

**The Gospel story is a lesson on growth in faith.** The climax of the story comes when the man makes a profession of faith in Jesus, 'Lord, I believe.' His journey from blindness to sight symbolizes the journey from unbelief to faith, which is a journey from darkness to light. St. Paul says, 'Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord' (Second Reading). Sadly, while the blind man opens more and more to the light, the Pharisees, who are physically sighted, become more and more spiritually blind. In giving sight to a blind man Jesus shows that he is 'the light of the world'.

The First Reading talks about the depth of God's seeing. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.

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



**Our diocese is blessed to have over 56 Permanent Deacons** that serve our parishes and families, as well as 18 men in formation for the Permanent Diaconate. Your gift to the CSA greatly aids in the formation and education of these men in service to the Church.

Please consider a gift to this year's appeal in support of our Deacons. Pledge envelopes are at the exits of the Church. Thank you!

This year's parish goal for St. Alphonsus is \$76,957. 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](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/giving).



**The Altar Society will meet** on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the KC Hall. All are welcome to attend.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. March 21<sup>st</sup>).** The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



**An anointing of the Sick** will take place on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members who may wish to receive this Sacrament.



**A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (March 21/22) for Catholic Relief Services.** This collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

**The Altar Society is accepting donations to the decorating of the Church on Easter Sunday.** Envelopes are available in the pews for parishioners who wish to donate in memory of or in honor of a loved one. When complete, envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Rectory. Please print names clearly on the envelope. The deadline for donating is Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Marian O'Connor and Helen Lloyd**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 16</b>
Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Tommy Brinkman
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 17</b>
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Patricia McMackin
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Thelma Gollot
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 18</b>
Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Carol Lee Cantin
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Pieter van Thiel
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 19</b>
2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. William Anderson
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Mary Elizabeth Wilson
	Ms. Doris Joan Belson
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 20</b>
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Jack Brennan
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Camille B. Durkin
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 21</b>
Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Marian O'Connor
	Int. Ms. Roberta Robinson
4:00 p.m.	Int. Ms. Roberta Robinson
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 22</b>
Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Tony Pierce
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
5:30 p.m.	Int. Joan and Dan Munger



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay 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, 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 Necaie, Donna and Edward Necaie Jr., Terese Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Scott Parker, Kathy Pasquini, Janice Pepper, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, 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.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$14,583.00  
 Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 8,207.00  
 Black and Indian Mission Collection.....\$ 1,461.00  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



### THIS LENT, TRY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION!



"If we are to experience the Eucharist as the source and summit of all Christian life, then we must celebrate it with faith, receive it with reverence, and allow it to transform our minds and hearts through the prayer of adoration" St. John Paul II

When Jesus is exposed in the monstrance, He is fully showing Himself to us. In return, He wants us to show ourselves back to Him. Jesus does not want us to hold anything back. He wants us to come to Him and pour our hearts out. He is waiting. "Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration." Blessed Fulton J. Sheen

#### What do I do in Adoration?

There is no right or wrong way to spend an hour with Jesus. You need to find what you like to do in silence with Jesus. Here are a few tips:

- Come to Adoration with an open heart.** You might be seeking answers for something specific. You might not hear what you are wanting to hear that instant but rest assured, He has a plan. Pray for patience and ask God to show you in many ways - "give me signs, tell me, show me" - He will listen.
- Be quiet.** Listen and rest in the Lord's presence.
- Pray the rosary** while meditating on the mysteries.
- Journal, read the Bible, or read a book** about Adoration or other spiritual reading.
- Tell Jesus what is bothering you.** Ask Him for guidance and peace with any decisions you need to make.
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.**
- Read scripture.** After reading a few verses, dive more deeply into the scripture by utilizing Lectio Divina.
- Find inspiration** for reflection in the words of the saints, who have written about Adoration.

Jesus said in the garden, "Will you not spend one hour with me?"

If you currently have a designated Adoration hour on the We Adore Him website and have not been going for three 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. **March 15:** Chapter 24



The Diocese of Biloxi is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant/Ecclesiastical Notary for the Office of the Tribunal (18 hours per week, non-benefit position). Duties include transcribing depositions, maintaining case files and the Casemaster database, handling Tribunal mail, scheduling appointments, answering phones, and providing general office support. The position also serves as the notary for Tribunal documents and decrees.

Applicants should have a high school diploma (minimum), at least 3 years of transcription and office experience, strong computer skills (Word, Excel, Outlook), and excellent communication abilities. Candidates must be practicing Catholics in good standing who support the mission of the Church.

To apply, please submit your resume through the Diocese of Biloxi employment page: [www.biloxidiocese.org/admin-assistant-tribunal](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/admin-assistant-tribunal)



### EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and please JOIN US in praying the ROSARY with EXPOSITION of the

BLESSED SACRAMENT on MONDAY, MARCH 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at ST. ALPHONSUS.

Last month we talked about generational healing family trees and some behavioral patterns we may have possibly inherited.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING/RETURN BOTH YOUR FAMILY TREE FORMS THIS MONTH!!

Those who return their genograms and intercessory paperwork from last month will be put in an envelope under the altar; Fr. Mike will continue to intercede and offer up all intentions as he celebrates the Masses.

For the month of March, we will focus on the power of our tongues. Many of the curses in our family tree have come through the words that we say about ourselves or the words that others have pronounced over our lives.

We all carry a responsibility in the words we choose: there is importance in using them to uplift and inspire. From the power to heal to the power to harm, the Bible is filled with wisdom about the impact of our speech. Our words can snare or trap us and form a barrier that prevents God's blessings from entering into our lives.

The Rosary is one of the most powerful weapons God gives to mankind. Let us pray and ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede for us and our families. She is our greatest intercessor!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



**The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations** in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on March 25<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  
**OCIA:** Adults Interested in Becoming Catholic  
**Adult Study:** Confirmed Adults



**The feast day for St. Alphonsus, our patron saint, is Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.** We have begun planning for our annual St. Alphonsus Day celebration. If you would like to be part of planning and executing the celebration, please contact John McMackin at 228-229-6236 or the Parish Office at 228-875-5419. The initial planning meeting will be held after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on March 28<sup>th</sup> in the cry room. All are invited.



**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 the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for one week. 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.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Paul Perdue,** uncle of Melissa Rivera of this parish, who passed away March 5<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, VA.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.