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


 **We congratulate the following individuals who were brought into the Church at the Easter Vigil by Baptism, Sacrament of Confirmation, Profession of Faith or Full Communion:** Katelyn Cole, Patrick Coleman, Robert Foreman, Kristen George, Drew Jones, Maya Elizabeth Jones, Mirela Ann Jones, Rina Jones, Brittany McCoy, Brody McCoy, Jackson Park, Matthew Park, Stephanie Park, Jay Sancho, Jessica Sancho and Kelly Zeiss.
We pray that they continue to grow in the Catholic faith in the years ahead.


 **We encourage those who have not yet had the opportunity to contribute to the Catholic Sharing Appeal** to consider supporting the ongoing efforts of our diocesan Church. Every donation, regardless of amount, plays an important role in the Appeal's success. We extend our sincere appreciation to those who have already chosen to assist individuals in need within our community. Pledge envelopes are at the exits of the Church. 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.


 **You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction** on Friday, May 1st at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass).

 **You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion** on Saturday, May 2nd at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.

 **St Alphonsus Shawl ministry** will meet the 1st Saturday of each month in the Columbus Club Hall beginning Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon. Everyone is welcome to join and share their joy for knitting and crocheting or to learn a new skill. Please contact Karen Futch at 228-861-9407 if you are interested in joining.


 **PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, May 9th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!

 **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 Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Bill and Dot Collins**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	APRIL 27
Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Family/Friends of Daniel Bang
TUESDAY	APRIL 28
Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Jane and Robert Sema
8:15 a.m.	Int. Bishop Kihneman
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 29
Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ethan Bennett
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Chad Williams
THURSDAY	APRIL 30
Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Paul Perdue
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Donald Cole
FRIDAY	MAY 1
Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Louis McMackin
SATURDAY	MAY 2
Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Hazel Pitalo The Jordan Family The Pitalo Family
	4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY	MAY 3
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Fr. Steve Geerling
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Conner Bond
5:30 p.m.	Int. Ms. Patricia 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, Craig Fountain, 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, 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, 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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Do We Recognize Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?
April is the month dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament in the Catholic Church. We believe that the Consecrated Host is the Body, Blood, Soul and



Divinity of Jesus Christ. But, do we fully realize what this means? Do we recognize Jesus in this most Sacred Host? Do we know how much He wants to be a part of our everyday lives? He wants to be with us so much so, that He humbles Himself and becomes a small piece of bread that is liable to desecration. He takes that chance just to be close to us. How can we repay Him for this great gift of Himself to us? One way is to visit Him in our chapel and adore Him, where He is always present. He deserves our love in return. He deserves our gratitude for the many blessings we receive. Come to Him with open hearts to receive His overwhelming peace, joy and grace.
Saint John Paul II says this about Adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, "Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your heart. It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us in the Blessed Sacrament. He is God with us. Seek Him without tiring, welcome Him without reserve, love Him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever!"
Commit to a weekly hour in the chapel. This practice fosters a deep sense of reverence and awe for the Eucharistic mystery and offers time for mental prayer before our Lord.

May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen

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.



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.
April 26: 27:32-66 and 28
May 3: Dr. Scott Hahn "The Fourth Cup"



The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all English weekend Masses.



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.



Parish 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,230.24
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$3,886.00
Home Missions Appeal Collection.....	\$ 890.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptismal 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.



Walking With Moms in Need Ministry (WWMIN) holds a Baby Drive on the second Sunday of every month to replenish their supplies to continue the success of this ministry. They are asking for

donations of diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby toiletries and necessities, formula, new or gently used baby clothes, strollers, highchairs, car seats, etc. They thank you in advance for your abundant generosity and continued support. 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. Boxes are located at all entrances to the Church. For more information, contact Margaret at 228-217-4742 or Mary at 228-348-6092.



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 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 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!



Our Parish App is one great way to help make the liturgical season more present in your daily life. Helpful reflections will aid you in reflecting on the Mass readings each day. Also – under FORMED, you will be able to stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere. **Don't have the App or FORMED yet?** If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the App by texting **App** to phone number 55321, or by visiting myparishapp.com. To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at www.formed.org and enter our Parish Code flf5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.



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 228-875-5419. Donation amount is \$50.00.