

Luke has the giving of the Spirit happening on the feast of Pentecost. Jewish tradition saw Pentecost as the feast of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. According to a legend a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. In a further refinement, the fire split into seventy tongues corresponding to the seventy nations of the world, to convey that the Law was proclaimed not only to Israel, but to all nations. Luke exploits this tradition. He, too, has the mighty wind and tongues of fire coming upon the group of disciples. But for Luke the universal proclamation was not that of the Law, but of the Good News, a proclamation that has undone the sentence of Babel and re-united the scattered nations.

In his Gospel John has the giving of the Spirit happening on Easter Day. However, we must avoid any impression of a two-fold initial solemn bestowal of the Spirit. Luke and John are saying the same thing: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit, and inaugurates the mission of the Church. That they differ in their dating is due to theological concerns.

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


Father’s Day Collection: As over the past few years, a special second collection has been scheduled on the weekend of Father’s Day (June 14/15) to supplement the pension given to diocesan Priests of retirement age. This collection is important to our retired Priests. Priests of the Diocese of Biloxi who do not belong to religious orders are provided with a modest pension in their golden years by an endowment to which parishes pay a yearly assessment. In addition, Priests who are seniors receive a small pension supplement from the Catholic Sharing Appeal. The Diocese has opted to have a special collection for our retired Priests on Father’s Day. The proceeds of this Father’s Day collection will be used to increase the Diocese’s pension supplement.

Isn’t there already a collection for retired Priests? There are two annual special collections that are sometimes confused with one another, and neither one meets the specific need of providing diocesan Priests with an adequate pension/retirement.

The first is the collection to support retired religious. “Religious” refers to women (sisters, nuns) and men (brothers and some Priests) who belong to religious communities such as Dominicans, Benedictines, Franciscans, etc. Diocesan Priests are distinct from religious Priests and do not benefit from this collection.

The other yearly second collection mentioned above is for “aged and infirm Priests.” The amount collected is used by parishes to offset insurance costs/medical expenses of ailing and elderly Priests, but does not provide for a pension or a retired Priest’s day-to-day expenses.

This year Father’s Day falls on the weekend of June 14-15. As we honor fathers, please consider a generous gift to assure a worthy pension/retirement for your spiritual father. May your generosity and the grateful prayers of our Priests be a source of abundant blessings for you and your loved ones.

**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 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!

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 9
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Avery Wells
TUESDAY	JUNE 10
2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Karen McCarthy
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Theresa Simmons
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 11
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:17-19	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Les McMackin, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Alicia Blair
THURSDAY	JUNE 12
2 Corinthians 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Fr. Thomas White
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Howell
FRIDAY	JUNE 13
2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Tony Petricca
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Todd Klingensmith
SATURDAY	JUNE 14
2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Fr. Jey Jordan
	4:00 p.m. Congregation
SUNDAY	JUNE 15
Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. John H. McCarthy
9:00 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim & Toni Gunkel
11:30 a.m.	Mr. A.O. “Herman” Soares
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Dennis van Acker

**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Patricia Anglada, 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 Kaufman, Joey Kelley, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Terri Jurich, Otis, 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.



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.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Friday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, June 14th 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 (June 14th & 15th). In addition to baby necessities and baby equipment, they are in special need of the larger sized diapers - Size 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Infant and toddler summer clothing are also needed. 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.



**EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

MONDAY, JUNE 16th at 6:30 p.m. join us in praying the ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT at ST. ALPHONSUS. Everyone is invited!!

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)**



Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God’s presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God’s love for them.



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 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 23rd – 27th.

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.



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.



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.



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00

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. John M. Scanlon, June 16, 1995
Very Reverend Patrick E. Hayes, June 26, 2007



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of Margaret Broussard

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,054.09
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,040.00
Monthly Poor Collection.....\$ 3,498.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support