

The First Reading shows how God remained faithful to his people in spite of their infidelities. God's promises were not nullified by the sins of his people. It was because of their sins that God allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon. But his mercy is seen in their homecoming.

This leads into the Gospel. God's love and mercy are seen in the fact that he sent his Son to save us. Jesus came into the world as a light. Sadly, some preferred darkness to the light, thus sealing their own condemnation. Judgement is not passed by God; people judge themselves by their response to the light.

The reading from Ephesians stresses the enormity of love God has shown us in Christ. It makes it clear that we owe our salvation, not to our own efforts, but to the goodness of God.

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



Our diocese is blessed to have over 40 Permanent Deacons that serve our parishes and families, as well as 15 men in formation for the Permanent Diaconate.

Your gift to the CSA greatly aids in the formation and education of these men in service to the Church. Please consider a gift to this year's appeal in support of our Deacons.

To date 73 pledges (out of 1267 registered families) have been made which total \$36,225. This leaves us a balance of \$36,723 to make our parish goal of \$72,948. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community. Please make checks payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi at 1790 Popp's Ferry Road, Biloxi 39532. You may also donate online at www.biloxidiocese.org/giving.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Wednesday, March 13th after the 8:15 a.m. Mass in the Church. Mass, Adoration, Rosary, and Consecration



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. March 16). 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!



An anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, March 16th 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.

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:

- Reverend Nicholas Walsh, March 5, 1995
- Reverend William J. Vollar, March 2, 2011
- Reverend Gerard M. Cleary, March 9, 2015
- Reverend Msgr. James J. Hannon, March 16, 2008
- Reverend Msgr. Eamon Mullen, March 19, 1992
- Reverend Msgr. Joseph Mercier, March 20, 2023
- Reverend Msgr. Thomas E. Williams, March 25, 1983
- Reverend Msgr. Michael Campbell, March 29, 1987
- Reverend James P. McGlade, March 31, 1980



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Ralph Balius, Sr., husband of Faye Balius and father-in-law of Donna (Eddie) of this parish, who passed away February 28th.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MARCH 11
Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Michael J. Gatschet
TUESDAY	MARCH 12
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Earl Keys
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Carole Bourgeois
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 13
Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Richard Jeffries
THURSDAY	MARCH 14
Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Joseph A. Gatschet
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Joey Jurich
FRIDAY	MARCH 15
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Steven Sema
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Mangin
SATURDAY	MARCH 16
Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Lee Malkowski
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Charles Goff
SUNDAY	MARCH 17
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Bulletin Advertisers
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Roger Parker
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Mike Mitchell, Jr.
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Ralph Balius, Sharon Barthes, Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, Bob Boney, Mercedes Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, William Burch, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Mildred "Tootsie" Caillavet, Benny and Carol Lee Cantin, Marshall Car, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Allene Chatham, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Nija Fountain, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Josh Hamilton, Trent Hartzog, Margaret Hebert, Olivia Hood, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daise Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Iva Misko, Edward Necaie, Donna and Edward Necaie Jr., Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Richard Potash, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Dennis VanAcker, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$17,680.25
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 3,041.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 4,307.00

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Eucharistic Adoration



We are halfway through Lent. How are you doing? Have you kept your Lenten plans? It's ok if you have fallen behind a bit. Every day is a NEW day to begin again! Pick back up and start fresh with a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He is always there waiting for you to visit Him.

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16.

This Lent, come and see how Jesus' merciful gaze can transform your life! Visit stalphonus.weadorehim.com to view the adoration schedule and sign up for an hour.



Adult Study this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room with the EPIC DVD Series *It's a Journey through Church History*.

For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020 or Anne McClellan at 228-327-4040. All are invited to attend.



XLT...Exalt! Spend an hour adoring our Lord. Come join us for praise and worship music along with confession on Thursday, March 14th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church. We moved it up one week from the third Thursday because we have our parish penance service March 21st. Hope you can make both!!



