

For Matthew, the story of the Magi becomes an anticipation of the fate of the Good News of salvation, a fate that he knew in the aftermath of the resurrection. God revealed himself to the Jews through the Scriptures, and to the Gentiles through nature. Hence, Matthew shows the Magi (who were Gentiles) receiving a revelation through astrology. The story highlights the paradox: the Jews who have the Scriptures reject Jesus, while Gentiles come and, with the help of the Scriptures, find and adore him.

There is nothing to be gained by speculating where the Magi came from and what exactly the star was. The star was only the means by which a great mystery was revealed – the revelation of Christ as the Savior of the Gentiles too.

The Second Reading expresses the theological meaning of today's feast: God invites Jew and Gentile to share on an equal footing the benefits of the salvation brought by Christ.

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

 The Bookstore and Gift Shop will reopen (from the Christmas Holidays) on Tuesday, January 6th from 9–11 am.

 The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on January 7th. The evening will begin with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Groups Meet from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Come Fall in Love with our faith.

For more information, scan the QR code.

Edge: 6th - 8th Grade
LifeTeen: 9th - 12th Grade
OCIA: Adults Interested in Becoming Catholic
Adult Study: Confirmed Adults

 A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, January 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests and deacons who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

Bishop Joseph L. Howze, January 9, 2019
 Reverend Patrick Tierney, January 9, 1991
 Reverend John Izral, January 22, 2020
 Reverend Thomas White, January 26, 2025
 Reverend Peter F. Mickler, January 30, 2014
 Deacon Lucien Morages, Jr., January 16, 2018
 Deacon Robert Everard, January 27, 2021

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$12,343.31
 Christmas Collection.....\$10,954.63
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,041.00
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

JANUARY 5

1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

6:30 a.m. Mr. Carlton Latour
 8:15 a.m. Int. Fr. Papania and Family

TUESDAY

JANUARY 6

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
 6:30 a.m. Int. Ms. Debbie Javorsky
 8:15 a.m. Mr. Dennis Belson

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 7

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
 6:30 a.m. Ms. Peggy Ryland
 8:15 a.m. Int. Ms. Lynn Schindley

THURSDAY

JANUARY 8

1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22
 6:30 a.m. Int. Ms. Jenny Krishnan
 8:15 a.m. Mr. John Morano

FRIDAY

JANUARY 9

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
 6:30 a.m. Mr. Pat Cronin
 8:15 a.m. Int. Mr. Maxwell Montgomery

SATURDAY

JANUARY 10

1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30
 8:15 a.m. The Jordan Family
 The Pitalo Family

SUNDAY

JANUARY 11

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17
 7:30 a.m. Joseph and Elizabeth M.

9:00 a.m. Int. Mr. William "Bill" Brondum III

11:30 a.m. Mr. Carl Duverney
 5:30 p.m. Mr. Robert Stewart



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Sharon Barthes, Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Greg Brou, Jr., Valerie Brou, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Arlene Burns, Mildred "Tootsie" Caillavet, Benny and Carol Lee Cantin, Marshall Car, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Dawn Fountain, Nija Fountain, Gordon Gaethe, Caroline Gautier, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Margie Gammon, Sandra Grantham, Richard Harrison, Trent Hartzog, James Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Olivia Hood, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Jeff Janus, Ashley Jensen, Fr. Jey Jordan, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Joey Kelley, Jack Kelly, Myra Kittle, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Carol Latham, Judy and Randy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Shellie McDaniel, Mrs. McKinney Steve Merkel, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaise, Donna and Edward Necaise Jr., Terese Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Kathy Pasquini, Janice Pepper, The Petjejan Family, Jean Petricca, Richard Potash, MaraLou Guice Richards, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Courtney Severino, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Sarah Galle Traylor, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



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 Poinsettias for Christmas are in Memory of and In Honor Of the following:

