

In the Gospel we have John’s version of Pentecost, birthday of the Church. The risen Jesus appears to his apostles, showing them his wounds and bestowing peace on them. He gives them the gift of the Spirit and inaugurates the mission of the Church, which is the continuance of his own mission (to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins). One of the effects of the gift of the Spirit was that the Church had the power to forgive sins.

Thomas’ profession of faith, ‘My Lord and my God’, is the supreme christological statement of John’s Gospel. Originally John’s Gospel ended where today’s passage ends.

For this and the next five Sundays the Second Reading is taken from the Book of Revelation. The book is the revelation of Jesus Christ, made known through an angel to an unidentified prophet, John. It describes the battle between good and evil, and assures believers that good (God) will triumph. It was addressed to the whole Church and was meant to be read at liturgical assemblies to encourage believers to hold fast to the faith in times of persecution.

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



Capital Campaign Update – A communication session with Parishioners will be held as soon as possible to communicate progress on designs and plans for construction funded by the Capital Campaign. The preliminary design phase was completed the week of April 6th. The designs, material selections, cost estimates, budget, and plans for construction will be included in a report that will be shared with the Bishop. Rendering Boards (views of the designs) will be displayed in the vestibule of the Church in the week(s) preceding the Parish communication session. The communication session will include discussion on the scopes of work, collecting feedback on designs, and the plan to minimize disruption to Mass once early works commence, forecasted to start in May. Please check future bulletins for the date, time and location of the communication session. Announcements will be made at Mass once the date is set.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, May 2nd beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join St. Alphonsus Catholic School for their Spring Soiree “Havana Nights” fundraiser on Friday, May 2nd from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. at the House of the Jackson Pearl. Silent auction items range from trips, spa days, tickets and more. There will also be a split-the-pot raffle. Last year’s winner took home \$17,000. Visit www.stalspto.com to buy tickets. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Email pto@stal.org or text 228-217-6349 with any questions.



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, May 3rd at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.



Your Church Needs You - God is calling. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers at all the masses. Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Alphonsus Family.



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 English weekend Masses.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,626.45
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,446.00
Holy Land Collection.....\$ 697.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

TUESDAY

Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

THURSDAY

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

FRIDAY

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

SATURDAY

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

8:15 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

APRIL 28

Mathilde and Fernand Latour

Int. Robert and Jane Sema

APRIL 29

Mr. Ethan L. Bennett

Int. Mr. Chad Williams

APRIL 30

Int. Mr. James Bayliss

Ms. Charlotte Lamar

MAY 1

Mr. Tony Petricca

Int. Ms. Sarah S. Galle

MAY 2

Mr. Dick Porterfield

Fr. Thomas White

MAY 3

Int. Fr. Steve Geerling

The Jordan Family

The Pitalo Family

Mr. Rocky Sentell

MAY 4

Mr. Marlyn “Flip” Fields

Pope Francis

Ms. Janell Alliston

Congregation



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, 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, Dale Diaz, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Nija Fountain, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Margie Gammon, Sandra Grantham, Richard Harrison, Trent Hartzog, James Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Olivia Hood, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Terri Jurich, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Steve Merkel, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaise, Donna and Edward Necaise Jr., Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Kathy Pasquini, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Richard Potash, MaraLou Guice Richards, Reginald Richards, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Jerry Schneider, Courtney Severino, Dale Seymour, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



