

Christ says to us what he said to his apostles: 'If you love me, keep my commandments'. We can't truly call ourselves his disciples if we don't listen to his words and make an effort to live by them. We know we fail, and our lives are the poorer for that. We need the Lord's help to do better. --New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB



Bishop Louis Kihneman administered the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Thursday (April 30). We congratulate these individuals who received this Sacrament and pray that they will continue to grow in their Catholic Faith in the years ahead. They are: Colt Bond, Jolie Bui, Rebecca Clasen, Elexie Dale, Gabriel Foster, Eliza Hernandez, Olivia Karcher, Benjamin Lora, Alyssa Kate Lowery, William Marchulones, Cohen Monaghan, Luke Oropesa, Alexandra Patino, Santiago Sanchez, Gabriella Sinopoli, Sydney Skrmetti, George Zorn III and Colton French.



Congratulations to the following students from our Elementary School and Religious Education program who received First Holy Communion at the 11:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday (May 3): Harper Andrew, Rosie Bernhardt, Avery Boyd, Ellore Brasington, Arlo Campbell, Mille Coker, Kelly Coleman, Jackson Duvel, Reid Guerrero, Sullivan Hartzog, Graham Hill, Lillian Morgan, Canaan Mohler, June O'Keefe, Eric Olier, Annadele Pavlov, Marina Perez, Colin Reich, Eva Rundberg, Jackson Stroz, Lucy Wineski, Colette Young, and Claire Zulli. We also thank Manuel Lora for taking the photographs and giving us such a great memory to remember this special occasion by.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. May 16th). The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



An anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, May 16th at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members who may wish to receive this Sacrament.



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.



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.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of St. Alphonsus Altar Society

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 11
Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Monica Goretski
TUESDAY	MAY 12
Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Dominic Palazzolo
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Thelma Gollot
WEDNESDAY	MAY 13
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Chuck Norris
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Maria Luisa Salvatierra
THURSDAY	MAY 14
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Thane Williams
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Eduard van Thiel
FRIDAY	MAY 15
Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Marion O'Connor
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
SATURDAY	MAY 16
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Henry Somerhalder
4:00 p.m.	Int. Jeffrey Brochard Family
SUNDAY	MAY 17
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Bill Nichols
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Stephen Nick



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, Michelle Dyess, 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, 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 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 stalphonusus.weadorehim.com to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (May 16/17) for the Catholic Communication Campaign.

This campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message in the U.S. and in developing countries using modern media tools to inform, inspire, and enlighten. 50% of the collection stays in the Diocese and helps to fund the Gulf Pine Catholic and the Communications Office. Envelopes are available at the church exits.



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)



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.



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



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!"



In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.



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://www.formed.org) 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$12,453.87
 Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 6,961.00
 Poor Collection.....\$ 4,298.50