The Shirod W. Miller Sr. Family, The Webber Family, The Miller Family, Herschel Vail, Carl Duverney, P.J. and Rita Gill, Toni Marie Roberts, Patricia Ann Gill, Catherine Fiorentini, Anthony and Marisa Baricev, The Servov Family, The Seymour Family, The Whitney Family, The Bourgeois Family, The Fiorenza Family, The Tanner Fountain, Jerry Dildy, Freda Beaugez, Herbie Beaugez, Linda Allen, Galen Ferron, Charles Jensen, Skip Murphy, Tom Murphy, Our Lady - BVM, Rodolfo Gayol, The Halat Family, The Auger Family and Friends, The Bedard Family and Friends, Mr. & Mrs. Crawford Rushing, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Trochesset and Family, Mr. & Mrs. John Rosetti, Sr., Evelyn, Bill and Dorothea Kennedy, Jack and Mary Lou Brennan, Earl Hammond, Patricia McMakin, Mike and Anna Mitchell, Michael Mitchell, Jr., Bob and Ginger Mitchell, Curtis Marsh, Cayce Seal, Drew and Kyle Clayton, Wendy Weakly, Butch and Eli Herbison, The Miguez Family, Dalia Valdes, Bernadette Schultz, The Taranto Family, The Fournier Family, The Anderson Family, "Nettie" Beaugez Jones, Joseph Javorsky, Anthony Goretski, Monica Goretski, Betty Nutt, Ron Ward, Sr., Ronald M. and Barbara G. Fournier Families, Diane Higginbotham, Mike and Isabelle Bishop, Bob and Linda Mayer, Phillip Weatherford, Hubby Nelson, Dennis and Alta Mae Higginbotham, John and Ida Olsen, Mary O. Wilson, John and Toyoko Reilly, Harry and Alfreda Reilly, Loretta Donnelly, Edwin and Marian O'Connor, Rocky Sentell, Lionell Sentell, Sr., Elinor Sentell, Russell Sentell, Donald Little, Martha Little, Deanna McKenzie, Ligaya Camagong, Tam Bao, Leonor Tam, Maria and Bart Camagong, George Sliman, Sr., Curtis Marsh, Wendy Weakley, Bernadette Schultz, Bertie Varnado, Shannon Beverin, Bob and Ginger Mitchell, Mike Mitchell, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. James Salters, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Mike Mitchell, Sr., Richard Salters, Bart Brewer, Jim Salters, William Ogletree, Sr., Emily Ogletree, Francoise Walley, Mr. & Mrs. A.D. Roberts, Jr., Stephen Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Quave, Jr., Susan Pancoast, William Hosey, William R. Nichols, Leonard Tarrant, Joan Tarrant, Ann Tarrant, Russ Jordan, Carley Jordan, Brittany Jordan, Gregory Hebert, George Pitalo, Sr., Lynn and Lance Creel, Liam Pitalo, Raymond Chandler, Christine Chandler, William Ray, Robert Nelson, Richard "Dick" Eckert, Bill Gryder, Neil Gryder, Mr. & Mrs. Austin A. McClellan, Mr. & Mrs. James K. Hamel, William Rogers, Sr., Dr. Ronald Persing, William Lester Taylor, Janet Beaugez Munger, Charles F. Munger, David J. Munger, The Rod Strahan Family, Carlos E. Chapman, Toney and Margie Terretta, Rosalie Trebotich, Steve Trebotich, Helen Trebotich, Ronnie Iachino, Barbara Iachino, Steven Iachino, Jenny Woodrum, The Dubuisson Family, The Lawrence Family, The Stephens Family, Mary Ann and Joseph Madden, Victor Uribe, Mary Mathieu and Family, Souls in Purgatory, Parish Priests, Parish Deacons, The Jeff Ryan Family, Theresa Simmons, The Skelton Family, The Perry Family, Shannon Swinford, George Quiter, Becky Quiter, Chuck Quiter, Julian Holtorf, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbern Parker, Herbert and Ann Dubuisson, James and Gwen Smelley, Ronald and Aline Baulus Families, The B.R. Banks Family, The C.A. Banks Family, The Joseph Holden Family, The Peppard Family, Chester and Mary McPhearson, Ruth Woods, Mr. & Mrs. John P. Prior, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Belson (Joan), Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Belson (Elaine), The Castelin Family, Mr. James Goulding, Ida Salvarez, Pilar Salvarez, Terry Salvarez, Mr. Tom Cannon, Emogene C. Pierre, Charles and Rodney Goff, Oleus and Della Sonnier and Family, Joan Gilbert, John and Mary Janus, John and Marcella Alexander, Bonnie Poulsen, Mel and Kitty Hornback, Ima Rahter, Donald and Gerry Benuez, Marilyn and Jeral Reaux, Anna and Mike Mitchell, Velma and Benny Fournier, Bernadette Joiner, The Wagener Family, Godfrey Long, Wilma and Leslie Trauth, Eleanor and Glenn Young, Sr., George Young, Gay Lorne Young, Jimmie Shoemaker, Eunice and Albert Misko, Sr., The Disbury Family, The Rich Family, The Gianelloni Family, The Bennett Family, The Salik Family, The Jones Family, The Nelson Family, David Lloyd, Duane Lloyd, Helen Lloyd, Kenneth and Kathryn Swett, Jack and Margaret Seymour, Sr., Jack

