

The First Reading tells of the opposition the apostles encountered from the Jewish authorities. Persecution did not come as a surprise: Jesus had predicted it. (Lk 21:12-13) It became an opportunity for the apostles to bear witness to him. They refused to be silenced. Always the central point of their witness is the resurrection of Jesus. Far from being demoralized, they were glad to suffer for the sake of Jesus. The Gospel shows that a constant feature of the resurrection stories is that Jesus is not recognized at once; it takes some word or familiar gesture for him to be known. This is an effective way of making the point that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death. He is the same Jesus, yet transformed. He is not as he was; but he is still who he was. The miraculous catch of fish symbolizes the mission of the apostles to be ‘fishers of men’. The large catch shows how successful the disciples can be with Jesus’ help. The meal symbolizes the eucharistic meal in which Jesus is present among them and feeds them. Peter, who three times denied his Master, is now given three chances to profess his love, and then is given a mandate to care for the Lord’s flock. In giving authority to the man who denied him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness. --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 has been completed. 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.



We welcome the following new members of our parish who entered the church at the Easter Vigil through a Profession of Faith or Full Initiation: Jessica Burkhard, Steven Craddock, Cary Haney, Tiffany Haney, Darrell Herron, Eibhleann Keefe, Jonathan Rich, Melissa Rich, Todd Rich, Jason Ruiz and Madelon Ruiz.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, May 7th 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 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,840.51
Weekly Online Collection.....\$1,570.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

TUESDAY

Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

THURSDAY

Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

FRIDAY

Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

SATURDAY

Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

8:15 a.m.

SUNDAY

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

MAY 5

Ella and Simon Gilbert

Int. Ms. Margaret W. Foushee

MAY 6

Ms. Beth Butler

Ms. Verda Troney

MAY 7

Mr. Billy Gianelloni

Mr. Leonard Tarrant

MAY 8

Int. Fr. Mike Snyder

Mr. Christopher Bellman

MAY 9

Int. Mr. Gerald Hopkins

Ms. Joyce Reynolds

MAY 10

Mr. Jeffrey Cowart

Ms. Julie Renee Trosclair

MAY 11

Congregation

Ms. Judy Soares

Ms. Monica Goretski

Ms. Grace Westbrook



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”

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 this Sunday’s Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim, “It is the Lord!” Have you considered answering the call to “help the poor recognize the Lord in their life”?



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!



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.



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



The Second Sunday Collection for Walking With Moms in Need will be held next weekend, May 10th and 11th. In addition to baby necessities and baby equipment, they are in special need of diapers all sizes (3, 4, 5, 6, and 7). Their boys clothing stock has been completely depleted. Boys clothes (new and/or gently used) in infant sizes are most needed and 2Toddler to 6x/7 are in great demand. Donations of gift cards of \$20 or less from Visa, Walmart, Target, or any grocery stores are very helpful for emergency situations or for needs they don’t supply. As always, they thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity for this much needed ministry. For more information, contact Margaret @ 228-217-4742 or Mary @ 228-348-6092.



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Please come and join us on MONDAY, MAY 19th at 6:30 p.m. in praying the ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH.



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.**



The Diocese of Biloxi has an opening for the position of Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Bishop. Please go to the diocesan webpage at <https://biloxidiocese.org/employment> for the job description and application. All applications must be completed and processed online via the diocesan website portal.



Parish Registration

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.

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 Msgr. Patrick J. Carey, May 1, 1979
Reverend Msgr. Patrick K. Bambrick, May 1, 2002
Reverend John T. O’Brien, May 18, 2009
Reverend Dominic Phan, May 28, 2019



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of St. Alphonsus Parishioners