

The territory occupied by the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali (later known as Galilee) was the most northerly part of Israel. Because it bordered on pagan territory it would have been associated with darkness. It was the first province of Israel to be conquered by Assyria in 732 BC. Isaiah predicted future liberation for the people of that region. In his Gospel, Matthew sees Isaiah’s prophecy as fulfilled in Jesus.

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



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**A St. Alphonsus Masculinity Retreat** will be held for Males 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade along with Fathers, Grandfathers or Male Guardian on Saturday, February 7, 2026 in the KC Hall. Sign In will be held from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. and breakfast and lunch will be provided. For registration information please contact Rodney Fountain at 228-424-2053 or email: [rodney@rfountaincpa.com](mailto:rodney@rfountaincpa.com).



**The St Alphonsus KC Ladies Auxiliary Council 5654** will be forming a Prayer Shawl Ministry in the upcoming months for parishioners who are homebound, having surgery/hospitalizations, hospice, or in nursing homes. We are asking for any donations of yarn and fleece to help this ministry grow. A designated box will be available to drop off donations at the front/exits of the church. Anyone interested in participating in this ministry is welcome to bring your talents. You may contact Gay Camagong at (228) 424-7722 or Pam Carter at (228) 233-5217 for more information.



**Living Hope Group / Farm of Hope:** The Living Hope Group is a parish-based ministry open to anyone with a loved one facing addiction as well as friends, supporters, and families connected to the Farm of Hope. The group offers shared spiritual support, prayer, and encouragement. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Lois Ravera at 228-324-3304.



**Tabitha Tip – Don’t Shout: Speaking louder does not always help, but clarity and patience do.** This endeavor is brought to you by The Tabitha Project, a ministry of the de l'Epee Deaf Center in collaboration with the Office of the Bishop - Catholic Diocese of Biloxi. The hope is that these tips will enrich parish life and encourage a spirit of welcome for ALL parishioners. For more information, contact Rachel Ryan at 228-897-2289 or [rryan@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:rryan@biloxidiocese.org).



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of Fr. Thomas White, Fr. Eileen Lowney and Deacon Greg Miller**

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Sunday Collection.....\$12,359.00  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,906.00  
Aged & Infirm Collection.....\$ 2,724.00  
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## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JANUARY 26
2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:22-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
TUESDAY	JANUARY 27
2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Ruby Morton
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Bill Nichols
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 28
2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Phillip Howard
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. John Langan
THURSDAY	JANUARY 29
2 Samuel 7:18-19; 24-29; Mark 4:21-25	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Marian O’Connor
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Barney Banks
FRIDAY	JANUARY 30
2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Kandace Landgrave
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Richard M. Durkin, Sr.
SATURDAY	JANUARY 31
2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Anita Grace White
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ralph Allen
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 1
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
	Ms. Lea Pitre
11:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Tim Ozmun
5:30 p.m.	



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Sharon Barthes, Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Arlene Burns, Mildred “Tootsie” Caillavet, Benny 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, Daisy 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., Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Kathy Pasquini, Janice Pepper, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Richard Potash, MaraLou Guice Richards, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Courtney Severino, Glenn Sigumjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Sarah Galle Traylor, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



**A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church 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 \$50.00



**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](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com) to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



**Continuing Education for Adults is vital to living out your Catholic faith.** Join our group as we enjoy coffee, donuts, and the study of the Gospel of Matthew, presented by Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. No registration is required. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020. January 25: Chapter 12



**The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations** in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on February 11<sup>th</sup>. 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: 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
LifeTeen: 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
O CIA: Adults Interested in Becoming Catholic  
Adult Study: Confirmed Adults



**The Diocese of Biloxi Vocations Office is proud to announce their first annual Altar Server Recognition Mass for all altar servers in the Diocese.** This special Mass will take place at Our Lady of the Gulf in Bay St. Louis on Saturday January 31, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Kihneman will celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. Immediately following Mass there will be a reception with pizza at the Our Lady of the Gulf community center. To reserve your space please visit the following link: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfu1oms6fl.../viewform...> Please ensure that all names are entered correctly. Certificates will be distributed with your altar servers names. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Fr. Braxton Necaise (Director of Vocations) at 228-863-1610.



**EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** and join us for the NEXT EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER which will meet on FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH. 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. 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. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US IN PRAYER!!



**PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
Our Lady is asking you, your family or ministry to pray the Rosary together for peace, healing, hope, conversion, penance and prayer.

Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the front of the St. Alphonsus Church to take home for one week the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue will be passed from family to family after the 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday. Instructions and an explanation on how to pray the Rosary will be provided with the statue. The phrase "a family that prays together stays together" suggests that shared faith and spirituality can strengthen family bonds and promote a sense of togetherness and support. Regular family prayer can foster unity and help family members grow closer to one another. The Rosary is the second most powerful prayer next to the Mass! 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 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.



**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.



**St. Alphonsus Church App – You are able to download our parish app on your iPhone or Android** by texting App to phone number 55321, or by visiting [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com).

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