

The First Reading tells of the conclusion of Paul’s first missionary journey. He and Barnabas retrace their steps, encouraging the little communities they have founded, and preparing them for the persecutions which would inevitably come.

In the Gospel the scene is the Last Supper. Judas has departed and Jesus is alone with his own. Jesus is going forward to the cross. By so doing, he is giving glory to God, who in turn will give glory to him. The apostles can’t follow him yet. In the meantime they are to live by a ‘new commandment’ – the commandment of love. It is new only in the sense that it sets a new standard – ‘as I have loved you’. The world will know that they are his disciples by their fidelity to this commandment. The Second Reading, which comes from the final part of Revelation, is one we frequently hear at funerals. The final part of Revelation opens with a vision of a new heaven, a new earth, and a new Jerusalem. This glorious future to which God is leading us will be fully realized only in the hereafter.

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



Capital Campaign Update – We are excited to announce that construction of capital campaign projects will begin soon. The Parish Building Committee provided a Session for Parishioners this past Thursday to review and provide comments on the designs. The Parish has been sending out individual updates regarding your campaign contribution. If you have not received one, please let the parish know. If you would like to update or set up a contribution, you may do so via our website www.osstalphonsus.org or by contacting the parish office at 875-5419. Without the continued support of our gracious parishioners and families, we would not have met our capital campaign goal or be positioned to move forward with needed improvements to our Church facilities. Thank you for your support in the past, present, and future!



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, May 25th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$10.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, gravy, coffee and juice. Come and enjoy the great food and fellowship.



St. Alphonsus Parish wishes to recognize and congratulate all our Seniors who already have or will be graduating from College or a local High School at this time. We do not want to miss anyone – so please call the church office at 875-5419 or email us at stalparishos@gmail.com and give us the name and school your child will be graduating from.



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 Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Mercedes Bosarge & Edward Smith on Their Wedding

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,772.30
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 3,066.00
Catholic Home Missions Collection.....\$ 1,116.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

TUESDAY

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

THURSDAY

Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

FRIDAY

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

SATURDAY

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

8:15 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

MAY 19

Simon and Barbara Latour

Ms. Ximena McCarthy

MAY 20

Homer and Bonnie Franks

Mr. Albert Santa Cruz

MAY 21

Canavati Family

Deacon Jim Gunkel

Deacon Jesus Arellano

MAY 22

Ms. Mary Lou Brennan

Ms. Marian O’Connor

MAY 23

Ms. Jaqueline Hemenway

Int. Mr. Trent Hartzog

MAY 24

Int. Ms. Denise W.

Int. Mr. John S.

Mr. Ralph Balius, Sr.

MAY 25

21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

Ms. Theresa Stuart

Ms. Bridget Shepherd

Ms. Margaret Broussard

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.



May is the Month of Mary

Mary is not only the mother of Jesus, but is our mother as well. She wants what is best for each of us. She knows that Jesus is best for us and



encourages us to adore Him as she does, unceasingly. Let us follow our Blessed Mother's example and gaze upon Jesus and adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament during the month of May. You can adore Jesus any time of day, 7 days a week in our chapel.

To view the schedule, go to stalphonsus.weadorehim.com.

O Mary, teach us the life of adoration! Teach us to find, as thou didst, all mysteries and all graces in the Eucharist, to live the Gospel over again, and to read it in the Eucharistic Life of Jesus! Remember, Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, that thou art the Mother of all adorers of the Holy Eucharist.

Thou art blessed among women, Mary, and blessed is our Eucharistic Jesus, the fruit of thy womb!
~St. Peter Julian Eymard

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.



2025 Catholic Sharing Appeal “Building a Future of Hope”

We are happy to announce that we have succeeded in reaching and exceeding our parish goal and are currently at \$77,386 (over by \$1,220). If you have not yet made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, it is not too late. Pledge envelopes are still available at each of the doors. 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 Popps Ferry Road, Biloxi 39532. You may also donate online at www.biloxidiocese.org/giving.



In the Gospel today, Jesus says “I give you a new commandment: love one another...This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you show that you have love for one another especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus.



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)

This year the Paschal Candle is in honor of the Rosary and was purchased by a parish family. It will be lit during all masses through Pentecost. It is also lit during baptisms and funerals.

PLEASE JOIN US in praying the ROSARY every weekday, Monday through Saturday, after the 8:15 a.m. mass at St. Alphonsus. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



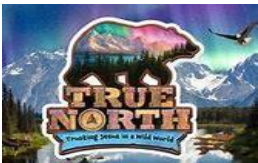
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Let us pray for our NEW Pope Leo XIV!!! Please come and join us in praying the 20 MYSTERIES OF THE

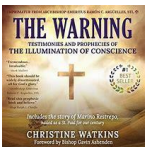
ROSARY during this month of MAY for and with OUR BLESSED MOTHER on MONDAY, MAY 19th, AT 6:30 p.m. and EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH. MAY is the month of MARY!!! The story of the Rosary begins in the year 1214 when the Holy Mother Church received the Rosary in its present form, was given to the Church by St. Dominic, who had received it from the Blessed Mother during an apparition. The Rosary has been credited with many healings, conversions, and other miracles of faith down the succeeding years. Time after time in apparitions to the faithful, the Blessed Mother has implored us to “PRAY THE ROSARY.” Through the Rosary, we unite ourselves with Our Blessed Mother and Her Son through prayer each and every time we recite it. “The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin... if you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with cares and labor.” - Pope Pius XI EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!



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.**



St. Elizabeth Seton, Ocean Springs, is offering Vacation Bible School in Fannon Hall the week of June 16th – 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. The theme will be True North VBS. For more information or to register, please call their office at 875-0654.



THE WARNING: Testimonies and Prophecies of THE ILLUMINATION OF CONSCIENCE, by Christine Watkins. This amazing book is a "must read", for all Christians and non-Christians. At some point, in salvation history, EVERY living man, woman and child, on Earth, will experience a phenomenal event, prophesied by many saints, prophets, Popes and mystics from the past and the present, whereby each will see the condition of his soul, before God. It will be a wonderful Act of Mercy that our Loving Lord wishes to present to us. Many folks, whose stories are related in this fascinating book, have actually experienced this Illumination of Conscience already. Dr. Gavin Ashenden, former Anglican Bishop and Chaplain to the Queen of England from 2008-2017 (Turned Lay Catholic for the Sake of Truth) among numerous others, encourages folks to open their minds and hearts to learn about the Illumination of Conscience and how it pertains to each of us, so that we can prepare ourselves for the coming reality of this astonishing world-wide event. Copies of THE WARNING are available at the front entrance to our Church for a donation. Please share with family and friends!



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.



Congratulations Deacon Jim Gunkel and Deacon Jesus Arellano on your ninth year anniversary (May 21) as Permanent Deacons. Thank you for your service to St. Alphonsus.