

The First Reading talks about a new covenant between God and his people. This new covenant was brought about through the death of Jesus: "This cup is the new covenant in by blood" (Lk 22:20).

In the Gospel Jesus talks about his imminent death. It shows the very real disquiet with which he approached it. But it also stresses that what was to take place was within the purposes of God. Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat dying in order to yield a harvest, thereby suggesting that his own death will bear much fruit.

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



The Catholic Sharing Appeal touches the lives of many in our diocese, from those seeking to enter the Church to the care of our priests, to the feeding of the hungry and the evangelization of many souls. We cannot do this work without your help. If you have never given a gift to the CSA please consider giving one this year, of any amount. Together we can accomplish so much!

This year's parish goal for St. Alphonsus is \$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 Popps Ferry Road, Biloxi 39532. You may also donate online at www.biloxidiocese.org/giving.

The Altar Society is accepting donations for the decorating of the Church on Easter Sunday. Parishioners may donate the flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Envelopes are in the pews. When complete, envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Rectory. Please print names clearly on the envelope. The deadline for making a donation is Sunday, March 24th.

- Mar 20:** St. Elizabeth Seton, Ocean Springs – Penance Service 5:00 p.m.
- Mar 21:** St. Alphonsus Penance Service – 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 25:** Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi - Penance Service 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 26:** Chrism Mass at Nativity BVM Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.
- Mar 28:** Mass of Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 29** Passion Play by St. Alphonsus School, 3:00 p.m.
Reading of Passion w/Veneration of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence
- Mar 30:** Easter Vigil, Baptism & Profession of Faith, 7:30 p.m.
- Mar 31:** Easter Sunday Masses – 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.



Evening of Intercessory 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)



Parishioner Registration: When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass.

It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MARCH 18
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Adonis Armstrong
TUESDAY	MARCH 19
2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Louis Keys
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Mary Elizabeth Wilson
	Ms. Doris Joan Belson
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 20
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Roland Figueroa
THURSDAY	MARCH 21
Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. William Lobrano
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Dorothy Calderone
FRIDAY	MARCH 22
Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Skylar Hanshaw
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Katherine Hanning
SATURDAY	MARCH 23
Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. A. Gregory Mansfield
	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
4:00 p.m.	
SUNDAY	MARCH 24
Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Mark Toups
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Leonard Tarrant
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Christine Chandler



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: 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, 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, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Iva Misko, Edward Necaie, Donna and Edward Necaie Jr., Terese 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, Beth Seely, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,660.11
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,891.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection.....	\$1,294.81

Eucharistic Adoration



"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference. And this happens although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive therefore to praise him to the greatest extent of our powers." ~St. Maximilian Kolbe

If you haven't made it to the chapel this Lent, you still have time! Drop in before work, on your lunch break or for a few minutes on your way home from work. Jesus would love to see you, just as you are.

Visit stalphonsus.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.



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) this coming week (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.



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.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus Council 5654 will offer Fish Dinners on Good Friday (March 29) from 3:00 - 7:30 p.m. The Hall will be open for dine-in from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Plates will be \$12.00 each and will include fried fish, potato salad, hush puppies, green beans and dessert.



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!



JOIN THE MOVEMENT: Cardinal Burke is calling all Catholics to PRAYER, advocating a nine month Novena during this difficult time in salvation history. He urges us to seek the intercession of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE for maternal care and protection.

See novena.cardinalburke.com for all the informative details. The daily novena prayer can be downloaded in several languages including English and Spanish. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us!



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sybil Burchinal, a longtime parishioner of this parish, who passed away March 11th.

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



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



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



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.



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.



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@cardinalgrouplc.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 5, 2024.**