

**The First Reading talks about the sumptuous banquet that Wisdom offers its devotees.** It suggests the great blessings that would coincide with the coming of the Messiah. But Christians will see it as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist, and of the heavenly banquet which the Eucharist anticipates. Thus it prepares us to hear the Gospel.

In the Gospel the theme is exclusively eucharistic. The language shifts to eating and drinking, to flesh and blood. 'Flesh and blood' is a Hebrew idiom for the whole person.

In a poetic way John has laid out the basic elements that makes the Christian Eucharistic Celebration nourishing. In the Service of the Word we are fed with divine revelation; in the Service of the Sacrament we are fed with the flesh and blood of Christ.

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

**Registration for children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation classes will be August 17<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Forms will be available at all entrances of the church and at osstalphonusus.org website under Faith Formation, Forms, Faith Formation registration. For any questions, please contact Janie Sema @ 228-217-1392 or [jsema@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org).

We look forward to meeting our new students and seeing our returning students on September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 a.m.

**Anyone interested in receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and first Holy Communion must register for Elementary Faith Formation during August 17<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>.** Forms will be available at all entrances of the church and at osstalphonusus.org website under Faith Formation, Forms, Faith Formation registration and First Communion Registration.

Classes will begin September 8<sup>th</sup> in the school from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. We look forward to seeing you in September!



**Evening of Intercessory Prayer** - August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There is a lot of suffering in the world today but it has also been redeemed and endowed with a spiritual power by God as a result of the suffering of Christ. Are you aware of the power of your suffering when you freely unite it to the suffering of Christ and for the love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary? Please come and participate with us in prayer on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus Church and please bring your rosary, if you do not have one, one is available for you. "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." (Philippians 4:6)



**St. Alphonsus Elementary School** is in need of extended care workers (hours are Monday-Friday 3:20-5:30 p.m.) and an additional PK1 Assistant Teacher.

If interested, email Mrs. Hartzog at [chartzog@stal.org](mailto:chartzog@stal.org) or you may call the school at 875-5329 for more information.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

- Reverend George R. Kitchen, July 5, 2024
- Reverend Morgan Kavanagh, August 6, 1998
- Reverend Ivan Weis, August 7, 2007
- Reverend Patrick C. Grant, August 9, 1991
- Reverend John P. Robinson, August 10, 1977
- Rev. Msgr. Francis Farrell, August 12, 2017
- Rev. Msgr. James McGough, August 12, 2024
- Reverend Paul Gillis, August 14, 1995



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of St. Alphonsus Volunteers**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 19</b>
Ezekiel 24:15-23; Matthew 19:16-22	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Christopher Bellman
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 20</b>
Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Patrick Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Tracy Simmons
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 21</b>
Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Carol Bradley
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 22</b>
Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Pat Tagger
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry "Danny" Seymour
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 23</b>
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Fr. Thomas White
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Julia Mejia
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 24</b>
Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jaqueline Hemenway
	4:00 p.m.
	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 25</b>
Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69	
7:30 a.m.	Msgr. James McGough
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Katherine Hanning



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Beckett Bassenger, 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, 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, Ron & Hillery Jenkins and Family, 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., Terese Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Kathy Pasquini, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Richard Potash, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Courtney Severino, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Glenn Sigurnjak, Tracy Beaugez Simmons, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....	\$12,163.54
Extension Society Collection.....	\$ 1,050.55
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 2,846.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**Mary's Eucharistic Love**

Jesus leads a hidden life in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He honors therein silence and solitude, these two essential conditions of life in God. He is dead to the world, to its glory, to its possessions, to its pleasures; his is a risen and heavenly life. Such was the life of Mary after the Ascension of her divine Son. Mary passed her time at the foot of the Most Adorable Sacrament. She was consumed with the desire to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament known to all. After the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, Mary lived an entirely Eucharistic life. She attended the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated by Saints Peter, John, Andrew, and the rest of the apostles. She loved the Holy Eucharist more than anything or anyone. Her Jesus died in order to save us and remain with us in the Sacred Host. Thus, it breaks her maternal heart when she sees her Eucharistic Son treated poorly, mocked, blasphemed, received unworthily, or neglected in his tabernacles. As a mother, she wants her children to be happy and blessed and knows that this only happens through the Eucharistic Jesus. Today, ask Our Lady, Mother of the Eucharist, to intercede for you and make your life more Eucharistic

~30 Day Eucharistic Revival, Fr. Donald Calloway

Come and visit Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, in our chapel any day or hour of the week. He is waiting.

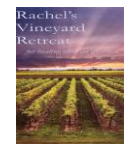
Please remember to close the tabernacle doors if no one else is adoring Him when you leave. [stalphonusus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonusus.weadorehim.com)



**Walking With Mom's in Need** – The next diocesan meeting of Walking With Mom's in Need, a prolific ministry of the diocese of Biloxi, will be held on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Diocese. All are welcome to attend.

WWMIN is in need of diapers size 4, 5, 6 and 7. This past month, the ministry assisted 6 pregnant moms in preparation for the arrival of their babies. Thank you for your support and prayers.

For more information, please contact Margaret Miller, Coordinator at 228-217-4742 / [mrm82847@yahoo.com](mailto:mrm82847@yahoo.com) or Kim Ryan at 228-238-9108.



**The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend for the Diocese of Biloxi** will be held August 23-25, 2024. Rachel's Vineyard is an international retreat that provides an opportunity for women and men to find forgiveness and healing from abortion. The retreat begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon and will be held at the William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, MS.

If you or someone you know would like to attend, please contact Deacon Johnny Williams at: [rachelvineyard@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:rachelvineyard@biloxidiocese.org) or 228-702-2169. You may also click on the following link which will take you to the Rachel's Vineyard web page on the Diocese of Biloxi's website: [Rachel's Vineyard | Catholic Diocese of Biloxi | Biloxi, Mississippi \(biloxidiocese.org\)](http://Rachel'sVineyard|CatholicDioceseofBiloxi|Biloxi.Mississippi(biloxidiocese.org))



**The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage in 2024 are welcome to attend. You are asked to register whether you can attend or not. If you cannot attend a certificate will be mailed to you. The Mass will be followed with official pictures being taken and a reception at the Sacred Heart Center. Registration Forms are available in the Rectory Office during regular business hours or you may register on the diocese website at: [www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org). **Registration Deadline: Aug. 29, 2024.**



**To assist or enhance you in your spiritual growth,** the bookstore is offering special \$2 and \$5 (specially priced) deals on a variety of books in front of the Church; while supplies last. Please put money in the box provided beneath the books.



**Catholic Charities of South Mississippi will offer an eleven-week Surviving Divorce program** beginning on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at their office located at 1450 North Street in

Gulfport. They are excited to offer this ministry once again that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing. There is a suggested donation of \$25 to cover the cost of materials and participant handbook. The series will conclude on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please register by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Call Michelle at 228-219-5995 or email [meleuterius@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:meleuterius@biloxidiocese.org) to sign up.



**A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (August 24/25) for the Catholic University of America.**

Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church. Gifts to the National Collection – the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. – support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and diocese throughout the country.



**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.



**PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the ROSARY every weekday, Monday through Saturday, after the 8:15 a.m. mass at St. Alphonsus Church in Ocean Springs.

The Blessed Mother Mary herself prays with us. The Rosary prayer embraces the problems of the Church, of the See of Saint Peter, the problems of the whole world. In it we also remember sinners, that they may be converted and saved, and the souls in purgatory. And now more than ever we pray for world peace. Please we need your participation and prayers! Everyone is welcome!



**In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people.**

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use and donation to someone in need.



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**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**