevival.org.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. August 19th). The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



Please Join Us: You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, August 19th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



An anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, August 19th at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi is hiring an Executive Assistant for the Offices of Mission Advancement, Lay Personnel, Evangelization, and the Catholic Foundation in the mission to form Intentional

Disciples of Jesus. The position requires the flawless execution of complex administrative tasks. For a complete job description and/or application, visit www.biloxidiocese.org/admin-assistant or scan the QR code.



Pray For Vocations