

**Sign of Peace:** Lord Jesus Christ, the night before you died you said to your friends: 'Peace I leave with you; my own peace I give you. A peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. So do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.' Lord, take pity on our troubled and fearful hearts, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

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



**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](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/giving).

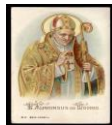


**A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptismal date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



**PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**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 Msgr. Patrick J. Carey, May 1, 1979
- Reverend Msgr. Patrick K. Bambrick, May 1, 2002
- Reverend John T. O'Brien, May 18, 2009
- Reverend Dominic Phan, May 28, 2019

**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Those Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation (April 30, 2026) and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion (May 3, 2026)**



**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$9,450.70  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$3,591.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 4</b>
Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	William and Dorthea Kennedy
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 5</b>
Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. John Meadows
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Al Allen
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 6</b>
Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Todd Klingensmith
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Sue Adams
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MAY 7</b>
Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Billy Gianelloni
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Earl Hammond
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 8</b>
Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Phillip Howard
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Judy Soares
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 9</b>
Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Joyce Reynolds
	Ms. Anita Grace White
	Fr. William Norvel, SSB
	4:00 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 10</b>
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Barney Banks
11:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. George Pitalo
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



**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 Necaize, Donna and Edward Necaize 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. and all our Homebound Parishioners.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**



**May is the Month of Mary**

In the Catholic Church, May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This month-long devotion focuses on honoring Mary as Mother of God, Mother



of the Church and the model of faith. Adoring the Blessed Sacrament honors Mary as the Mother of God by recognizing her role in giving flesh to Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, and by imitating her perfect worship as the first adorer. She is honored as "Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament," having provided the body and blood now present in the Eucharist.

**Key Ways Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Honors Mary:**

1. Recognizing Her Role as Mother: Mary provided the physical body and blood of Jesus, making the Eucharist possible.
2. Imitating the First Adorer: Mary was the first to adore Jesus at his incarnation and birth, making her the model for all Eucharistic adoration. She was the first "monstrance" that held Jesus.
3. Adoring with the "Heart of Mary": As taught by St. Teresa of Calcutta, praying the rosary during adoration allows worshippers to love Jesus with the heart of Mary, offering perfect adoration and connecting their hearts with hers.
4. Fulfilling Her Role as Cooperator: Mary is viewed as the "New Eve," offering the "food of life" (Eucharist) to humanity, unlike the first Eve who brought death.

Adoration is a profound way to connect with Our Lady, especially by meditating on the Incarnation, where she first brought God to humanity. In this beautiful month of May, make time to stop in and visit Our Mother's Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, to say hello and thank Him for the many blessings you have received throughout the years.

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.



**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.



Please join us in praying the rosary. MONDAY through SATURDAY after the 8:15 a.m. Mass in the Church.

The Rosary truly is a very special prayer, one that has many benefits for those who pray it devoutly and faithfully every day. So important is it, that 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 loved by many of the saints since its introduction in the 12th century. The Rosary is a prayer that fits perfectly into the spiritual life of all who seek to allow the Blessed Mother to be their light to Christ, to show them the path to Jesus.

In his Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, Blessed Pope John Paul II states in his introduction, "The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium..." (RVM, 1)



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Angelina Ward,** a longtime parishioner of this parish, who passed April 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.



**EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

**Mark your Calendars - Please join us in praying the twenty mysteries of the rosary on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession will be available.**

MAY is the month of MARY, OUR BLESSED MOTHER! The story of the Rosary begins in the year 1214 when the Holy Mother Church received the Rosary in its present form, was given to the Church by St. Dominic, who had received it from the Blessed Mother during an apparition.

The Rosary has been credited with many healings, conversions, and other miracles of faith down the succeeding years. Time after time in apparitions to the faithful, the Blessed Mother has implored us to "PRAY THE ROSARY." Through the Rosary, we unite ourselves with Our Blessed Mother and Her Son through prayer each and every time we recite it.

"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin... if you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with cares and labor." - Pope Pius XI



**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, individually or with your family or ministry, to pray the Rosary together for peace, healing, hope, conversion, penance and prayer.

The sign-up sheet is in the front of the Church. You will be notified when it is your turn to take the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima home for one week. The statue will be transferred to you 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.

Our Lady says, "Now I just want to say pray, pray, pray!"



**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](http://App) to phone number 55321, or by visiting [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com). To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter our Parish Code f1f5a9 (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