

**The First Reading contains a message of hope addressed to the Jewish exiles in Babylon.** There will be a new exodus, so glorious that it will put the great events of the first exodus in the shade. And all of this will happen because God is faithful to his people.

This prepares us for the Gospel. Christians see the radically new thing that God has done for us in and through Jesus. Specifically we see God’s love and compassion in Jesus’ treatment of a sinful woman. The story is taken from John, but it resembles the style of Luke. It’s an ‘entrapment’ story which sought to show Jesus’ wisdom in besting his adversaries.

The aim of the Scribes and Pharisees was to set a snare for Jesus. If he pardoned the woman, he could be accused of encouraging people to break the law of Moses. If he agreed that she should be stoned, he would lose his name for mercy. But Jesus turned the tables on her accusers by suggesting that they look at their own sins.

Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the justification that comes from faith in Christ, and for the hope of resurrection (Second Reading). Like a runner at the final stage of a race, he doesn’t look back but keeps his eye on the winning tape.

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



**2025 Catholic Sharing Appeal  
“Building a Future of Hope”**

The Catholic Sharing Appeal touches the lives of many in our diocese, from those seeking to enter the Church, to the care of our priests, to the feeding of the hungry and the evangelization of many souls. We cannot do this work without your help. Our Parish Goal for this year’s CSA is \$76,166. If you have never given a gift to the CSA, please consider giving one this year. Every gift you make (no matter how big or small) has a tremendous impact by providing the physical and spiritual needs of those most in need. Together we can accomplish so much!

If needed, pledge envelopes are in each end of the pews. Please make checks payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi at 1790 Poppys Ferry Road, Biloxi 39532. You may also donate online at [www.biloxidiocese.org/giving](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/giving).



**Our Penance Service for Lent will be held in the Church on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** A number of local priests will be in attendance that night to expedite the waiting time. Please make the reception of the Sacrament part of your preparation for Easter.

**Other local Penance Service schedules:**

- Apr 4:** St. Peter, Moss Point – 5:00 p.m.
- Apr 9:** St. Elizabeth Seton, Ocean Springs – 5:00 p.m.
- Apr 9:** St. Michael, Biloxi – 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 10:** Sacred Heart, Pascagoula – 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 14:** Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi - 7:00 p.m.

**The Altar Society is accepting donations for the decorating of the Church on Easter Sunday.** Parishioners may donate the flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Envelopes are in the pews. When complete, envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Rectory. Please print names clearly on the envelope. **The deadline for making a donation is Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**FOUNDATIONS:**  
**Edge, LifeTeen, RCIA and Continuing Catholic Formation is held on Wednesday’s from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.in the Parish Hall.**

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$7,749.61  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,226.00  
Catholic Relief Services Collection.....\$1,131.00  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY	APRIL 7
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Cyril R.C. Laan
TUESDAY	APRIL 8
Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Marian O’Connor
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Albert Santa Cruz
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 9
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Jaqueline Hemenway
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Verda Troney
THURSDAY	APRIL 10
Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Delma Joseph Meaux, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Lisa Grace Westbrook
FRIDAY	APRIL 11
Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Claudia Henley
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Walter van Thiel
SATURDAY	APRIL 12
Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56	
8:15 a.m.	Int. John and Julia Sarpy
	Fr. Thomas White
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Albert Misko, Sr.
	Ms. Eunice Misko
	Mr. André Kaufman
SUNDAY	APRIL 13
Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Judy Catchot
9:00 a.m.	Int. Ms. Denise Wilson
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
5:30 p.m.	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 Necaie, Donna and Edward Necaie 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.



**Lent – A Time for Preparation**

Just as Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert preparing for his public ministry and His eventual Passion, we too, need to prepare for His death and resurrection. We can do this by clearing out the clutter and busyness of our daily lives and spending that time in prayer. Praying is, simply put, a conversation with God. An easy way to start this conversation with God is to visit our quiet chapel. The Blessed Sacrament shines so bright in that little room. This Lent, give up the chaos and come experience the peace and grace that Jesus wants to pour out upon each one of us. It's free!! Choose to have a meaningful Lent and form a closer relationship with the One who gave us life! Our chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Visit [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com](http://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.



**Classes for Adult Study** are held after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. Videos are by Fr. Chris Alar, Director of the Association of Marian Helpers. For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020 or Anne McClellan at 228-327-4040. All are invited to attend.  
April 6: What Did Jesus Do On Holy Saturday (Session 2)  
April 13: Our Lady of Undoer of Knots..The Most Powerful Devotion



**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.



**In today’s Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.**  
When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.



**PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



**Walking With Moms in Need will be holding their Second Sunday Baby Drive next weekend (April 12/13).** In addition to their usual request for baby necessities and baby equipment, they are in special need of diapers all sizes (3, 4, 5, 6, and 7). Their stock of boys clothing has also been completely depleted -- new and gently used clothing in sizes 2T to 6x/7 are greatly needed. They are also asking for gift cards of \$20 or less from Walmart, Target, and any grocery stores. As always, they thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity for this much needed ministry. Contact Margaret @ 228-217-4742 or Mary @ 228-348-6092



**The Altar Society will meet** on Wednesday, April 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. All are welcome to attend.



**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.  
**The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed for Easter** Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.



**EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

The month of April is dedicated to the BLESSED SACRAMENT. “I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.” (John 6:51) Please come and join us on MONDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in praying the 20 MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY with the EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH in Ocean Springs.

Also remember to begin the nine day Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, April 18; there are Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet brochures in the church. The Lord promised, “By this Novena I will grant every possible grace to souls.” There will be Divine Mercy rosary beads available for each of you; remember the 3:00 o’clock hour of Mercy everyday! “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)



**Save the Date: The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus Council 5654 will offer Fish Dinners on Good Friday (April 18<sup>th</sup>)** in the KC Hall (take out and dine in will be available). Plates will be \$12.00 each and will include fried fish, potato salad, hush puppies, green beans and dessert.



**The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus 4th Degree are raffling off an Aventon Sinch.2 Electric Bike.** The Drawing will be held on Good Friday (April 18th). Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. For tickets or for more information, see any Knights of Columbus member or contact Chuck Nannery at 228-324-1586.



**The St Alphonsus Ladies Auxiliary is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt** on the school playground for the children of the Parish following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday (April 20). Come see the Easter Bunny and bring your Easter baskets!



**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 April 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.  
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.



**You are invited to join St. Alphonsus Catholic School for their Spring Soiree “Havana Nights” fundraiser on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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](http://www.stalspto.com) to buy tickets. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Email [pto@stal.org](mailto:pto@stal.org) or text 228-217-6349 with any questions.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Dianne Tootle**, a member of our parish family, who passed away March 25<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.

**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 Jack Wesley Smith, April 19, 1983  
Reverend Patrick O’Shaughnessy, April 19, 2024  
Reverend Sylvester Hynes, April 29, 1994