

**In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples.** The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection. The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church. Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed. As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission. --Loyola Press

**Father's Day Collection:** As over the past few years, a special second collection has been scheduled on the weekend of Father's Day to supplement the pension given to diocesan Priests of retirement age. This collection is important to our retired Priests. Priests of the Diocese of Biloxi who do not belong to religious orders are provided with a modest pension in their golden years by an endowment to which parishes pay a yearly assessment. In addition, Priests who are seniors receive a small pension supplement from the Catholic Sharing Appeal. The Diocese has opted to have a special collection for our retired Priests on Father's Day. The proceeds of this Father's Day collection will be used to increase the Diocese's pension supplement. *Isn't there already a collection for retired Priests?* There are two annual special collections that are sometimes confused with one another, and neither one meets the specific need of providing diocesan Priests with an adequate pension/retirement. The first is the collection to support retired religious. "Religious" refers to women (sisters, nuns) and men (brothers and some Priests) who belong to religious communities such as Dominicans, Benedictines, Franciscans, etc. Diocesan Priests are distinct from religious Priests and do not benefit from this collection.

The other yearly second collection mentioned above is for "aged and infirm Priests." The amount collected is used by parishes to offset insurance costs/medical expenses of ailing and elderly Priests, but does not provide for a pension or a retired Priest's day-to-day expenses. This year Father's Day falls on the weekend of June 20-21. As we honor fathers, please consider a generous gift to assure a worthy pension/retirement for your spiritual father. May your generosity and the grateful prayers of our Priests be a source of abundant blessings for you and your loved ones.

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

**St. Alphonsus will host a Holy Hour for Vocations** in the Church on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. All are invited.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 15</b>
1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Christopher Bellman
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 16</b>
1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Glenda Hill
8:15 a.m.	Mr. George Ladd
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 17</b>
2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Terry Houle
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Mary Alice Cole
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 18</b>
Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Family of Joyce Reynolds
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jeffery Cowart
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 19</b>
2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6:19-23	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Annette Lawrence
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Anne Morgan Touns
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 20</b>
2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Arthur Gianelloni
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Matthew Peresich Lyons
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 21</b>
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Judy Meyers
9:00 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim & Toni Gunkel
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Eckert
	Ms. Liz Eckert
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh 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, Barbara Fournier, 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.



## June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Eucharistic adoration, where the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ is exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, is a powerful way to draw closer to His Sacred Heart and to experience His Real Presence. Jesus, having a human heart, experienced all of the emotions that we experience in this life....love, joy, happiness, pain, sorrow, loneliness, fear, stress. Jesus knows everything about us and everything we are going through and He wants to show us that He understands. He wants to give you His endless love. He wants to show us that His love has no bounds. Come and experience this love that pours out of His most Sacred Heart onto you and me. He is waiting to share it with you!

*Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its center, its love, and its happiness. By the wound in your heart, pardon the sins that I have committed whether out of malice or out of evil desires. Place my weak heart in your own divine heart, continually under your protection and guidance, so that I may persevere in doing good and in fleeing evil until my last breath. Amen*

~St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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](http://stalphonus.us.weadorehim.com) to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



**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/or to apply, please visit: <https://www.biloxidiocese.org/director-finance>



In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest."

**Have you considered answering the call to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Jason David Scott**, nephew of Robert Sema (Jane) of this parish, who passed away May 28<sup>th</sup> in Grand Bay, Al.

**William Juch IV**, husband of Alexandra Juch of this parish, who passed away June 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 Honor of Fr. Mike Snyder On his 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination (June 7, 1997)**



## EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MONDAY, JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. join us in praying the ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT. CONFESSIONS will also be available.

"In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." (Romans 8:26, 27)

Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons God gives to mankind. If we want peace to come to earth and morality to return then all of us must unite in prayer for this to happen. If all the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ will unite in this Rosary prayer, then through those prayers His divine grace will pour out over the world and change it for the better.

Let us all come together, invoke the Holy Spirit, and pray with Our Blessed Mother, with all our hearts!

PLEASE EVERYONE JOIN US IN THIS NEED FOR PRAYER!!!



**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. June 20<sup>th</sup>).** 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, June 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Lord Is My Help** needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (no cooking involved) the week of June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Jamie Lloyd at 713-818-6071. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



**Save-The Date: The Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries** will take place on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage or more in 2026 are welcome to attend.



**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.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,053.05  
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$10,209.12  
Poor Collection.....\$ 3,949.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support