Let us Adore the Risen Christ

He is risen!!! Jesus Christ took on human flesh, willingly suffered and died a tortuous death in order to take away our sins. Let us bow down in humble adoration and give thanks for our Father's infinite and unconditional love during this glorious Easter season. Visit our risen Lord in our chapel any time of day. He is waiting for you! Our chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Visit stalphonsus.weadorehim.com for the schedule and the option to choose your own hour with Him. What could be better than that? If you already have an hour on the schedule but are not going, please remove yourself from the schedule or choose to re-commit to your hour this Lent. Thank you! Please remember to close the tabernacle doors if no one else is adoring Him when you leave.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor Of or in Memory Of: David Bourgeois, Travis and Marguerite Norman, Sr., Johnny Norman, John R. Seymour Family, The Collins Family, The Pierre Family, The Gist Family, Richard Porterfield, The Porterfield Family, The Mills Family, Barbara Runyon, Mullens and Ruth McRaven, Speedy Brondum, Bill Brondum, Jr., Msgr. Gregory Johnson, Poor Souls, Those in most need of God’s mercy, Ligaya Camagong, William Rogers, Sr., Dr. Ronald Persing, The Massony Family, Buddy Fountain Family, Barney Banks, C.A. Banks Family, Joseph Holden Family, Bill and Dorothea Kennedy, Jack and Mary Lou Brennan, Earl Hammond, Patricia McMackin, The Helms Family, The Williams Family, David Lloyd, Duane Lloyd, Helen Lloyd, Steve Trebotich, Helen Trebotich, Barbara Iachino, Steven Iachino, Ronnie Iachino, Jenny Woodrum, Charles Goff, Rodney Goff, Oleus and Della Sonnier & Family, Joan Gilbert, Ligaya Camagong, Maria and Bart Camagong, L.E. Rocky Sentell, Jr., Lionel Sentell, Sr., Elinor Sentell, Russell Sentell, Donald and Martha Little, DeAnna McKenzie, Wilma and Leslie Trauth, Eleanor and Glenn Young, Sr., George Young, Gay Lorne Young, The Skelton Family, The Perry Family, The King Family, Shirod Miller, Sr., Mae Miller, Jerry Miller, The Raether Family, The Oakes Family, The Herschel Vail, The Halat Family, The Bourgeois Family, The Fiorenza Family, Skip Murphy, Thom Murphy, Mary Mathieu, Owen House, Albert and Eunice Misko, André Kaufman, The Brou Family (living and deceased), The Tanner Family, Jerry Dildy, Herbie Beaugez, Freda Beaugez, Dona Stevens, The Belson Family, The Reaux Family, The Fournier Family, The Mitchell Family, Lisa Grace Westbrook, Grace Westbrook, Molly Edwards, Cecila Brandt Wally Edwards, Bessie Stiglets, Amelia Edwards, Ethel Schubert, Dorothy McKinnon, Robbin McKinnon, Jeff Dees, The Eglin Family, Lou Rosetti, Diane Higginbotham, Arnold Seymour, Dot Seymour, Randy Seymour, Charles Goff, Rodney Goff, Oleus Sonnier, Della Sonnier, J.P. Goff, Helen Goff, The Gianelloni Family, The Salik Family, The Nelson Family, The Bennett Family, George Ladd, William O’Sullivan, Louisa O’Sullivan, The Servov Family, The Seymour Family, The Whitney Family, Neil Gryder, Bill Gryder, Marian and Edwin O’Connor, Lou and Sally D’Andrea, Joseph A. Devenny, III, Mildred and Norman Eckert, Mildred and Roland Hymel, John and Toyoko Reilly, The Castelin Family, James Goulding, Janet Beaugez Munger, Charles F. Munger, David J. Munger, The Disbury Family, The Rich Family, Elizabeth Wagener, Thomas Lacy Grand, Jacqueline Grand, Gerald Wagener, Jack Seymour, Sr., Margaret Seymour, Jack Seymour, Jr., Sherry Seymour, Bob and Linda Mayer, Phillip Weatherford, Holly Salters, Mike and Anna Mitchell, Bertie Varnado, Steve Zito, Steve Weakley, Mike Mitchell, Jr., Bart Brewer, Shannon Beverin, Bob and Ginger Mitchell, Curtis Marsh, Wendy Weakley, Jimmy and Mary Salters, Richard Salters, Jim Salters, Donald and Jerry Benezue, Leonard Tarrant, Joan Tarrant, Ann Tarrant, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McLemore, The Eagan Family, The Ward Family, The Senac Family, The Sirgo Family, The Tingle Family, Frank Leach, Jeffrey Render, Marge Render, John Reilly, Toyoko Reilly, The Broussard Family, The Bienvenue Family, The Ross Family, The Balius Family, The Brumbaugh Family, Christine Chandler, Raymond Chandler, William Ray, Robert Nelson, Jean Ferguson, Joseph Ronald Ward, Sr., Robert Cox,

Sr., RR, The Fournier Family, The Taranto Family, Walter and Sissy Anderson Family, The Auger and Bedard Family and Friends, Deceased Members of the Dubuisson, Stephens and Lawrence Family, Rodolfo Gayol, Godfrey Long, Bernadette and Joe Schultz, Mike and Anna Mitchell, Paula and Raymond Migues, Curtis Marsh, Wendy Weakly, Cayce Seal, Drew and Kyle Clayton, Butch Herbison, and Special Intentions.



2025 Catholic Sharing Appeal “Building a Future of Hope”

If you have not yet made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes are available at each of the doors. To date 80 pledges (out of 726 registered families) have been made which total \$56,666. This gives us a total of \$19,500 more to reach our Parish Goal of \$76,166. Every gift, of any amount, combined with others, really does make an impact for the mission of the Church. Thank you in advance for your gift of faith! 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.



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!” Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace.

In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter by assisting 8 families, providing \$2,345.34 in utility and rent.



The Rosary truly is a very special prayer, one that has many benefits for those who pray it devoutly and faithfully everyday. The Rosary is the second most powerful prayer next to the Mass! So important is it, that at the first apparition of Fatima in 1917, Our Lady chose to identify herself as, "The Lady of the Rosary." The Rosary is a prayer loved by many of the saints since its introduction in the 12th century. The Rosary is a prayer that fits perfectly into the spiritual life of all who seek to allow Mary to be their light to Christ, to show them the path to Jesus. In his Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, Blessed Pope John Paul II states in his introduction, "The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium..." (RVM, 1) PLEASE 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. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus 4th Degree wish to thank everyone who participated in making the Avention Sinch.2 Electric Bike fundraiser a success. They also want to congratulate the raffle winner, Joe Kanode, and hope he enjoys riding his new bike.



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 2, 2025.**



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.

Pray for Vocations