



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

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*“They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.”*

—Psalm 92:14

Fr. Mike's 50 Year Journey in the Priesthood

A young Irishman from the Emerald Isle – Fr. Michael Moroney began his journey as the new assistant pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Roads only one month after he was ordained in June 1971. He celebrated his first Mass at St. Bartholomew Church in his hometown, Athea. He was one of twenty-four Irish seminarians.

His parents, Dan Moroney, and Mairead Moore Moroney had four children. Fr. Mike is the eldest. He has one brother and two sisters.

At the age of 21, he began his training for the priesthood. While at Mount Melleray Abbey, he studied philosophy and subsequently went to St. Patrick's College in Thules to complete his studies in Theology.

Quick to adapt and most impressed with the hospitality of folks in Louisiana, he was eager to begin his service in religious life, he wanted to get to know his church family, and he was determined to master the pronunciation of their names –quite a task for anyone not familiar with names indigenous to Louisiana. Fr. Mike admits that he found a place where people made him feel at home here in Louisiana wherever he went. He went from eating meat and potatoes to eating crawfish and seafood. *Laissez les bons temps rouler!!*

When asked about his homeland Fr. Mike likens it to south Louisiana. Lifestyles are similar and there is a relaxed attitude among people in both places. Folklore and storytelling are the same—people like to share life events. To sustain these traditions, he is a firm believer that the family unit is a key in doing so. Communities of closely bound families have been one of the great strengths of his native Ireland home and of the South. It saddens him to realize that the current disconnect in many families is diminishing that strength we once had.

Always having had a special place in his heart for young people, Fr. Mike's work with them was always a bright spot in his ministry, and it still is today. Weekend work in a halfway house for the youth in London was instrumental in his making the decision to enter the priesthood. He found it extremely gratifying to see the potential these youth had which could provide insight into their capabilities. Instead of pointing out flaws and weaknesses, he liked to focus on the strengths they possessed. Stressing the need for a positive self-image by telling them “You've got to believe in yourself before others will believe in you” was his way of reinforcing their potential to be successful. Likewise, his advice to adults regarding young people was to never underestimate them for fear of losing the untapped energy and success within each one of them.

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WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - June 14 - June 20

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31;
2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

Worship Guide for Mass

To help you follow along during Mass, we are offering a Worship Guide on our website. On a computer or smart phone, go to **www.alphonsus.org** and click on the teaser that says **Live Stream & Worship Guide**. We encourage everyone to follow along.

Pray for the Sick

Please note: *Names are removed after eight weeks.*

Kelli Campo LaCroix, Mary Killett, Gerald DeSoto, Sonya Clement, John Murphy, Pat Matthews, Joy Lonibos, Sharon Leod, Laurence LeSage, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Darrell Firmin, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Mildred Stroderd, Devin Mounce, Chris Bingol, Daniel Guerin, Janice Jeansonne, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Sonja Chauvin, Poonie Fruge, Zoula Fruge, Michelle Richard, Buddy Doming, Tom & Mary Arceneaux, Delores Baptilee, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Daniel Guerin, Janice & Barton Jeansonne, Mark Davis, Curtis Mitchell, Doris Bennett, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Catherine Willis, Lynette Shaffett, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, John Martone, Jackie Scardina, Fisk Morris, Mollea Hood, Michael Morales, Theresa Ognibene, John Larkin, Savannah McNair, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Jamie Samson, Louis Lamar Bordelon, Kathy Madere, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Barbara Simoneaux, Millie Strickland, Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Angie Welsh, Kenny Miller, Alan Bourgeois, Patrick Bourgeois, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Liam Thistlewaite, Al Felps, Nicholas LaCroix, P.H. Zito, Patsy Sagana, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, John Nicosia, Ryan Mitchell. Charlotte Harris, Julius Juneau, Beckie Gurley, Karen Rabalais, Billy Stears, Luke Allen, Betty Castor, Blanche Hoover, Carolyn Watts, Marlene Ortego, Gwen Moore, Wick Samson, Jeanette Felps, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Betty BeJeaux, Ashley Nix, Crystal Hudson, Trey Spears, David Spears, Joan Strott, Mary Jo Lemoine, Brynlee Lefeaux, Bill Witt, Stevie Calverley, Patsy Messina, Charlotte St. Romain, Charles Cowart, Peter Carmona

Fr. Mike's 50 Year Journey (Continued)

Although the decision to enter the priesthood was huge, he has never had any regrets in making it. Coming from a country where the Irish were persecuted for their faith for centuries, he says the whole background of defending faith has instilled a great amount of dedication and commitment to faith that has always been a part of Irish history. When one lives through difficulties faced in Ireland, God will always see his people through tough times. His upbringing taught him that life is good and goodness will prevail. Fr. Mike believes that the challenges and hard times he has faced, especially those things that are unpredictable, have made him stronger.

Admitting to being basically shy, Fr. Mike recounts how shyness can be misconstrued as being distant or even dismissive. He considers himself an introvert and enjoys his own space. He also says he is most happy in his lifestyle and the diversity the priesthood has given him.

