

Christ's parable originally addressed the problem of sinners in the Kingdom of God. The Pharisees believed that the Kingdom was for saints only; sinners therefore should be ruthlessly weeded out. But Christ did not agree, as this parable shows. The main point of the parable is clear: up to the last judgement, the Kingdom will be a mixed bag of good and evil.

Later the parable was applied to the problem of sinners in the Church. Like the Kingdom, the Church is also a mixed bag. It must not play God by trying to purify itself completely through purges and inquisitions. The definitive separation must be left to the last judgement. In the meantime the Church must be patient; it must preach repentance and practice leniency. Mercy and leniency are an expression not of weakness but of strength.



Due to circumstance beyond our control, the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore will be closed for an additional few weeks so that we may do some much needed floor repairs. We thank you for your patience and understanding and will let you know as soon as we have a date on when the Bookstore will reopen.



An Altar Server Training is scheduled for Saturday, July 29th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon with lunch being served afterwards in the KC Hall. All altar servers, and anyone wishing to become an altar server (must have already made First Holy Communion), are asked to please attend this training. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served for lunch - we ask that you call or email the Rectory Office (875-5419 / stals@cablone.net) if your child plans on staying for lunch and let us know which food choice your child would like.

Those interested in being part of the New Wine group that begins in the fall of 2017 is asked to please submit completed applications by Monday, July 31st. This program provides education and formation for adults interested in being involved in lay ministry. If you have any questions about the program, or if you need an application, please call Leo Trahan at the Office of Religious Education (228) 702-2131.

New Catholics and Future Catechumens: Bring your friends and join us beginning Thursday, August 3rd from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a five-week series, meeting each Thursday evening through August 31st, at the St. Alphonsus Parish Life Center for a "Come As You Are," multi-parish summer program. We will explore the "WHAT CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE" DVD series. Dr. Ray Guerendi and Father Kevin Fete engage in an insightful and sometimes very entertaining dialogue to dispel the misrepresentations and misunderstandings of Historic Christianity with scripture and tradition. The cost is \$12 per person or \$20 per couple. TO REGISTER: email faith@loribrannon.com or call (228)875-5419. *FAITH * FUN * FELLOWSHIP



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Glen Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Joy Cronin, Sally Fero Konklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Marthann Ello, Jackie Endt, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Joey Fountain, Carmen Gaethe, Doris Haynes, Ron Hoogstra, Margaret Betty Horton, Lucia Hourihan, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Earline Huster, Tommy Jones, Theresa Jones, Clarence Jordan, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Audrey King, Ann Eleece Kouns, Jeff Kouns, Daisie Laborde, John Langan, Nathaniel LaSalle, Catherine Lawrence, Bob Mayer, Bernie McGinley, Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Patricia Merlau, Edna Miguez, Deacon Greg Miller, Eunice Misko, Robert M. Mitchell, Margaret Murray, Sophia Myers, Patricia Liscoe Nance, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Charley Nowel, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Nony Raether, Anna Raley, Elba Smolcich, Edna Spell, Lorraine St. Onge, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, and Jane Walker.

Pray for Vocations
For information, go to www.biloxidiocese.org

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 24
Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42	
6:30 am	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 am	No Mass
TUESDAY	JULY 25
2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28	
6:30 am	Ms. Inez Danise
8:15 am	No Mass
WEDNESDAY	JULY 26
Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Gene, Glenn, George & Gerry Cole
THURSDAY	JULY 27
Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Mr. Ricky Riviere
FRIDAY	JULY 28
Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Special Intention
SATURDAY	JULY 29
Exodus 24:3-8; John 11:19-27	
8:15 am	Int. Mr. Jordan Moon Int. Mr. Gary Moon Mr. John Anglada, III Msgr. Gregory Kennedy Mass of Thanksgiving Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 pm	Ms. Alice Hire
SUNDAY	JULY 30
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52	
7:30 am	Ms. Dot McKinnon
9:00 am	Congregation
11:30 am	Mr. Albert Mangin, Jr.
5:30 pm	Mr. Danny Guice, Sr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,152.20
Peter's Pence Collection.....\$2,085.30
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

**Altar Society Members for next week:
Kay Brochard and Norma Williams**



**The Flowers in front of the Altar
are in Memory of Irene Engbarth**



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Jeanne Harbison, mother of Renee' (Paul) McKinney of this parish, who passed away July 18th. Your prayers are also requested for the repose of the soul of Donald "Ducie" Tiblier, uncle of Dianne Tootle of this parish, who passed away July 18th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

Religious Education News

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Anyone who wishes their child(ren) to be in the St. Alphonsus Religious Education Program this coming fall should start to accumulate the necessary documents for registration. Copies of **both** the Birth Certificate **and** Baptismal Certificate will be required for each child. This is especially true of Second Grade and Eleventh Grade.

