

The divinity of our Lord was made manifest to Saints Peter, James, and John by this event in the life of Christ. As the Scripture scholar Lagrange states, “the transfiguration serves as a sure pledge of Christ’s future glory.” A tradition, dating from the fourth century, identifies the mountain of transfiguration as that of Tabor in Galilee. Saint Leo the Great explains the purpose of this event as the removal of the scandal of the cross from the hearts of the disciples. The transfiguration of Christ, together with the appearance of Moses and Elias, was a confirmation to the Apostles of what Christ had taught them concerning Himself as the Son of God and His relation to the Old Law. In the Church calendar a feast commemorates the transfiguration on August 6th. The transfiguration prefigures the everlasting enthronement of Christ and the beginning of His reign. –The Catholic Encyclopedia



XLT is coming back!! On Thursday, August 10th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. The evening will kick off with a few of our youth expressing why they love spending time with Jesus. To hear our youth speak about their personal experiences in adoration is so joyous. I encourage everyone to come out for support but mostly for an amazing, uplifting night. We will have praise and worship music and confession available during adoration. Please come join us, everyone is welcome.



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.



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.



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.



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 \$1,474,242 pledged of our \$1,500,000 goal! If you are interested in making a pledge or a one-time gift, 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:
 Rev. Msgr. Michael Thornton, July 26, 2023
 Reverend Morgan Kavanagh, August 6, 1998
 Reverend Ivan Weis, August 7, 2007
 Reverend Patrick C. Grant, August 9, 1991
 Reverend John P. Robinson, August 10, 1977
 Rev. Msgr. Francis Farrell, August 12, 2017
 Reverend Paul Gillis, August 14, 1995

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 7
Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Daniel Bratton
TUESDAY	AUGUST 8
Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Gay and Gerald Hopkins
8:15 a.m.	Int. Family of Deacon Finnegan
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 9
Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Matt 15:21-28	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Christina Freeman
THURSDAY	AUGUST 10
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Smith
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Patricia H. Bodet
FRIDAY	AUGUST 11
Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Janet Furr
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Billy Cruthirds
SATURDAY	AUGUST 12
Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20	
8:15 a.m.	The Jordan Family The Pitalo Family
	4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY	AUGUST 13
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Int. Ms. Olivia Karp
11:30 a.m.	Int. Altar Society
5:30 p.m.	Msgr. Michael Thornton



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, Rich Mihal, 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,127.21
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$1,850.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Adoration

Saint Roman Adame Rosales

“Let everything be for God.” Roman Rosales was born in Mexico on February 27, 1859. Ordained a priest in his early thirties, he served in parishes for many years. He had a special devotion to the Mother of God and a great love for the Eucharist, which he strove to cultivate in his people. He established a number of chapels on the ranches in his area, making the Eucharist more accessible. He also established the Daughters of Mary, whose special work was nighttime adoration. But anti-clerical laws were on the rise in Mexico. In 1917, the Church was entirely subjected to the state, and priestly activities were effectively outlawed by 1924. Father Rosales continued his ministry in secret, but was betrayed while conducting a Lenten service. His captor had him tied in the sun by day and left in a dark cell at night for several days without nourishment. Though his friends provided a large sum for his release, the officer in charge took the money and then ordered an execution anyway. Rosales died a martyr-priest on April 21, 1927. He was canonized in the year 2000 by Pope John Paul II. *Almighty Father, through the power of Eucharistic devotion, grant an end to religious persecutions throughout the world.*
 ~Magnificat June 2023 Volume 25, No. 4

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 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!



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)



The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses.

Eucharistic Revival



Our focus on the Eucharist is a consistent reminder of Jesus’s promise to us, as we hear the priest say, “do this in memory of me.” The Eucharistic celebration is an encounter with the Lord that brings us together as one around His table in communion with one another for the purpose of working together until He comes again in glory. Christ offers us the gift of Himself in the Eucharist to share with all those we meet as we live Jesus’s example of humble, selfless lives constantly treating people with kindness and care. Jesus showed us in His earthly journey how to live well our human life. This is exactly what the Eucharist allows us to do – to be truly engaged and curious in our daily living with the power to resist worldly voices that aim to seduce us with temptations that divide us and draw us away from Him. With the Eucharist at the center of our lives, we find the source of revitalized energy to give the gift of our time and ourselves to one another with much-needed patience. This is the path to unity and peace that we crave. When we are fed by the Holy Eucharist and are then sharing the love of Christ in our world, we will witness peace in the presence of chaos, thanks to the real presence of the very Prince of Peace, who offers the gift of His peace for all the world. Catholic doctrine unequivocal instructs us to believe that Christ is truly present – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – in the Eucharist. It is this profound truth that moves us to respond in so many generous ways. We must be willing to leave our comfort zones and open ourselves, our understanding, and devotion to Christ Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist at the center of our lives will open our hearts to God’s transformative, healing love to be shared with all of our brothers and sisters who need us. May each of us recommit ourselves to responding to the call of Christ to us in the Eucharist and to center our lives on his Real Presence. With renewed reverence for the gift of the Eucharist, may God continue to guide us on our path to unity – to be one as a family of faith always in Him. Amen.
 ~Cardinal Gregory July 22, 2023

For more information on the National Eucharistic Revival log on [@ eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org).



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Ocean Springs announces their **Back-to-School Specials** - all of August and September, every day, clothing 1/2 off and their **Labor Day Holiday Sales**, Sept 2nd - Sept 9th, furniture 1/2 off and some select pieces at 75% off.



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Mary Ann Hymel, sister-in-law of Liz and Dick Eckert of this parish, who passed away July 25th in Mandeville, LA. **Michael Mitchell, Jr.**, husband of Virginia Mitchell of this parish, who passed away July 30th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Deacon Jim Gunkel on his Birthday