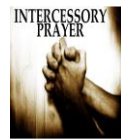


The resurrection, the ascension, and the giving of the Spirit are part of the same event. In one action that goes beyond earthly time, Jesus emerges from the tomb, returns to the Father, and gives the Spirit. However, from the viewpoint of the first disciples, who continued to live on within time, these actions are described as having taken place at different times: They found the tomb empty on Sunday morning; the risen Lord appeared to them on that day or subsequently; the termination of the appearances caused them to realize that Jesus was now permanently with God; and they received the Spirit.

The theological meaning of this feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making him Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

In both the First Reading and the Gospel Jesus gives a mission and makes a promise to his followers.

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



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Mark your Calendars - Please join us in praying the twenty mysteries of the rosary on Monday, May 18th 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: given to the Church by St. Dominic, who 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



Congratulations Deacon Jim Gunkel on his ten year anniversary (May 21) as a Permanent Deacon. Thank you for your service to St. Alphonsus.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Allison Dickinson, daughter of Michael Dickinson of this parish, who passed away May 5th. Carolyn Castleman, a longtime parishioner of this parish, who passed May 10th.

We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Bill Gryder and Neil Gryder

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$12,796.30
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 5,256.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 18
Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Oscar Hall
TUESDAY	MAY 19
Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ernie Helms
8:15 a.m.	Int. Andy and Dede O'Brien
WEDNESDAY	MAY 20
Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Harrell Babuchna
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Pieter van Thiel
THURSDAY	MAY 21
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Dec/Int Matthew Tucker Family
8:15 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim Gunkel
FRIDAY	MAY 22
Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Jody Brierty
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Aline Joy Humphrey
SATURDAY	MAY 23
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Thomas Daniel Brinkman
Genesis 11:1-9; Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Joel 3:1-5; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39	
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Albert Misko, Sr.
	Ms. Eunice Misko
	Mr. André Kaufman
SUNDAY	MAY 24
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Timmy Harris
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Andy Harmon



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, Jennifer Catchot, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Michelle Dyess, Rose Mary Eagan, Craig Fountain, Dawn Fountain, Nija Fountain, Gordon Gaethe, Caroline Gautier, Anslay 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, Myra Kittle, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Carol Latham, Nelda Latour, 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. and all our Homebound Parishioners.



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.

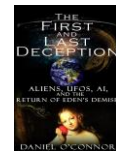
If you currently have a designated Adoration hour on the We Adore Him website and have not been going for three months or more, your name will be removed from the schedule. If you need to try a new hour, please visit stalphonus.us.weadorehim.com to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



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

The Rosary 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." It is a prayer loved by many of the saints. 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, Pope Saint 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)



Here is the Book and Video on UFO and AI deception:

"The First and Last Deception" by Daniel O'Connor.

ISBN 9781957168104.

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You can find a video talk on YouTube.



Parish Registration

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.



St. Mary in Gautier will present Introduction To Life in The Divine Will on Saturday, June 6th from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. This will be a day of deep prayer and reflection with at least two hours before the Blessed Sacrament. Lunch will be provided. For more information or to register, please contact St. Mary at 228-497-2364 or you may email at stmarygautier@yahoo.com.

What if God is calling you to something more?



More mission. More formation. More confidence in sharing the faith. More intentional discipleship.

The New Wine Program is a diocesan formation experience designed to equip everyday Catholics to move from maintenance to mission. Through prayer, community, discussion, and formation, participants are challenged to grow as missionary disciples who can lead others to Christ in their parishes, schools, ministries, and homes.

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Locations:

Coast (St. Thomas Long Beach)& Hattiesburg (Sacred Heart Hattiesburg)

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Hybrid Format: In-person sessions + online learning through My Catholic Faith Delivered

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Applications are now open! Deadline to apply is May 29!

Apply here: <https://biloxidiocese.org/new-wine>.

Questions? Contact the Office of Faith Formation (abuckley@biloxidiocese.org)



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!"



Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance?

Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.



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.