Seymour Jr., Sherry Seymour, Cynthia Roberts, Arnold Seymour, Doris Seymour, Randy Seymour, Charles Goff, Rodney Goff, Oleus Sonnier, Della Sonnier, J.P. Goff, Helen Goff, Louise and Buster Eagan and Family, Dwight Willis, Sujin Kim, Henry and Sylvia Diaz, The Thibodeaux Family, The Gospodinovich Family, The Tran Family and Special Intentions.



The Month of January is Dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Everything about our divine Lord is holy, including His Name. It was the Archangel Gabriel who first spoke the name of Jesus to His mother, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a

son, and you shall name him Jesus" (Luke 1:31). The Archangel was only a messenger, so the name of Jesus was given to Him by the Father in Heaven. Saint Peter was one of the First Apostles to speak with authority in the Holy Name of Jesus when he healed a crippled man saying, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk" (Acts 3:6). Saint Paul also exalted the holy name of Jesus when he said, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-10).

There is great power in the spoken name of Jesus. Repeating His name prayerfully or speaking it aloud brings Him close and gives you strength, provided you recite His name in faith. The name of Jesus casts out fear, arouses trust, and unites your heart to His. As we celebrate this holy memorial, ponder the prayer below that is attributed to Saint Bernardine of Sienna, the Franciscan who spoke so fervently of Jesus' name. Also, take time to close your eyes and prayerfully repeat His name over and over. As you go about your day, anytime you feel anxious or fearful, speak the name of Jesus. Know and believe that the divine name of our Lord brings Him close to you and bestows His grace in abundance.



Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love, and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To You our devotion aspires; by You our prayers are received, we delight in contemplating You. O Name of Jesus, You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.

Source: My Catholic Life

If you currently have a designated adoration hour on the We Adore Him website and have not been going for 3 months or more, your name will be removed from the schedule. If you need to try a new hour, please visit stalphonsus.weadorehim.com to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Thank you so much for all your participation in this Power of Prayer for Our Lord Jesus Christ ministry!

The Rosary has been recognized as a powerful weapon in the battle against spiritual evils. Many saints, including St. Padre Pio, have urged the faithful to "pray, hope, and don't worry," believing that the Rosary is a spiritual "sword" that protects us from temptation and spiritual harm. This idea is rooted in the belief that the Rosary places us under the protection of the Virgin Mary, who continually intercedes for us.

Please mark your calendars and join us for the next Intercessory Prayer which will meet on Monday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus Church.

There have been many testimonies to prayer petitions at Intercessory Prayer being answered! Your prayers are so important to God who only wants a personal relationship with each of you and to come to him in prayer through Our Blessed Mother.



Catholic Charismatic Renewal of South MS

Second Saturday of every month (January 10, 2025)
 Christ the King Catholic Church in Latimer

10601 Daisy Vestry Rd. Latimer 39565.

10 minutes north of I 10. Adoration and Reconciliation starts at 9:00am
 Mass and Prayer Meeting/Praise & Worship 9:30am