We all witness Fr. Mike in his role as priest, pastor, and counselor. Sometimes we don't see him as one of us, an individual who has personal feelings and emotions just as we do. The loss of his parents was the most difficult time. Part of a pastor's ministry is dealing with the sick and with death. However, there is a fine line between being compassionate and concerned but not emotionally entangled in personal problems and tragedies. But emotionally, when it is your own family, you are hit hard. Nonetheless, that side is there for all of us and those were some very, hard days for him. Having experienced the loss of his parents, he now has a greater appreciation for what others experience when they lose family members.

Experiencing the Flood of 2016 and the COVID-19 Pandemic were and still are certainly stressful for many. The widespread devastation of the flood and the paralyzing conditions of the pandemic gave cause to examine the best way to continue serving St. Alphonsus parishioners and their needs with the constraints imposed on everyone. The call of a new challenge in the profession of the priesthood is something that makes you pick yourself up and engage yourself in the process if you want good things to happen. Quick to praise the efforts of the church staff and resilient church family, Fr. Mike is grateful that there is a gradual sense of normalcy returning to all of us.

Noting that there is a definite shortage of young men going into the priesthood, Fr. Mike would offer the following advice to those considering a religious vocation—"Be open to challenges along the way. Don't set such strict and rigid agendas and limit yourselves to only following a set path. If an opportunity presents itself, explore it. Redirection may be God's way of altering your plans and putting you where He needs you most!"

One of Fr. Mike's greatest joys is when he reconnects with people who share that he had a positive impact and influence in their lives. It is extremely rewarding to know he had a hand in molding their future. He also believes the generosity of people willing to share time and talent in their church life are blessings he has received over and over. He appreciates the gifts a church family shares to solidify

Future plans for Fr. Mike? Provided his health stays good, and when the time comes, he would like to retire! He enjoys reading short stories, outside yard work, racquetball, bicycling, and watching football games with friends. Until then what keeps Fr. Mike Moroney going – he believes it is because he is in such a great place with great people here at St. Alphonsus and the many places he has served the Lord for the last half-century.

Thank you, Fr. Mike Moroney, for the kindness, love, and blessings you have shared with everyone in the last 50 years. May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rainfall upon your fields, and until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Vicki Whittington

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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

Live Stream

Sunday 10:00 AM on Facebook & YouTube

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children kindergarten through second grade.

Ministry currently on hold until further notice.

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 and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway with our parish access code- 9R9K3M.

Prayer Lines

Mary Frederick 225-261-5145

Adam Landry 225-938-8000

FAITH FORMATION

You are invited to be part of something important

Catechist, Catechist Aide and Mentors the Faith Formation Office is looking for volunteers willing to share their faith and time with members of our parish. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644. Classes and dates of classes are listed on the registration form (in back of church, Faith Formation Office or on the church website www.alphonsus.org)

If you are unable to volunteer, please keep our volunteers, students, adults and families of our parish in your prayers.

RCIA Inquiry

Interested or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith??

Inquiry begins in August. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings August thru November in the St. Clare Room at 6:30 pm. The classes will transition to RCIA sessions in December. Candidates will be received into the Church at Easter. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office 261-4644.

The King's Men

The King's Men is a scripture study group. They will continue to meet through the summer. If you would like to join us, please call the Faith Formation Office. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm. in the St. Joseph Room.

The King's Men will host "Welcome" an incredible retreat experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. "Welcome" is by Dynamic Catholic.

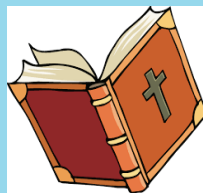
When: August 28-29, 2021

Where: St. Alphonsus Catholic Church/School

How to register: www.alphonsus.org

Contact the St. Alphonsus Faith Formation Office 261-4644 for more information.

Men's Scripture



Men's Scripture study will continue to meet through the summer. If you would like to reflect on the Sunday readings with other men from the parish come join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the choir room.

Contact the St. Alphonsus Faith Formation Office 261-4644 for more information.

Helping the Homeless

Don't forget our Year 2 Confirmation Candidates help the homeless by collecting the items from the list below as well as gently used backpacks. As you travel this summer please begin to collect these items. Items may be brought to the Faith Formation Office. Thanks for your generosity.

Combs, Band aids, Shampoo Trial Size, Soap, Chap Stick, Lotion Trial Size, Wipes Trial Size, Rain ponchos, T-Shirts, Socks, used Duffle Bags, used back packs and Bug Spray

OUTREACH

How Does It Feel To Be Back Home

"We feel so blessed to be able to receive Jesus' body as a family together again in His house. We love seeing our fellow parishioners and worshipping as one body just as God intended."

The Dodson Family.

Rest in Peace

Ray Fontenot- husband of Mimi Fontenot,
Step-father of Heather Toney and grandfather of Kailyn Potts

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For **May 29-30, 2021**
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	12,666.32
Unidentified	\$	963 .00
Parish Soft	\$	3,286.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	32 .00
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Children's Collection

\$ 106 .00

Catholic Communications

\$ 250 .00

Catholic Home Missions

\$ 250.00

Catholic Commentator

\$ 45.00

Priest Retirement

\$ 500.00

Total Received

\$ 18,386.32

Online Special Collection

Peter's Pence/Holy Father
6/13- 6/27/2021

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