

**The First Reading tells how God fed his people in the desert with manna.** This is regarded as the classic example of God's care for his people.

Jesus too fed people who were hungry. But the Gospel makes it clear that the Son of Man did not come down from above merely to satisfy physical hunger. He came to give a heavenly bread that people will eat and never become hungry. The manna was but a foreshadowing of the spiritual food which was now being offered by Jesus to his followers. The manna nourished people physically and sustained life temporarily. The new bread will nourish people spiritually and sustain life eternally.

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



**PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, August 10<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 (August 10/11) for the Catholic Extension Society.** Catholic Extension works in solidarity with people to build up vibrant and transformative Catholic faith communities

among the poor in the poorest regions of America. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



**Bethlehem Nativity Group will visit St. Alphonsus to display hand-carved olive wood religious art made by Catholics in the Holy Land next weekend (August 10/11).**

Your purchase of these beautiful items will help support Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem to continue to earn a living in the land of Christ's birth.



#### THE ANGEL MISSION

We are excited to be offering a very special Mission on the Holy Angels. Fr. Wolfgang Seitz of OSA (Opus Sanctorum Angelorum) will emphasize the powerful presence and help of the Holy Angels in our lives and in the spiritual battle that wages around us and in us, the battle between good and evil. Father will further explain that devotion to the holy Angels is much more than simply calling on their protection. The holy Angels, especially our Guardian Angel, desire to enter into an intimate friendship based on love, that disposes us through their special help for all graces God wants to give us. As in the case of Mary at the Annunciation, the angel knocks at the door of our hearts to be let in. Like Mary we want to open the door for them and collaborate with them to receive the Word of God and bear fruit. For this purpose the Church also endorses a Consecration to the Guardian Angel and to all the Holy Angels.

#### MISSION SCHEDULE:

Dates: August 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Confession: 5:15 - 5:45 p.m.

Holy Mass: 6:00 p.m.

Conference Talk: 6:45 p.m.

May your Guardian Angel inspire you to attend this informative, interesting and enlightening Mission!



**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation.** Our Vigil Mass will be Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Masses on Thursday will be at

6:30 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. (school children will attend), 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**The Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

#### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 5</b>
Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Regina Williamson
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 6</b>
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Louis Keys
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Doty Fournier
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 7</b>
Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Ronnie Morano Sr.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 8</b>
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Parker Family
8:15 a.m.	Mr. James H. Smelley
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 9</b>
Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Arnold Thames
8:15 a.m.	Fr. Mark Beard
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 10</b>
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26	
8:15 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 11</b>
1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. James "JB" Brune
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Corey Comperatore



**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, 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, 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.....\$9,279.95  
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,681.00  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



#### The Sacred Heart

When we adore our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, and receive him in Holy Communion in a state of grace, we console his Sacred Heart and comfort his heart that loves us so much.

We console and comfort his Eucharistic heart because every time the Eucharist is desecrated, blasphemed, or received unworthily, the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist is pained and offended by the lack of love shown to his divine person. For this reason many saints have sought to make reparation to the Eucharistic heart of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Sacred Heart is living and palpating in the Eucharist. Our Lord is giving us his heart to be adored. The Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist wants to be loved. Before the tabernacle, you can console and make amends for the many sins that wound his heart. Before the tabernacle, you can apply the balm of love to his pierced and wounded heart. The Eucharistic heart of Jesus is waiting for you!

~30 Day Eucharistic Revival, Fr. Donald Calloway

"Our Lord asked me to console his heart desecrated in the Holy Eucharist" ~Blessed Dina Belanger

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. [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com)



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



**Save the Date:** Faith Formation Registration for K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be held August 17<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> and classes will begin Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.



#### Evening of Intercessory Prayer

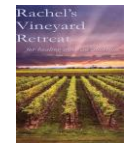
- August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There is a lot of suffering in the world today but it has also been redeemed and endowed with a spiritual power by God as a result of the suffering of Christ. Are you aware of the power of your suffering when you freely unite it to the suffering 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)



#### 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.

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))



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date.

Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who are not registered /active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



**"Gloria in Excelsis"** – a community wide Chorale Society open to all, will begin their Seventh Season on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The hour-and-a-half, weekly rehearsals are held in the Sacred Heart Academy (SHA) Center on the campus of Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary (BVM) Cathedral – 870 Howard Avenue in Biloxi. Rehearsals are in the Youth Assembly Hall on the East side of the SHA Center. No membership fee is required. The Chorale presents annually an All-Souls, an Advent, a Christmas, a Holy Week and Patriotic Concerts. For more information, Contact: Terry D. Maddox – Artistic Director at 251 406-1454 or at: [terrydalemaddox@gmail.com](mailto:terrydalemaddox@gmail.com).



#### 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.**



#### The Bookstore and Gift Shop

will reopen on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses.



**The Gospel tells us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By 'listening' we are able to live the gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help.**

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to become a 'listening heart' to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.



#### Our Parish App is one great way to help make the liturgical season more present in your daily life.

Helpful reflections will aid you in reflecting on the Mass readings each day. Also – under FORMED, you will be able to stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere. **Don't have the App or FORMED yet?** If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the App by texting App to phone number 88202, or by visiting [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com). To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter our Parish Code flf5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Deacon Jim Gunkel**