

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again, our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

--Loyola Press



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 to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 30, 2026.**



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, July 1st 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 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, July 3rd at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, July 4th at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.



PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, July 11th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



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



St Alphonsus Shawl ministry will meet on Saturday, July 25th in the Columbus Club Hall from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

Everyone is welcome to join and share their joy for knitting and crocheting or to learn a new skill. Please contact Karen Futch at 228-861-9407 if you are interested in joining.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 29
Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jaqueline Hemenway
TUESDAY	JUNE 30
Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Judy Meyers Family
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Peggy Closson
WEDNESDAY	JULY 1
Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Dorothy Javorksy
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Natalie Hightower
	Mr. Pat Williams
THURSDAY	JULY 2
Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	Dec/Int Benjamin Hines Sumrall Family
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Juanita Ruiz
FRIDAY	JULY 3
Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29	
6:30 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving
8:15 a.m.	Int. Fr. Steve Geerling
SATURDAY	JULY 4
Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Ora Mae Koehler
	Congregation
4:00 p.m.	Congregation
SUNDAY	JULY 5
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matt 10:37-42	
7:30 a.m.	Special Intention
9:00 a.m.	Mr. A.O. "Herman" Soares
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathleen Strong
5:30 p.m.	Mike and Joe Williams



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., 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 Sigumjak, 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



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 stalphonsus.weadorehim.com to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed for the month of July for Inventory and Maintenance.



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: <http://www.biloxidiocese.org/director-finance>



In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple – Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

For the month of June, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "acknowledge the goodness of the Father" by assisting eleven families by providing \$9,256.96 in rent and utility assistance.



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.

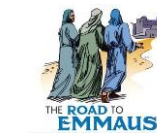
Our Lady said: "Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world."



St. Michael and Stella Maris Explorers are hosting a Moms' Back to School Retreat on Saturday, July 18th. This retreat is designed to encourage and equip you for the school year ahead with a full day of prayer, learning,



fellowship, and time to journal and/or plan. All school-age mothers are welcome! Scan the QR code for more details or contact Ashley Rodriguez, 410-693-8825 (call/text).



Men, put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and be part of the upcoming men's "Road to Emmaus" retreat the weekend of July 24th – 26th.

The retreat is held on the Gulf Coast at W. J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay Saint Louis.

The retreat is based on the scripture passage which includes Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting spiritual experience that has a profound effect on men's lives.

The retreat begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and ends after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans.

Please don't ignore this opportunity, but pray on it instead. Something special awaits you on the Road to Emmaus. Website registration can be done here: <https://stdominicparish.com/emmaus>. Please contact the following men for additional information: Norm Madere 504-481-0411 or Steve Schulkens 504-401-6990.



Save The Date: The Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries will take place on Sunday, October 4th 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. Registration forms are available in the Rectory Office.



Some of the strongest pro-life advocates are the people quietly donating diapers, providing babysitting, paying bills, and helping mothers. Good work Fr. Mike, St. Alphonsus Church and St. Alphonsus School.



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 fl15a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your username/email and password.

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Sunday Collection.....\$8,490.23
Weekly Online Collection.....\$3,291.00
Father's Day Priest Supplemental Collection.....\$2,938.75
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are in Honor of

Deacon Jacob Lott