RCIA Classes will begin on September 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. All those interested in being a part of this group is asked to call the Religious Education Office and give your name, phone number and e-mail so we might appraise you of coming events. Who should consider coming to RCIA? Anyone interested in knowing more about the Roman Catholic Church and faith; those wishing to just know more about the Church; those wishing for membership in the Church; those wanting a refresher course in the Church and faith; those wishing for the fullness of Confirmation if not received. It is an interesting way to learn more about the Catholic Church from a well-informed team of parishioners.

Family and Youth Calendar

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National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC): The Diocese will be taking a bus to Indianapolis, Indiana for NCYC November 16th, 17th, and 18th. The cost of the trip is \$550 and includes: registration, travel by bus, some meals, hotel, a t-shirt and give-a-ways at the Convention. If you are between the ages of 15-19 (9th – 12th grades) and are interested in participating, please contact Jane Sema.



The Ocean Springs Church Women will meet on Monday, July 31st at St. Paul United Methodist Church (800 Porter Ave). Fellowship, with refreshments, starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Wesson Building and the program begins at 10:00 a.m. Speaker, Lynette Curry, will be talking about P.E.O., a philanthropic educational organization that provides women with grants, loans, and scholarships. The business meeting is from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join in Christian fellowship and worship as they learn more about different organizations that provide support and encouragement to members of our community.

Tickets for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Thanksgiving Home Giveaway are available in the Rectory Office (during regular business hours) for \$100 per ticket*. (*if 2,500 tickets or less are sold, a cash prize of \$100,000 will be awarded to the winner in lieu of the home)

BUY A TICKET

St. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

THANKSGIVING HOME GIVEAWAY

15021 Dismuke Drive
Biloxi Mississippi 39532
Single Family Residence
2,110 Sq Ft Living Space
240 Sq Ft Porch
Central Heat & AC
All Appliances Included
Elevator, Custom Cabinets
Granite Countertops & More!

DRAWING TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 24th 2017
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
LOCAL St. VINCENT DE PAUL
Call 228-334-4408 for more information
www.svdphomegiveaway.com

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

July 25 / 26: Final Registration, Front Office, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

To learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit the website at www.stpatrickhighschool.net. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, call 228-702-0500.

July 25 / 26: Final Registration 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
July 27: Final Registration 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The St. Patrick Robotics Team "Tempest" will host a Booster Blood Drive on Monday, July 31, 2017 from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. This blood drive is in partnership with the American Red Cross to provide assistance in the crucial need for all types of blood. To make an appointment visit www.REDCROSSBLOOD.org and use the sponsor code SPCHS or contact Debbie Worrel at dworrel@stpatrickhighschool.net.



de l'Epee, a ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi, is accepting Resumes for the position of Interpreter/Director of Religious Programs. Please send resumes to Greg Crapo, 1450 North Street, Gulfport, MS 39507. No deadline has been set at this time for acceptance of resumes or the hiring of this position. For more information and/or a job description, email deafcenter@cableone.net with your request.



The Bethesda Free Clinic will present an amusing evening of Mystery, Fine Dining, and Superb Entertainment. The Mystery Theater Dinner, "Murals and Mystery", will be held at the Ocean Springs Community Center on Saturday, July 29th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at www.bfhcd.com or by calling Mary Sablich at 875-0949 or 348-6092.



Upon this Rock Scripture Study is beginning registration for the Bible study "Luke: The Gospel of Study Mercy" offered by Catholic Scripture Study International. This study explores the parables of Mercy and how God's Mercy is still active in the world today. The Bible study will begin Wednesday, September 13th and will meet each Wednesday morning through April 4th from 9:15 – 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Parish in Murray Hall on Woolmarket Road in Biloxi. The fee is \$47 and includes the study set and a DVD presentation. Payment by August 21st will ensure that you receive your materials by the start of the study. For more information and/or to register, please call Sharon Jones at 228-591-1069.

Upcoming Scripture Studies at St. Elizabeth Seton:

Wednesday Evening Class: The Book of Revelation will begin August 16th at 6:30 p.m. The last book of the New Testament is also probably the most difficult and misunderstood book of the Bible. Registration for this class is now open. Cost in \$49.00. Registration ends July 30th. For more information call Dennis Reeves 228-297-6505
Wednesday Morning Class: Queen of Heaven, Mary's Battle for You will begin August 23rd at 8:30 a.m. Discover Our Mother throughout centuries of Church history, as she intervenes at pivotal periods—especially at her most famous apparitions. Registration for this class is now open. Cost is \$26.00. Registration ends July 30th. For more information call please call Karen Williams 228-238-3538.
Sunday Morning Adult Class: Priest, Prophet and King by Bishop Barron will begin August 20th at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$20.00. Please call Amy Meadows at 228-324-9406.

To view a copy of the weekly Church bulletin on our website just type in "osstalphonsus.org".