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (no cooking involved) the week of March 18 - 22, 2024.

If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Jamie Lloyd at 713-818-6071. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



Evening of Intercossory Prayer - March is the month of St. Joseph! Let us all please come and join together in interceding and praying for our families. "Let's allow ourselves to be 'infected' by the silence of Saint Joseph! We have much need of it in a world, which is often too noisy, which does not encourage reflection and listening to the voice of God." - Pope Benedict XVI. Our Heavenly Father has given us a model in St. Joseph, with the virtues of humility, obedience, purity and simplicity, please come join us on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church and please bring your rosary, if you do not have one, one is available for you and to take home and pray with. In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." (Philippians.4:6)



St. Alphonsus will be having a training for anyone interested in serving as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or Altar Server on Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 am in the Church.

If you or your children are interested please email the parish (stalparishos@gmail.com) or John McMackin (jmcmack2@gmail.com) so we can ensure we have enough materials.



Join 80,000 other Catholics at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Enjoy this 5 day event full of prayer, conversation, fellowship, and healing with the travel packages below. Only 225 tickets available on a first-come, first-serve basis! CONTACT Paula Spears 228-697-7814 Eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage May 17 - July 16, 2024 The Fire Is Spreading

Throughout the National Eucharistic Revival, local communities are gathering tinder in response to God's invitation for renewal, calling on the Holy Spirit to bring the flame. In keeping with this vision, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way. Then at the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024, all these flames will blaze together.

The St. Juan Diego Route is the Southern route that starts in Brownsville, TX and travels into Mississippi on June 10th with stops at Our Lady of the Gulf, Holy Family Parish (June 11th), St. Thomas the Apostle (June 12th), Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral (June 13th) and St. Alphonsus (June 14th). For more information on this historic journey and how you can sign up to join the pilgrimage, go to eucharisticpilgrimage.org.

"The Pilgrimage will be a powerful, once-in-a-lifetime witness of how Jesus Christ comes close to us and invites all to encounter him in the Eucharist."

~Bishop Andrew Cozzens



Walking With Mom's in Need

Radical Solidarity - to be courageously **pro women**, promoting a choice that truly protects, accompanies, and supports women and their children. For more information, please contact Margaret Miller, Coordinator at 228-217-4742 or mrm82847@yahoo.com.

Lent is a beautiful time to thank God for His goodness and assist mothers and babies in great need - a gift card, diapers, formula are always needed. Feel free to call Margaret Miller or drop off items at the rectory.

WWMIN will be hosting a Diocesan Meeting on Thursday, March 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Diocese. All are Welcome to attend.



The St. Alphonsus Ladies Auxiliary is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on the school playground for the children of the parish following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday (March 31). You are invited to come see the Easter Bunny and bring your Easter baskets!



You are invited to join a Special Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Terri Smith and Fr. Mike Snyder June 3 - 11, 2024. This special Medjugorje Pilgrimage Tour spends one week in the peaceful mountain hamlet where the Virgin Mary has been appearing since June 25, 1981. You will attend Mass, pray the Rosary daily, have the opportunity to climb Apparition Hill where Our Lady first appeared, and to make the Way of the Cross as you ascend Cross Mountain.

Our Lady calls all her Children to Medjugorje and invites them to a closer relationship with Her Son, Jesus, and she exhorts us to Pray for Peace in our hearts, in our homes, and in our communities. How will you answer Our Lady's call? Reserve your place on this special Medjugorje Pilgrimage today by calling 800-715-6670 or online at www.catholicjourneys.com/tour/medjugorje-pilgrimage-tour and scroll down to June 3 departure. \$2,995 per person.



The Catholic Thrift Store of Ocean Springs is permanently closing over the next 60 days. Everything in the store is at 50% off until it is all gone.



Attention St. Alphonsus Graduating High School Seniors: There is a \$1,000 Scholarship available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Brian Sanderson at bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 5, 2024.**