



# *St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church*

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*“He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,  
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.” — 1 Peter 2:24a*

***During this difficult time, our staff would like to ask our parish families to take time to update their family census information from the comfort of home.***

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Go to the following website and create an account.  
**<https://batonrouge.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/>**
- ***DO NOT FILL IN REQUEST FOR SS#***
- You can make changes on your Family or Member page including your home address, phone numbers, email address, marital status, add family members, etc.
- Sacrament and Ministry tabs are for viewing only.
- If you need assistance making changes or if you need to remove family members, please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650 or email Missy at [msavoy@alphonsus.org](mailto:msavoy@alphonsus.org).

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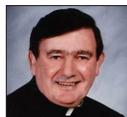
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## Caring for the Common Good

By Fr. Mike Moroney

Over the past few weeks, I have seen and heard so many life-giving stories of people doing good in many ways for their brothers and sisters in Christ. The old saying is true: challenging times can bring out the best of people. It is by doing what we were called to do for the safety of others and being there for each other that we get a glimpse of hope, and even a sense that together we will see the end of this virus.

These times have been especially difficult for those who have family or friends in the hospitals and those who have lost loved ones, especially in the cases where families could not be there for their loved ones in their final moments. Having done many funerals, all grave-side situations, it has been extremely difficult for families with limited numbers allowed to attend.

During a time of crisis and uncertainty, we may find ourselves struggling with fear and anxiety. This is natural for us human beings, but as St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Philippians: “to have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God” 4:6. St. Paul had many hardships in his life, and he invites us to trust that God will guide us through all of this.

Many have said to me, “Where is God in all of this.” I always believe that God is in the midst with us in all stages of life. Personally, I say good will come out of this, and it is already happening with people caring more, spending more time talking, being more kind, and being more charitable. For me, the greatest good will be if we can all come to a better appreciation and understanding of the beautiful gift of life with all its challenges and its blessings. Last week, I read many stories of health professions and all of those working so hard to save lives. Each day, they put themselves in great danger to save others. I read stories of sadness when they could not save a life, and I read of their great joy of some of the great successes they had. Then I read about the anger taking place because abortion clinics were closed. For a moment I felt so sad, having read of all that was being done to save lives, and on other hand, that there are people who want to take away an innocent life. I do not understand it and why our world can justify it.

I pray that together we will continue to do what is right, not just for ourselves but for the good of us all. I am confident that together we will get through this difficult time and we will have learned a bit more about the gift of life. May God bless, protect, and keep each of you.

Fr. Mike

## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a faith-filled community who,  
through prayerful discernment,  
call forth the gifts of the Spirit given to each individual,  
that Christ may be known in our community  
and in our world.*

## Congratulations to all who participated in our Walk to Jerusalem this Lent

*By Fr. Mike Moroney*

It was a wonderful success. We made it there and back, and we were on our way back there again as Lent ended with 13,700.20 miles reported.

I hope you all enjoyed the process and that you benefited spiritually, physically, and health-wise from the experience.

Since many reported their miles as a family I do not know how many individuals took part.

Many thanks to our Liturgy Committee for coming up with the idea for our parish. Special thanks goes to the members who put it together: Chair Mary Bridges, Kyle Cutrer, Angie Giovingo, and Rebecca Kush. These and other members of the committee did a wonderful job.

Thanks to everyone who participated. Have a blessed Easter season.

Fr. Mike

## WORSHIP

### *Readings for the Week - May 4 - 10*

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9;  
 Jn 14:1-12

### *Formed Resources*

While Masses and other activities are suspended, we encourage everyone with access to a computer or smart phone to utilize **Formed.org** to aid your prayer and reflection.

### *Free Apps*

In addition to Formed, the following free Catholic apps for prayer and reflection are available for download on your smart device:

- **Laudate** (daily readings and more)
- **Magnificat**
- **Divine Mercy**

## OUTREACH

### *Rest in Peace*

**Erna Thibodeaux** - *Mother of Ronnie Thibodeaux*

**Harris Lemoine** - *Husband of Gayle Lemoine*

**Roy Lafleur** - *Husband of Peggy Lafleur*

**Donna McFarland** - *Mother of Laura Deville*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

### **Daily Masses**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

### **Communion Services**

Wednesday 8:30 AM

### **Holy Day Masses**

As Announced

### **J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)**

During the school year for preschool ages 3-5 at 10:00 AM Mass.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

During the school year at the 10:00 AM Mass.

For children kindergarten through 2nd grade.

## SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

### **Baptism**

Contact Robin Debetaz at the Parish Office in the early months of pregnancy for dates and preparation requirements.

### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 PM and by appointment

### **Christian Initiation of Adults**

If interested in becoming Catholic and want more information on the process, call the Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

### **Marriage**

Contact Sara Puissegur at the Parish Office six months to one year prior to projected wedding date for information concerning preparation programs.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

You can receive this sacrament during a serious illness, before a major surgery, or for spiritual and mental healing. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

### **Funerals**

Contact Robin Debetaz at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

### **Formed**

Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway with our parish access code- 9R9K3M.

