

Many Gentiles had accepted Christianity as a result of the preaching of Paul and Barnabas. But then a question arose: how much of the Law and traditions of Moses should be required of these Gentile converts? The answer was: the bare minimum. They must abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood (symbol of life and which belonged to God), from the meat of strangled animals (which still had blood in them), and from marriage within degrees of kindred forbidden to Jews though allowed in other traditions. And so, instead of becoming a Jewish sect, Christianity became a universal religion.

The Gospel reading is taken from Jesus’ discourse at the Last Supper, and is dominated by his imminent departure. He is concerned to assure his disciples that he will not leave them orphans. Despite his leaving, he and they will not be apart. If they keep his word they will be drawn into the love of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit will remind them of his words. Peace is his final gift to them, a peace the world cannot give. --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 Monday.

Monday – Friday Morning Mass (6:30 & 8:15 a.m.) will be held in the CHAPEL. The Saturday 8:15 a.m. morning mass, Saturday Vigil and the Sunday masses will remain in the Church at this time.

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!



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.



On this Memorial Day weekend, we welcome any and all visitors who joined us today to celebrate the Eucharist. We hope all our families who are traveling over the weekend have safe arrivals to their destinations and a safe return home later on. We ask you all to be careful on the highways, byways and waterways this busy weekend. This weekend we remember all who gave their lives for this country and for the freedom we so often take for granted. Please remember them in your prayers today.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Those who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation



WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,883.73
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,476.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

TUESDAY

Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

THURSDAY

Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

FRIDAY

Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

SATURDAY

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56

8:15 a.m.

SUNDAY

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

MAY 26

Mr. Carlton Latour

Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.

MAY 27

Mr. Jack Brennan

Int. President Donald Trump

MAY 28

Int. Tom and Cecilia Wilson

Int. Mr. Manuel Severino

Int. Mr. Peter Murtough

MAY 29

Ms. Claudia Henley

Ms. Verda Troney

MAY 30

Ms. Joy Tucei

Ms. Patricia McCarthy

MAY 31

Int. Ms. Lynda Krishnan

Mr. Charles Goff

JUNE 1

Int. John and Barb McFadden

Int. Fr. Vinny Gillmore

Congregation

Ms. Mary – mother of Sr. Sharon



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, 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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



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 \$5,665). 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 Popp's Ferry Road, Biloxi 39532. You may also donate online at www.biloxidiocese.org/giving.



In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

In the month of May, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 7 families, providing \$4,655.41 in rent and utility bills.



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.

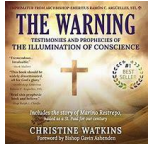
PLEASE JOIN US in praying the ROSARY every weekday, Monday through Saturday, after the 8:15 a.m. mass at St. Alphonsus. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



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.



St. Alphonsus Church App - If you have either an **iPhone or Android smart phone** you can download the app by texting **App** to phone number **55321**, or by visiting myparishapp.com.

Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications regarding our parish life and an easy-to-access event calendar as well as many more great features such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, **quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website (osstalphonsus.org) and FORMED.**

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