


**In the First Reading Peter shows great courage when he confronts the people with their part in the death of Jesus.** However, he goes on to excuse them on the grounds that they acted in ignorance. In this he may have been inspired by the dying prayer of Jesus: ‘Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.’ He urges them to repent, assuring them, that if they do, their sins will be forgiven.


In the Gospel Luke’s primary interest is to show that the risen Jesus is the same person the apostles had known prior to the crucifixion. He emphasizes the reality of Jesus’ bodily resurrection, but makes it clear that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death.

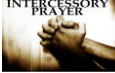
It was only by combining various passages from the prophets that the early Christians came to accept the idea that a suffering Messiah was part of God’s plan of salvation. So Luke has the risen Lord showing the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and so enter into his glory. Jesus also gives them a mission – the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins.


In the Second Reading John says that authentic love is provided by obedience to the commandments. Anticipating that the Christian will sin, he reminds us that we have in Jesus an advocate who will plead our cause. One theme occurs in all three readings: forgiveness is available to those who repent and believe in Jesus as their Savior. This has great relevance for us. A lot of ugly crimes are committed today, not all of which can be put down to ignorance. But if there is forgiveness for those who killed Jesus, then surely there is forgiveness for those who do these things. The task of preachers of the word is to assure people that God’s forgiveness is available to them, thus enabling them to make a fresh start.


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

 **PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the ROSARY every weekday, Monday through Friday, after the 8:15 AM mass. There is a lot of disorder and chaos, not only in the world, but in our own surroundings and personal lives! Please, we need your participation and prayers! Everyone is welcome!

 **An Altar Society Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room.

 **Evening of Intercessory Prayer** - Let us all please come and join together in prayer. April is the month of the Blessed Sacrament. God needs your prayers and intercessions! It’s easy to believe in Jesus, for insufficient reasons which only result in superficial faith. Some believe simply because that’s what they were taught when they were young. Some believe because it makes them feel better to believe. Some believe because they don’t know of anything better to believe. But then there are those who believe for the right reason. We are called to be witnesses for Christ, it is our duty! When you grow in an authentic knowledge of the faith revealed by our Lord, you must also share it with others. Real faith must be shared! Please come and participate with us on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Church and please bring your rosary, if you do not have one, one is available for you to keep. “In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God. (Philippians.4:6)


 **A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend** (April 20/21) for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.

 **XLT...Exalt!** Spend an hour adoring our Lord. Come join us for praise and worship music along with confession on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church.

 **The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of the Unborn**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 15</b>
Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Joseph “Joey” Jurich
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 16</b>
Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Sybil Burchinal
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Lee Malkowski
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 17</b>
Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Phil and Judy Williams
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 18</b>
Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Delma Joseph Meaux, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Sandro and Lois Ravera
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 19</b>
Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59	
6:30 a.m.	Deceased Priest in Biloxi Diocese
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Benito Quesada
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 20</b>
Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Anthony Goretski
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ernest Talbott, Jr.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 21</b>
Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Leo Noble
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Vara Lyons
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Linda Smith

 **Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** 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., 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 Sigumjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Easter Sunday Collection.....	\$11,945.84
Monthly/Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 8,522.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 5,064.35



### Holy Mass AND Eucharistic Adoration

“But the Eucharist is such a profound mystery that we need to spend time in adoration to receive all this mystery has for us, especially to open our hearts and minds to Jesus Christ and learn to respond to him fully with our hearts. Adoration opens the heart and mind to receive and respond to the gift of the Mass by allowing our hearts to receive the graces of the previous one and increasing our receptivity for the next one.”

-Bishop Andrew Cozzens

Visit [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com) to view the adoration schedule and sign up for an hour.



To date 121 pledges (out of 1267 registered families) have been made which total \$62,763. This leaves us a balance of \$10,185 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](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/giving).



**Adult Study this Sunday** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room with the EPIC DVD Series *The History of the Catholic Church*.

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



**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. April 20).** 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, April 20<sup>th</sup> 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 next Men’s Cursillo, #295,** will take place beginning the evening of Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and will conclude the evening of Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The location will be the Cursillo Retreat Center at Sacred Heart - Dedeaux. If interested in experiencing Cursillo, please contact Skip Carroll (228-547-6562, or [skipcar52@gmail.com](mailto:skipcar52@gmail.com)).



**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](mailto:bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com) to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 5, 2024.**



In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

**Have you considered answering the call to “help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life: by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?”**



**Fr. Hyde is one of 56 priests sent out across the country to speak about the Eucharist during the National Eucharistic Revival.** Fr. Hyde is a dynamic speaker and has personally helped instill love of the Eucharist in hundreds of students and fostered vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and marriage.

You are invited to come listen to Fr. Hyde speak at the following events:

Wednesday, April 24:

5:30 pm – Dinner & Talk here at St. Alphonsus, Parish Hall

Thursday, April 25:

9:45 a.m. - Mass at St. Patrick Catholic High School

6:00 p.m. - Holy Hour for Vocations at Nativity BVM Cathedral

7:00 p.m. - "The Good News and Brews" Talk at

Altered Reality Brewing, 969 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530

Friday, April 26:

9:00 a.m. - Talk at Resurrection Catholic High School

7:00 p.m. - Mass at Holy Family Parish in Pass Christian



### 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 10<sup>th</sup> with stops at Our Lady of the Gulf, Holy Family Parish (June 11<sup>th</sup>), St. Thomas the Apostle (June 12<sup>th</sup>), Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral (June 13<sup>th</sup>) and St. Alphonsus (June 14<sup>th</sup>). For more information on this historic journey and how you can sign up to join the pilgrimage, go to [eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://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



**Tony and Chris of Casting Nets Ministries** would like to thank Fr. Mike and the people of St. Alphonsus for inviting us in for the mission. It was an honor to speak with you about the important work of the New Evangelization. We will continue to pray for you and ask for your prayers as we continue our apostolate. Please stay in contact with us at [www.CastingNetsMinistries.com](http://www.CastingNetsMinistries.com).



**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](http://www.catholicjourneys.com/tour/medjugorje-pilgrimage-tour) and scroll down to June 3 departure. \$2,995 per person.



**There seems to be enough of a demand for Eucharistic Revival T-shirts** that the deadline has been extended through April 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be the final order – please call the office if you are interested in purchasing one.