

As the Israelites journeyed through the desert, Moses provided them with the life-saving gift of ordinary water. Jesus, the new Moses, gives the people something infinitely better – ‘living water’, a share in the very life of God.

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

**The Diocese of Biloxi is blessed to have five men (Chris Collins, Jacob Lott, Ricky Molsbee, Adam Tran and Abraham Goulet) in formation for the priesthood, as well as one woman (Katherine Lingenfelder) in formation for the vocation of being a Consecrated Virgin living in the world.** We are also blessed to have ten retired priests that continue to help minister to the 58,000 Catholics in South Mississippi. Your gift to the 2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal directly aids in the formation, education, and care of all of these men. Will you please consider a generous gift to the 2026 CSA in support of our future and retired priest? Your gift of prayers and financial support ensures that we will continue to help the mission of the Church in a real way. 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 Poppo Ferry Road, Biloxi 39532. You may also donate online at [www.biloxidiocese.org/giving](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/giving).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS.** During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be conducted each Monday morning immediately after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, each Friday afternoon by the school children at 2:30 p.m. (adults welcome), and Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. with the Way of the Cross followed by Mass.

**The Second Sunday Collection for Walking With Moms in Need will be held next weekend, March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15.** As this ministry grows -so do their needs. They continue to need all sizes of diapers, especially size 2/3T pull-ups and 4/5T pull-ups, and baby wipes. Donations of gift cards of \$20 or less from Visa, Walmart, Target, any grocery store, and fast food restaurants are very helpful for emergency situations or for needs they don't supply. Baby necessities and baby equipment are always in demand. Both new and gently used baby, toddler, and children clothing are needed as well. As always, they thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.  
Contacts: Margaret at 228-217-4742 or Mary at 228-348-6092.

**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.

**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:

- Reverend William J. Vollar, March 2, 2011
- Reverend Nicholas Walsh, March 5, 1995
- Reverend Gerard M. Cleary, March 9, 2015
- Reverend Msgr. James J. Hannon, March 16, 2008
- Reverend Msgr. Eamon Mullen, March 19, 1992
- Reverend Msgr. Joseph Mercier, March 20, 2023
- Reverend Msgr. Thomas E. Williams, March 25, 1983
- Reverend Msgr. Michael Campbell, March 29, 1987
- Reverend James P. McGlade, March 31, 1980
- Deacon Victor Baglioni, March 11, 2013
- Deacon Larry Pressly, March 20, 2011

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 9</b>
2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Marie Dalrymple Holtorf
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 10</b>
Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Louise Brennan
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Al Allen
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 11</b>
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Dolores Sonnier Family
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Walter van Thiel
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 12</b>
Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Rocky Sentell
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Barney Banks
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 13</b>
Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Phillip Howard
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Bill Nichols
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 14</b>
Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Theresa Hire
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Les McMackin, Jr.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 15</b>
1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41	
7:30 a.m.	Special Intention
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Steve Sema
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Int. Ms. Amaya Lopez

**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 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.....\$11,933.04  
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,765.00  
 Poor Collection.....\$ 3,969.13  
 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 deeper 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 8: Chapters 21, 22, 23

March 15: Chapter 24



**Catholic Diocese of Biloxi Relic Collection** - The Diocese of Biloxi has been given the tremendous blessing of over 1600 relics of saints, one of the largest collections in the country. At present over 450 relics are on display in the Marian Chapel at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Another 250 will be switched out and displayed in May/June. Viewing hours are 45 minutes after the 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses, during the 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. daily Masses Monday through Friday and the 8:00 a.m. Mass Saturday morning. (Refer to [NativityBVMCathedral.org](http://NativityBVMCathedral.org) for updated viewing hours.) Group pilgrimages/tours can be arranged by contacting Colleen Kavanagh at [colleenkavanagh64@gmail.com](mailto:colleenkavanagh64@gmail.com) or by calling the Nativity BVM Cathedral Office at 228-374-1717. The saints' lives inspire us and their relics are our spiritual treasures on earth!



**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. in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH.

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!!!



**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.



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



**Is God Calling You to More? New Wine Program**

If you feel a nudge to grow deeper in your faith or lead more intentionally, the New Wine Program may be for you. This renewed diocesan formation experience invites both new participants and past graduates to be equipped as missionary disciples who walk with others toward Christ. The next cohort begins August 2026; applications are open through May 29, 2026. Learn more and apply at: [www.biloxidiocese.org/new-wine](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/new-wine)



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Liz Eckert,** a longtime parishioner of this parish, who passed away February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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