

John's main aim is to elicit faith in Jesus and to show the effects of faith in him. 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe.' And the story ends with the words: 'Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what de did believed in him.' Martha is presented as a model of faith. In defiance of the evidence, she makes a wonderful profession of faith: 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world.' Jesus is the source of life, not just physical life, but the undying life of God. This new life is not a mere future hope but a present reality which physical death, despite appearances, does not negate. The key words in the story are: 'I am the resurrection and the life.' The delay in coming to Martha and Mary, and the fact that Lazarus has been dead for four days, serve to underline the point the evangelist is making, namely, that Jesus is the Master of life and death.

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



The Catholic Sharing Appeal touches the lives of many in our diocese, from those seeking to enter the Church, to the care of our priests, to the feeding of the hungry and the evangelization of many souls.

We cannot do this work without your help. If you have never given a gift to the CSA, please consider giving one this year, of any amount. Together we can accomplish so much! Pledge envelopes are at the exits of the Church.

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 Popps Ferry Road, Biloxi 39532. You may also donate online at www.biloxidiocese.org/giving.

The Altar Society is accepting donations for 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 donations is Sunday, March 29th.

- Mar 23:** Holy Spirit, Vancleave - Penance Service, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 25:** St. Elizabeth, Ocean Springs – Penance Service, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 26:** Sacred Heart, Pascagoula – Penance Service, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 27:** St. Peter, Pascagoula – Penance Service, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 31:** Chrism Mass at Nativity BVM Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.
- Apr 2:** Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 3:** Reading of Passion w/Veneration of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 4:** Easter Vigil, Baptism & Profession of Faith, 7:30 p.m.
- Apr 5:** Easter Sunday Masses – 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., (Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.), 5:30 p.m.



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

You are invited to join us in praying the ROSARY with EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

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. All are welcome.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MARCH 23
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. R.J. Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Rock Aldor Amyot
TUESDAY	MARCH 24
Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30	
6:30 a.m.	Joseph and Rosaline Bellande
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Jack Kelly
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 25
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38	
6:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Amparo Caliz
THURSDAY	MARCH 26
Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mary and Roy Smith
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Javi De Uriarte & Family
FRIDAY	MARCH 27
Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Alice Hire
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Gwen Noble
SATURDAY	MARCH 28
Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Kelli Langan-Pfister
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Mary Lou Seeger
SUNDAY	MARCH 29
Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
5:30 p.m.	Int. Ms. Kathy Ozmun



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 Necaize, Donna and Edward Necaize Jr., Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Scott Parker, Kathy Pasquini, Janice Pepper, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricea, 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.....\$12,437.23
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 4,081.00
 Catholic Relief Services Collection.....\$ 1,122.00
 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 to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



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



The Blessed Mother promises that praying the Rosary devoutly will lead to numerous graces, including special protection and the flourishing of virtue. The Rosary serves as a powerful spiritual armor against evil and helps deepen one's relationship with God.

Please join us in praying the ROSARY every weekday, Monday through Saturday after the 8:15 a.m. Mass in the Church. Everyone Is Welcome!



The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on March 25th.



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
O CIA: Adults Interested in Becoming Catholic
Adult Study: Confirmed Adults



The feast day for St. Alphonsus, our patron saint, is Saturday, August 1st. 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 28th in the cry room. All are invited.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Good Friday Fish Fry on Friday, April 3rd from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Columbus Club Hall (KC Hall). Plates will be \$12.00 each and will include fish, hush puppies, green beans and potato salad. Take-outs will be available.



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.



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Your Church Needs You - God is calling. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Lectors and Altar Servers at all Masses. Prayerfully consider God's calling to serve your St. Alphonsus Family.