


From the earliest days the apostles' encountered hostility from the Jewish leaders just as Jesus himself had. Even so, the First Reading shows Peter fearlessly proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus. He asserts that the stone they rejected (Jesus) has become the cornerstone of a new building. The risen Jesus is the one and only Savior.

The Gospel presents Jesus as the good shepherd who know his sheep intimately and is known by them. Unlike the hireling, he is willing to die to protect his sheep.

In the Second Reading John talks about the wonderful love God has shown for us by making us his children. Our future state will be like that of the glorified Jesus. This reading invites us to rejoice in our status as God's adopted children.

If there is a theme in all three readings perhaps it is this: the great love God has shown us in what he has done for us in Jesus, the Good Shepherd and our one and only Savior.

--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!



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



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



St. Alphonsus Catholic School is heading south this spring! Join us for our Spring Soiree "Havana Nights" fundraiser on Friday, May 3rd, from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. at the Walter Anderson

Museum of Art. Silent auction items range from trips, spa days, tickets and more. And don't miss our split-the-pot raffle. Last year's winner took home \$15,000. Visit www.stalspto.com to buy tickets. Sponsorship opportunities still available.

Email pto@stal.org or text 228-217-6349 with any questions.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Oberia Hawkins, a longtime parishioner of this parish, who passed away April 7th.

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



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor Of the St Alphonsus Altar Society

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	APRIL 22
Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Adonis Armstrong
TUESDAY	APRIL 23
Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Louis Keys
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Billy Cruthirds
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 24
Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dan Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder Mr. Neil Gryder
THURSDAY	APRIL 25
1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. William Loblano
8:15 a.m.	Dr. Joseph Mitchell
FRIDAY	APRIL 26
Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Katherine Hanning
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
SATURDAY	APRIL 27
Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jimmy Wetzel
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ralph Balius, Sr.
SUNDAY	APRIL 28
Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8	
7:30 a.m.	Deceased Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
9:00 a.m.	Int. Robert and Jane Sema
11:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Skylar Hanshew
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, Bob Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, 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, Sawyer Kuljis, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Iva Misko, Edward Necaize, Donna and Edward Necaize 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, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Easter Sunday Collection.....\$12,045.50
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,421.00



Come To Jesus As You Are

How wonderful it is to be who we are, without masks, without fears, compromises, without lies....let's learn to open our heart to Jesus, even if sometimes we feel tired and wounded, to free ourselves from the weight of our sin through the only medicine able to heal the deepest wounds of our lives: the Eucharist.
~Mother Elvira Petrozzi

Visit stalphonsus.weadorehim.com to view the adoration schedule and sign up for an hour.



To date 126 pledges (out of 1267 registered families) have been made which total \$64,258. This leaves us a balance of \$8,690 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 Poppys Ferry Road, Biloxi 39532. You may also donate online at 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.



The next Men's Cursillo, #295, will take place beginning the evening of Thursday, April 25th, and will conclude the evening of Sunday, April 28th. 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).



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



Mercy Runs on Love invites you to embark on a journey of wellness and spiritual growth with a 33-day Eucharistic Consecration Challenge from April 29th – June 2nd. Over the course of 33 days, immerse yourself in a holistic challenge that nurtures your body, mind, and soul while consecrating yourself to the Eucharist.

You are invited to join them on this transformative path, culminating in the Feast of Corpus Christi, as we deepen our connection with the source of mercy and love, the Eucharistic presence of Christ.

For more information or to register, go to www.mercyrunsonlove.com.



St. Elizabeth Seton, Ocean Springs invites you to join them for this year's Vacation Bible School which will be held June 10th – 14th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon in Fannon Hall. The theme is: SCUBA.

For more information, please contact St. Elizabeth Seton at 875-0654.



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.



Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us. **We take this time to pause and thank our fellow parishioners for your support to the less fortunate in our community.** In any given month, through your gifts and support, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings the love and care of Jesus to those in need by assisting approximately 44 families, providing \$500 in food, \$2,956 in rental assistance and \$267 for utility bills. In addition we provided various sundry items such as temporary housing for transient families seeking shelter for a few nights.



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



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



Exciting News regarding the Eucharistic Congress scheduled for July 17 - July 21, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN. Our Biloxi Diocese can now offer packages to people who are interested in providing

their own transportation to the event. The special package includes tickets for the event and hotel rooms. For those interested, the prices are \$975 for double occupancy/per person and \$845 for 3 or 4 persons in a room/per person. That is the good news! The bad news, we only have 50 tickets remaining. So if you are interested in attending this historic event, please contact the parish office or use the link provided National Eucharistic Congress 2024 Tour / Cara Group Travel to book directly and choose option 2. You may also call Paula at (228) 697-7814. This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. We are expecting tens of thousands of pilgrims—but space is limited. Jesus Christ will be there. Will you?