

**This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.** This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for “Body of Christ.” In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today’s Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John’s Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as “signs” through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God’s saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today’s Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus’ words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus’ Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ’s Body in the world.

--Loyola Press



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> after the 8:15 a.m. Mass in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



**PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



**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@cardinalgrouppllc.com](mailto:bsanderson@cardinalgrouppllc.com) to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 30, 2026.**



**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.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Margaret Broussard**

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,556.37  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$3,061.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 8</b>
1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Charles Jensen
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 9</b>
1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Rhonda Rosetti
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Richard Potash
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 10</b>
1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Family of Cody Dalgo
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Nicholas A. Martin
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 11</b>
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Rod Strahan
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Ray Frazier
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 12</b>
Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Percy Ferron
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Randy Palmer
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 13</b>
1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Hazel Pitalo The Jordan Family The Pitalo Family
4:00 p.m.	The Jurich Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 14</b>
Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36—10:8	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Ken Fabre Mr. Ken Wagner
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Duncan May



**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, Daise 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 [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com) to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



**Bishop Kihneman has asked that I share with you information from the USCCB regarding the upcoming Consecration of the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

On Thursday, June 11, 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the bishops of the United States will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes throughout the country are encouraged to join the bishops in marking this occasion.

Bishop Kihneman asks that we include this occasion in the Masses celebrated in our parishes on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 12, 2026). He also asks that we inform our parishioners about this occasion and encourage them to unite themselves in prayer with the bishops and the Church throughout the United States.

The USCCB has made several resources available for parishes, including prayers, guidance for local celebrations, videos, and a novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Those resources may be found here: [Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus — USCCB](#)

Thank you for helping our diocese join the Church throughout the United States in this act of prayer and consecration.



**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>



**The Second Sunday Donations for Walking With Moms in Need will be held next weekend, June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. As their ministry grows, so do their needs.** . They continue to need all sizes

of diapers, especially size 2/3T pull-ups and 4/5T pull-ups, and baby wipes. Donations of gift cards of \$20 or less from Visa, Walmart, Target, any grocery store, and fast food restaurants are very helpful for emergency situations or for needs they don’t supply. Baby necessities and baby equipment are always in demand. Both new and gently used baby, toddler, and children clothing are needed as well. As always, they thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.

Contacts: Margaret at 228-217-4742 or Mary at 228-348-6092.



### 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!!!



**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.



**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.



**The Bookstore and Gift Shop** is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all English weekend Masses.



Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished, and starving.