





**The reading from Acts speaks of the ascension of Jesus.** It also shows how Jesus, now in the glorious presence of his Father, continues to act through the Holy Spirit and through his followers. The theological meaning of the feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making him head of the Church and Lord of creation. The Gospel Reading consists of the end of Luke’s Gospel. It contains Luke’s first account of the Ascension, which is here presented as occurring on Easter Sunday. The risen Lord shows the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and rise again. Jesus also gives them a mission (the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins) and promises to send the Holy Spirit to them. They return in joy to Jerusalem to await the Spirit. In his Gospel Luke has shown that ‘the time of Israel’ has yielded to ‘the time of Christ’. Now, ‘the time of Christ’ is to yield to ‘the time of the Church’. The word of salvation will go forth from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. He will tell us about that in his second book, Acts of the Apostles. The Ascension is seen as the culmination of Jesus’ life and the start of the Church’s mission.


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

**Capital Campaign Update** – We are excited to announce that construction of capital campaign projects has begun. 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](http://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!

**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, June 4<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.

**You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction** on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).

**You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion** on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 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.


**PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!

**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor Of Fr. Mike Snyder on his 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on June 7<sup>th</sup>**

# MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 2
Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Al Gianelloni
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Barbara Massony
TUESDAY	JUNE 3
Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Int. Fr. Steve Geerling
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 4
Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Helen McCarthy
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Kathy McFadden
THURSDAY	JUNE 5
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Patricia McMackin
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Mara Lou Guice
FRIDAY	JUNE 6
Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lea Pitre
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Barney Banks
SATURDAY	JUNE 7
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25	
8:15 a.m.	The Jordan Family The Pitalo Family

Genesis 11:1-9; Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ezekiel 37:1-14	
Joel 3:1-5; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39	
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
SUNDAY	JUNE 8
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Int. Fr. Vincent Vodjogbe
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Annette Lawrence

**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, Joey Kelley, 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 Necaïse, Donna and Edward Necaïse 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.



## June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Eucharistic adoration, where the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ is exposed in



the Blessed Sacrament, is a powerful way to draw closer to His Sacred Heart and to experience His Real Presence. Jesus, having a human heart, experienced all of the emotions that we experience in this life....love, joy, happiness, pain, sorrow, loneliness, fear, stress. Jesus knows everything about us and everything we are going through and He wants to show us that He understands. He wants to give you His endless love. He wants to show us that His love has no bounds. Come and experience this love that pours out of His most Sacred Heart onto you and me. He is waiting to share it with you!

*Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its center, its love, and its happiness. By the wound in your heart pardon the sins that I have committed whether out of malice or out of evil desires. Place my weak heart in your own divine heart, continually under your protection and guidance, so that I may persevere in doing good and in fleeing evil until my last breath. Amen*  
~St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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.



**Bishop Louis Kihneman administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:30 p.m. Mass this past Sunday (May 25).** We congratulate these individuals who received this Sacrament and pray that they will continue to grow in their Catholic Faith in the years ahead. They are: Jordan Ayme, Scott Davis, Jr. Carrigan Ezell, Alyssa Flinchum, Luca Fiorentini, Amelia Gallegos, Sofie Humer, Lily Kavanagh, Josephine LaGrone, Cooper Lott, Averie McKenzie, Nora Mestayer, Gigi Persing, Joseph Ross, Lucas Sinopoli, Brian Skrmetti, Caroline Snyder, Liam Taylor, Courtney Van Aller, Emily Watson, Anthony Rossi, Shane Trosclair, Lola Saucier, Matthew Brickson and Robert van Thiel.



**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.**

**Our College Graduate** is Gavriella Persing from Baylor College. **Our high school students attended Ocean Springs, St. Martin or St. Patrick High School.** They are: George Alverdin, Jr., Ariadna Barajas, Bree Brown, Carlos Cano, Ava Dellenger, Kathryn Dyess, Reese Dyess, Robert Elliott, Olivia Flinchum, Abby Futch, Matthew Gazzo, Natalie Gordon, Mary Hodges, William Karcher, Jennifer Lopez, Maison Lott. Andrew Lowery, Stephen Maddox, Colin McPhearson, Rowan McPhearson, Brianna Rinza, Ashlynn Seymour, Sophie Ross, Kendra Straub, Aidan Tapp, Kaiden Wade, Ryan Webber and Emma Williams.



**At this time we are also happy (and proud) to recognize that William Karcher was Salutatorian of his class at St. Patrick High School.** William is the son of Dr. Christopher and Ashley Karcher.



**A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (June 7/8) for the Catholic Communication Campaign.** This Campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message in the U.S. and in developing countries using modern media tools to inform, inspire, and enlighten; 50% of the collection stays in the Diocese and helps to fund the Gulf Pine Catholic and the Communications Office. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



**Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ’s saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.**

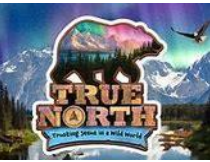
When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.



**Walking With Moms in Need Ministry (WWMIN)** will hold their monthly Baby Drive next Weekend (June 7/8) to replenish their supplies to help continue the success of their ministry. Boxes are located at all entrances of the church. For Further information, call Mary at 228-348-6092 or Margaret at 228-217-4742.



**EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
MONDAY, JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. join us in praying the ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT at ST. ALPHONSUS. Everyone is invited!!



**St. Elizabeth Seton, Ocean Springs, is offering Vacation Bible School in Fannon Hall the week of June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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 June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<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.



**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.

## HURRICANE PRAYER

**O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Save and pray frequently)**



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Leeward (LJ/Bugger) Danise,** a longtime parishioner of this parish, who passed away May 25<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

# WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,149.55  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,746.00  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support