### **Prayer Line**

Mary Frederick 225-261-5145

Adam Landry 225-261-8854

### **Pray for the Sick**

Robert Swafford, Pat Matthews, Joy Lonibos, Sharon Loeb, Laurence LeSage, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Darrell Firmin, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Allan Eddy, Bart Crochet, Monica Kelly, Diana Holder, Devin Mounce, Marilyn Stroder, Lou Gabriel, Karen Rabalais, Marlene Ortego, Dara David, Susan Hennigen, John Desselle, Beth Orillion, Johnny Long, Lynn Bridges, Bruce Lachney, Grayson Free, Joseph Gipson, Kathy Caruso, Donna Caruso, Rickey Chustz, Patrick Bourgeois, Pierce Savoy, Kathleen Snyder, John Roberts, Ashley Usie, Sharon Spiller, Melinda McCarty, Patsy Messina, James M. Blades, Dusty Champagne, Sandra A. Davis, Bruce Mayeaux, Vince Dileo, Jr., Fannie Schittone, Daniel Guerin, Janice & Barton Jeansonne, Josie Thompson, Donald York, Joyce Payer, Mark Davis, Curtis Mitchell, Doris Bennett, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Ronnie Collette, Jane Mizell, Marlene LeBlanc, Catherine Willis, Lynette Shaffett, Tiffany Penton, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, John Martone, Jackie Scardina, Fisk Morris, Mollea Hood, Ashlea Hood, Michael Morales, Dana Rogers, Gloria "Jinkie" Phillips, Theresa Ognibene, John Larkin, Savannah McNair, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Jamie Samson, Louis Lamar Bordelon, John LeGrange, Mildred Faul, Kathy Madere, Paden Mouton, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Barbara Simoneaux, Millie Strickland, Wayne & Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Kenny Miller, Joe Schumate, Adam Chauvin, Phil Rhodes, Harvey Family, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Liam Thistlewaite, Al Felps, Nicholas LaCroix, Kenny Achord, P.H. Zito, Patsy Sagona, Theresa Whiteside, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, John Nicosia, Donna & Harvey Bankston, Billie Civello, Billy Stears, Luke Allen, Betty Castor, Blanche Hoover, Hope Broadus, Hewes Family, Carolyn Watts, Marlene Ortego, Gwen Moore, Wick Samson, Jeanette Felps, Claudia Mouton, Roy Ortego, Jackie Pina, Betty BeJeaux, Velvin Cooper

### **Serving Our Country**

If you have a family member serving in the military, please call 261-4650, and let us know the name, rank and branch of military.

**ARMY:** Capt. Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Capt. Brian C. Greco, Specialist Sam Lockwood, Specialist E-4 Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere, Capt. Joseph Sherwin (Chaplain), Brian D. Duvic

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## **FORMATION**

### **Theology on Tap**

Our next Theology on Tap, which was scheduled in May 2020, has been canceled.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Faith Formation ministries or events, please call the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4650.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Ladies Altar Society May Luncheon Canceled**

Our May 5 luncheon/meeting has been canceled.

It has been an honor to serve as President of this wonderful organization. Our May luncheon was to be my last meeting as President.

The Altar Society will be in great hands as a group of ladies will be taking over as a committee. Dianne Pizzalato and Cheryl Alford will serve as Co-Chairs. Joette Taylor, Ollie Brown, Karen Graves, Juanita Aymond, and Carolyn Daigle will be assisting them.

Save the following dates for our 2020-2021 year.

September 1, 2020

December 1, 2020

February 2, 2021

May 4, 2021

We will all meet again in September.

Stay safe and God bless all of you,

Sheryl Couvillon

### **Graduating Senior Names**

If you have a graduating senior in your family and would like their name to run on our 2020 Graduation bulletin cover, please call 225-261-4650 or email sara@alphonus.org by May 19, 2020. Please include the student's first and last name and their high school or college name. If the student is graduating from college, please also include the name of their degree (ex: Bachelor of Science in Nursing).

### **Expectant Families**

Pray for expectant families who have been entrusted with a new life to nurture and love: **Christopher & Jennifer Capone, Kelly & Lacey Ball, Ben & Kristen Phillips Richard, and Blake & Lauren Huval.** If you know someone who is expecting, please call the Church Office at 261-4650.

### **Online Giving**

We encourage anyone who is able to continue contributions to mail in your contribution or give on our website through WeShare. We appreciate anyone who is able to give, and we understand if you are unable to at this time.

# ADMINISTRATION

## Gifts of Stewardship

For April 12, 2020,  
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

**Weekly Collection**

Envelopes	\$	12,215.00
WeShare	\$	8,741.00

**Building/Maintenance Fund**

Envelopes	\$	1,293.00
WeShare	\$	1,420.00

**Easter Flowers** \$ 5.00

**Holy Land** \$ 678.00

**Catholic Relief Services** \$ 500.00

**Catholic Home Mission** \$ 120.00

**Priest Retirement** \$ 2,247.00

**Total Received** \$ 27,219.00

## Gifts of Stewardship

For April 19, 2020,  
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

**Weekly Collection**

Envelopes	\$	10,453.00
WeShare	\$	5,021.00
Bank Draft	\$	3,874.00

**Building/Maintenance Fund**

Envelopes	\$	910.00
Bank Draft	\$	1,035.00

**Easter Flowers** \$ 5.00

**Holy Land** \$ 205.00

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