

Luke has the giving of the Spirit happening on the feast of Pentecost. Jewish tradition saw Pentecost as the feast of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. According to a legend a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. In a further refinement, the fire split into seventy tongues of fire corresponding to the seventy nations of the world: the law was proclaimed, not only to Israel, but to all humankind. Luke exploits this tradition. He, too, has the mighty wind and tongues of fire coming upon the group of disciples. But for Luke the universal proclamation was not that of the Law, but of the Good News, a proclamation that has undone the sentence of Babel and re-united the scattered nations. In his Gospel John has the giving of the Spirit happening on Easter Day. However, we must avoid any impression of a two-fold initial solemn bestowal of the Spirit. Luke and John are saying the same thing: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit, and inaugurates the mission of the Church. That they differ in their dating is due to theological concerns. --New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB

To date 143 pledges (out of 1267 registered families) have been made which total \$69,848. **This leaves us a balance of \$3,100 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.

Congratulations Deacon Jim Gunkel and Deacon Jesus Arellano on your eighth year anniversary (May 21) as Permanent Deacons. Thank you for your service to St. Alphonsus.

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 (May 20th - 24th, 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 Intercessory Prayer - Let us all please come and join together in prayer. May is the month of Mary. Our Blessed Mother needs your prayers and intercessions now more than ever! Because Jesus chooses to come to us through Mary, we also return to Him through her. We are assured that going to Jesus through Mary is the most perfect and secure way of obtaining union with our Lord; she is the sure means, the perfect guide and immaculate way to Jesus, it is through her that souls who are to shine forth in sanctity must find him. Being a witness to Mary for Jesus 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, May 22nd 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)

PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the ROSARY every weekday, Monday through Saturday, 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!

The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of the First Communicants

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 20
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Lee Malkowski
TUESDAY	MAY 21
James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim Gunkel Int. Deacon Jesus Arellano
WEDNESDAY	MAY 22
James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. James Cole
THURSDAY	MAY 23
James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Earl Keys
8:15 a.m.	Freddie and Vera Lusk
FRIDAY	MAY 24
James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Sybil Burchinal
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Bryan Moe
SATURDAY	MAY 25
James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Amparo Salinas
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
SUNDAY	MAY 26
Deut. 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
9:00 a.m.	Int. Mark & Ashley McLean Family Congregation
11:30 a.m.	
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Dennis Van Acker

Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, Bob Boney, 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 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, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$11,257.00
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 2,511.00
Catholic Communication Collection.....	\$ 1,143.00



Jesus' Eucharistic Love

Jesus instituted the Eucharist to be loved by you. He wants to possess your heart. He wants to be the principle of your life. Everyone knows that love makes a person do "crazy" things. Love is universal, and we have all done crazy things for love. You are his beloved. What more could he give than to create a way to be consumed by you and live in you? Divine love does crazy things. Today, ask our Eucharistic Lord to take possession of your heart and your life. Invite him to be the principle of your life. Let him know that you are grateful that he came to save you. ~Fr. Donald Calloway, 30 Day Eucharistic Revival

Come and experience Jesus' love for you, any day or hour of the week. He is ready to pour out his love and mercy to anyone who seeks him! Visit stalphonsus.weadorehim.com to view the adoration schedule and sign up for an hour.



Walking With Moms In Need Ministry (WWMIN) is hosting a Baby Shower the entire month of May. To continue the success of the ministry, they are asking for donations of diapers (all sizes), formula, baby toiletries, bottles, blankets, etc. and new and/or gently used infant/toddler clothes and baby necessities (car seats, high chairs, etc.) Donation boxes will be located at all entrances to the church. For questions or comments, contact Mary @228-348-6092 or Donna @228-218-1799.



Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

So far this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the love of God to the poor by assisting 7 families, providing \$3,900.79 for utility and rent, etc. Thank You!



Looking to deepen your faith? Discipleship Quads are groups of either 4 men or 4 women who journey together as disciples with weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning.

For more information or if you would like to sign up for a Quad, contact Christy Geissinger at (228) 219-6189.



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



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, May 26th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$8.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice. Come and enjoy the great food and fellowship.



Bishop Louis Kihneman administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on May 5th. We congratulate these individuals who received this Sacrament and pray that they will continue to grow in their Catholic Faith in the years ahead. They are: George Alverdin Jr., Ariadna Barajas, Bree Brown, Carlos Cano, Ava Dellenger, Katie Dyess, Reese Dyess, Drew Elliott, Olivia Flinchum, Angelica Foster, Abby Futch, Matthew Gazzo, Natalie Gordon, Mary Hodges, William Karcher, Jennifer Lopez, Maison Lott, Andrew Lowery, Stephen Maddox, Colin McPhearson, Rowan McPhearson, Brianna Rinza, Ashlynn Seymour, Sophie Ross, Kendra Straub, Aidan Tapp, Kaiden Wade, Ryan Webber and Emma Williams.



The Gulf Pine Catholic will publish the names of high school and college graduates in the June 7th issue of the Gulf Pine Catholic. We do not want to miss anybody - so please call the church office (875-5419) or email us (stalparishos@gmail.com) and give the name and school your child will be graduating from. The deadline to submit is Thursday, May 23rd.



Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession - Sunday, June 2nd at 3:30 p.m. Please plan to walk with us through Ocean Springs as we Praise and Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Bring your Rosary!



June 4: Cinemark in Gulfport: 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Grand in D'Iberville: 7:00 p.m.

June 5: Cinemark in Gulfport: 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Grand in D'Iberville: 7:00 p.m.

For more information about the movie, go to: jesusthirstsfilm.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 to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 5, 2024.**



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.



Catholic Charities of South Mississippi Grieving and Growing Series June 17-21 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one? Catholic Charities invites you to join their 5-part series presented by therapist Brooke Peleaz, "Grieving and Growing". This series is designed to guide you through the journey of grief and facilitate personal growth. The workshop is open to individuals ages 55 and up. In this series, you will: Connect with others who understand your pain; Learn healthy coping strategies; Explore the spiritual dimensions of grief; Gain tools to navigate the grieving process. This series offers a safe and nurturing environment to process your emotions, find comfort, and embark on a path towards growth and acceptance. For more information or to register call 228-219-5595 or email Meleuterius@biloxidiocese.org.

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