

**The first Christian community had been exclusively Jewish.** Now comes a turning point – the reception of the first Gentiles. Cornelius was the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism. The reading from Acts tells of his baptism, and shows that God’s salvation is offered to all.

In the Gospel Jesus talks about the love that binds him to the Father, and the love that should bind the disciples to him and to one another. Jesus’ love is modelled on that of the Father. The disciples should model themselves on the Son: as he has observed the Father’s commandments, so they should observe his. Obedience arises out of love, and obedience is love. Now he is going to give them the supreme proof of his love – giving his life for them. He has chosen them and sent them into the world to bear fruit – the fruit of love.

In the Second Reading John says that Christians must love one another because love comes from God. Love is of God’s essence. God has shown his love for us by sending his Son into the world so that we might have life through him. Loving is the only way we can really know God and share in God’s life.

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



To date 132 pledges (out of 1267 registered families) have been made which total \$67,293. **This leaves us a balance of \$5,655 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).



**Congratulations Fr. Kennedy on your tenth year anniversary (May 10) to the Priesthood. Thank you for your service to St. Alphonsus.**



**PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



**A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (May 11/12) for the Catholic Communication Campaign.** This campaign helps the Church spread the

Gospel message in the U.S. and in developing countries using modern media tools to inform, inspire, and enlighten. 50% of the collection stays in the Diocese and helps to fund the Gulf Pine Catholic and the Communications Office. Envelopes are available at the church exits.



**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 May 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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 St. Alphonsus Confirmandi**

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 6</b>
Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Madeline West
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 7</b>
Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Billy Gianelloni
8:15 a.m.	Int. Hank and Marci Kost
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 8</b>
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Andy Harmon
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MAY 9</b>
Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Barbara M. Runyon
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Cecil Creel
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 10</b>
Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Myrtle Keys
8:15 a.m.	Int. Father Kennedy
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 11</b>
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Rita Allen
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 12</b>
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Anita Grace White
9:00 a.m.	Int. Louis and Irma Stiglet
11:30 a.m.	Mrs. Vara Lyons
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



**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 Sarp, 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.....\$10,253.47  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,286.00



### God’s Eternal Love

There is a truth on which we must meditate all our lives and it is this: God has loved us from all eternity. We have always existed in the good God’s love, we have always been present in the thoughts of the Holy Trinity: the Father thought of his creature, the Son of those whom he would redeem, the Holy Spirit of those whom he would sanctify. God has always loved me! ~St. Peter Julian Eymard

“The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host” ~Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

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](http://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 *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.



**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 22<sup>nd</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)



**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.



**St. Elizabeth Seton, Ocean Springs invites you to join them for this year’s Vacation Bible School** which will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



**In the Gospel today,** Jesus says, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment.



**The Bookstore and Gift Shop** is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses.



**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.



**The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast** on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Adoration, Rosary, and Consecration This is the 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.



### 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



**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.



**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.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Father Pat O’Shaughnessy,** a retired priest in the Biloxi Diocese, who passed away April 15<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.