

**St. Luke exploits Jewish tradition which saw Pentecost as the feast of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai.** According to the legend a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. In a further refinement, the fire split into seventy tongues of fire corresponding to the seventy nations of the world: the law was proclaimed, not only to Israel, but to all humankind. Luke, too, has the mighty wind and tongues of fire coming upon the group of disciples. But for Luke the universal proclamation was not that of the Law, but of the Good News, a proclamation that has undone the sentence of Babel and reunited the scattered nations.

St. John has the giving of the Spirit happening on Easter day. However, we must avoid any impression of a twofold solemn bestowal of the Spirit. John and Luke are both saying the same thing: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit and inaugurates the mission of the Church. That they differ in their dating is due to theological concerns.

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



**On this Memorial Day weekend,** we welcome all visitors who join us today to celebrate the Eucharist. We hope all our families who are traveling over the weekend have safe arrivals to their destinations and a safe return home later. We ask you all to be careful on the highways, byways and waterways this busy weekend.

This weekend we remember all who gave their lives for this country and for the freedom we so often take for granted. Please remember them in your prayers today.



**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.**



**St. Alphonsus Parish is pleased to recognize and congratulate our seniors who have graduated or will soon graduate from college or a local high school.** To help us include everyone, please call the church office at 228-875-5419 or email stalparishos@gmail.com with your child's name and school.



**Attention St. Alphonsus Graduating High School Seniors:** There is a \$1,000 Scholarship available from **The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund** to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Brian Sanderson at [bsanderson@cardinalgroupplc.com](mailto:bsanderson@cardinalgroupplc.com) to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 30, 2026.**



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.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Craig Fountain,** brother of Valri Crosby (Ron) of this parish, who passed away May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Deacon Jim Gunkel**

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,889.50  
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,991.00  
 Catholic Communication Campaign Collection.....\$1,256.25

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 25</b>
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Brandon Saucier
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 26</b>
1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Dana Ladnier
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 27</b>
1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Paul Williams
8:15 a.m.	Rudy and Ruth Ann Geisaka
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MAY 28</b>
1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Mark 10:46-52	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Dianna Fountain
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Manuel Severino
	Int. Mr. Peter Murtough
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 29</b>
1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joseph Jereidini
8:15 a.m.	Int. Brandon and Kelsey Sema
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 30</b>
Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. William Byron Patton
	Mr. Lester J. McMackin, Jr.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 31</b>
Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Int. Mr. James C. Martin
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Sandra Mahoney
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Elizabeth Hughbanks



**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, 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, 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 Necaie, Donna and Edward Necaie 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.

## 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,



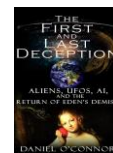
Mother of the Church and the model of faith. Adoring the Blessed Sacrament honors Mary as the Mother of God by recognizing her role in giving flesh to Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, and by imitating her perfect worship as the First Adorer. She is honored as "Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament," having provided 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 [stalparishos.us.weadorehim.com](http://stalparishos.us.weadorehim.com) to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



**Here is the Book and Video on UFO and AI deception:** "The First and Last Deception" by Daniel O'Connor. ISBN 9781957168104. Copyright St. Joseph's Solutions, Rensselaer, New York. You can find a video talk on YouTube.



**The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi is seeking a Director of Finance to lead and oversee financial operations across the Diocese, including the Chancery, Catholic Charities, and related ministries.** This key leadership role serves as the primary financial advisor to the Bishop, ensuring sound financial planning, strong internal controls, and faithful stewardship of Church resources. The Director works closely with clergy and diocesan leadership to promote transparency, accountability, and alignment with the mission of fostering Discipleship in Christ.

Candidates should have a bachelor's degree (advanced degree preferred), 7-10 years of financial management experience—ideally in a nonprofit setting—and a commitment to Catholic values. CPA certification is preferred.

For full details and to apply, please visit: <https://www.biloxidiocese.org/director-finance>



**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.



### 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. Whether you serve in ministry already or simply feel a stirring that God may be calling you deeper, New Wine could be the next step.

Locations:  
 Coast (St. Thomas Long Beach)& Hattiesburg (Sacred Heart Hattiesburg) Program Begins: August 2026.  
 Includes Level III Catechist Certification.  
 Hybrid Format: In-person sessions + online learning through My Catholic Faith Delivered

"New wine is poured into fresh wineskins." — Mark 2:22

Applications are now open. **Deadline to apply is May 29th!**

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

Questions? Contact the Office of Faith Formation ([abuckley@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:abuckley@biloxidiocese.org))



**St. Mary in Gautier will present Introduction To Life in The Divine Will** on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stmarygautier@yahoo.com).



**You are invited to join us on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. for a Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession.** Please plan to walk with us through Ocean Springs as we **PRAISE AND ADORE JESUS CHRIST** in the **BLESSED SACRAMENT**.

The Procession Route will begin and end at the front of the Church. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the Source and Summit of our faith in the Celebration of the Eucharist. Bring your rosary.



**St. Elizabeth Seton will hold a Vacation Bible School** June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The theme this year will be "Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God".

To register please go to: <https://vbspro.events/p/8e579a>. For more information, please contact Lisa Greig at 228-209-1981.



Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting nine families, providing \$6,034.99 in utility and rent bills.**



**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 said: "Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war."