

Jesus rejects the inadequate ways in which others understand his role, and demands that his disciples speak for themselves. Peter replies with what no doubt was a solemn confessional formula of Matthew’s Church. Then Jesus reciprocates by conferring a new title on Peter. He will be the foundation-stone of the new people of God.

The story shows that the primacy of Peter was not something that was invented by the Church later on. It went right back to the beginning, yes, to the mind and will of Jesus himself. The failures of popes throughout history do not contradict Jesus’ promise that the gates of hell would not prevail against the Church. Peter himself failed the Lord. In giving authority to the man who denied him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness. The Church’s true foundation is Christ himself. The pope is his servant, not his substitute.

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



Faith Formation Registration for K-5th Grade, Edge, Lifeteen, & Confirmation will be held this Sunday (August 27). A table will be set up after all Masses for your convenience or you may print the registration form off the parish website. For more information, contact Jane Sema (K-5) at jsema@osstalphonesus.org or Will Haislmaier (Edge, Lifeteen, and Confirmation) at whaislmaier@osstalphonesus.org.



All are invited to join in the recitation of the most holy Rosary after the 8:15 a.m. Mass every Monday. Please meet in front of Our Lady’s statue, on the right hand side of the altar, for the rosary recitation.



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.



Interested in supporting the Youth Ministry? If you are, we invite you to join the Youth Ministry team on Thursday, August 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the KC Hall. Food and drinks will be provided and you will have a chance to meet those who help reach out to our youth. This is a great opportunity for all who are interested in helping in any way. For more information, please email Will Haislmaier at whaislmaier@osstalphonesus.org.



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.

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@osstalphonesus.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.

Pray For Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 28
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Santo Padula, II
TUESDAY	AUGUST 29
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Mark 6:17-29	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ronnie Morano, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Anthony Wilson
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 30
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Cynthia Peneguy
8:15 a.m.	Int. Bill and Melissa Bennetts
THURSDAY	AUGUST 31
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Bryan Moe
8:15 a.m.	Rudy and Ruth Ann Geisaka
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 1
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13	
6:30 a.m.	Rev. John Ugochucu
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Mangin
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 2
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Robert Sema
4:00 p.m.	Mr. André Kaufman
	Albert and Eunice Misko, Sr.
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 3
Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27	
7:30 a.m.	Special Intention
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Patrick Wagner
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Billy Cruthirds
	Int. Ms. Mary Cruthirds
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, Josh Hamilton, 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 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, 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 Fr. Mike Snyder on his Birthday



Eucharistic Adoration
The Living Bread by Thomas Merton

To strengthen our position and to sink our roots deeper into the charity of Christ, it is necessary that we seek opportunities to adore Christ in this Blessed Sacrament and to give testimony to our faith outside the time of Mass. Therefore we visit our churches in order to pray to him in silence and alone. We go to benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We make Holy Hours, or we spend time in Adoration, by day or by night, before the sacramental Christ enthroned upon the altar. All these contacts deepen our awareness of the great mystery that is the very heart of the Church and open our souls to the influence of the Son of God “who gives life to whom he will” (John 5:21). 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 stalphonesus.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!



Men, could God be calling you to the diaconate? If so, the Biloxi Diocese plans to begin a new Formation Class for the diaconate in the Fall of 2024.

Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted from 8:30 – 12 Noon on the following days: September 23rd at St. Thomas Parish, Long Beach; September 30th at St. Thomas Parish, Hattiesburg; and October 14th at St. Mary Parish, Gautier. For interested men who think you may have a calling, attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory with your wife. Please see your pastor, or call Deacon Calvin Authement (601) 520-0906 or Deacon Mike Harris (228)-342-1536.



Opus Sanctorum Angelorum participants will meet in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 1st. If you missed the first meeting, there is still time to join this interesting study on Consecration to Our Guardian Angels.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Mark Hare, cousin of Glenn (Shannon) Williams of this parish, who passed away August 16th.

J.R. Comer, brother-in-law of Gregory Brou and Valerie Brou of this parish, who passed away August 18th in Jacksonville, Florida.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$12,847.29
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 2,160.00
Extension Society Collection.....	\$ 1,198.25

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Dear Friends,
Summer is on the official wind-down, and so is the Liturgical Year.

During these last weeks of the liturgical year, I often think about the people who come to me sharing their struggle to believe in God’s love for them. Whether these doubts stem from personal sin, brokenness, or both, they become a barrier to the hope of sharing eternal joy with God forever in heaven. What makes it possible to believe in this unconditional love of God, regardless of our fear and failures? The loving gaze of Jesus.

During Mass or in the quiet presence of the Blessed Sacrament, God is truly present, and I *know* his love is for me and for you. Friends, the more time we spend in the presence of the Eucharist, the more that “knowing” moves from the head to the heart. The “longest journey” (from the head to the heart) is expedited by something profound and totally free: the merciful love of Jesus! The only “cost” is a humble, contrite heart.

Won’t you join me during these final weeks of Ordinary Time and let the loving gaze of Jesus fall upon the part of your heart in most need of mercy or healing? Make an act of contrition, go to confession—be set free! Through his Paschal Mystery, Jesus has completely conquered sin and death. He is literally thirsting to give you and me the fullness of life in the Kingdom of Heaven—which begins in this life through our communion with just say yes!

In Jesus,
Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.
Managing Editor of The Heart of the Revival Newsletter

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



You are invited to join the Walking with Moms in Need meeting on Thursday, August 31st at the Diocese Office.

Respect Life month is celebrated nationally in October – new information and materials will be provided.



St. Vincent DePaul Help Thy Neighbor Raffle

The St. Alphonsus St. Vincent DePaul Conference – made up of 15 St. Al parishioners—is announcing its first semi-annual raffle!

Win the Grand Prize getaway to Navarre Beach, Florida, where you can stay in 2BR/2BA condo (2nd floor) overlooking the pool, just steps away from the beach! Schedule your vacation at your convenience!

Other prizes include: 4 all day passes to Paradise Pier at Margaritaville in Biloxi; a basket from Gulf Hills Package; a watercolor artwork by Barbara Hosey; a \$30 gift card for Woody’s Restaurant in Biloxi; and one family can win the writing of 2 simple wills by Zuber Law Firm!

Tickets are available in the Parish Office (available during regular working hours), the Parish Bookstore or from any St. Vincent DePaul Conference member. Tickets will also be sold after all masses on September 9th & 10th and after masses on later dates, to be announced.

Tickets cost \$20 each or you can buy 3 for \$50.

Winners will be drawn on the evening of Monday, November 6th. You need not be present to win. Once a winning ticket is drawn, it will be held out of additional prize drawings – so buy several tickets to increase your chances of winning!!

The conference mission is to serve the very poor and those in need in our community. It operates completely off donations. Our St. Vincent DePaul conference is running low on funds because of the enormous need we are facing to assist the poor. We hope you can help us continue our mission!