

In the First Reading we see Jeremiah's faithfulness to his God-given mission, and what that faithfulness cost him. In the Gospel we see the faithfulness of Jesus, and the kind of faithfulness that is demanded of those who would follow him.

Peter gladly received the revelation of Jesus as Messiah and Son of God. But he rejected out of hand the revelation of a suffering Messiah. In this he represents the typical Christian, caught between faith and doubt, for whom the cross is a stumbling block.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.



A **Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. 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.



An **Altar Server Training** is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 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 meeting.

The **Biloxi Diocese has announced plans for a new Formation Class for the Permanent Diaconate** to begin in the fall of 2018. Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted on **September 9th** at St. Joseph Parish, Gulfport and **September 16th** at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Ocean Springs. For interested men, attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory, and your wife is required to attend. Please see your pastor, and for further information, call the Office of the Diaconate at 702-2107.



The **Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** is scheduled for Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 p.m. at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40 etc. years of marriage are welcome to attend this event. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and may be picked up during regular business hours. **The deadline for registration by mail is September 15th.** Registration by phone, fax or email is not accepted.



The **Family and Youth Ministry will join parishioners to present a fundraiser for the Youth Ministry** on Saturday, September 16th at the Parish Life Center/KC Hall from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for adults 21 or older. Tickets for the Concert, Dinner and Dance are available in the Church Office during regular business hours. Anyone interested in helping decorate and prepare for the event or would like tickets to sell, please contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Marthann Ello, Jackie Endt, Jeremy Forehand, 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, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Nowel, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Nony Raether, Anna Raley, Karen Skrmetta Smith, Elba Smolcich, Joe Souza, Edna Spell, Lorraine St. Onge, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Stan Stanton, Warren Strayham, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, and Jane Walker.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 4
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30	
6:30 am	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 am	Dr. & Mrs. Leon (Orpha) F. Striegel
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37	
6:30 am	Mr. John Anglada, III
8:15 am	Mr. Jerry Burdine, Sr.
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 6
Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44	
6:30 am	Mr. Hubert "Smokey" Hill
8:15 am	Int. Bhaktan and Lynda Krishnan
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 7
Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11	
6:30 am	Mr. Albert Mangin, Jr.
8:15 am	Ms. Irene Nelson Powers
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 8
Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23	
6:30 am	Ms. Ginger Szczepanski
8:15 am	Ms. Margaret Coen
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5	
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Jackie Endt
	Ms. JoAnn Wavra
	Artemio and Rosario Soliman
	Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 pm	Mr. Tommy L. Underwood
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20	
7:30 am	Congregation
9:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
11:30 am	Mr. Bill Eckert
5:30 pm	Ms. Ligaya Camagong

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,513.07
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

**Altar Society Members for next week:
Janell Alliston and Juliana Skelton**

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Katherine Olsen, sister-in-law of Diane (AL) Higginbotham of this parish, who passed away August 23rd.
Ann Grone, sister-in-law of L.J. "Bugger" Danise of this parish, who passed away August 25th in Brookhaven, MS.
Gerard "Gerry" Michaud, son of Maurice and Jeannine Michaud of this parish, who passed away August 26th in Mandeville, LA.
W.C. "Speedy" Brondum, uncle of Toni (Jim) Gunkel of this parish, who passed away August 30th.
We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



**The Flowers in front of the Altar
are in Memory of
The Mayfield, Burkhardt & Seymour Families**

Religious Education News

Pat Cronin – 872-2652; pcronin@cablone.net; www.stal.cc

Sept 7: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
Sept 10: Religious Education 10:10 a.m.
Adult Study Class 10:10 a.m. Read the Bible with understanding
Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

Religious Education is in need of some volunteer catechist. If interested, please call Pat Cronin at 209-0464.

RCIA Classes begin Thursday, 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.

Religious Education begins September 10th. If you have not yet registered your child/children for Religious Education – you may still do so by going to the Religious Education Office during the week. Please bring a copy of each child's birth certificate and baptism certificate with you to registration and be prepared to fill out new registration forms.

If you have always wanted to read the Bible BUT haven't been able to finish it, don't understand it, or if it just didn't seem to be the right time – Then you are invited to join the Adult Study Class beginning September 10th at 10:10 a.m. By using the Bible Timeline DVD Series presented by Jeff Cavins, we will read the bible with understanding. Questions? Call Rich or Sue Mihal 601-573-0020.

Family and Youth Calendar

Jane Sema 228-217-1392 jsema@osstalphonusus.org

The **Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship** group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday (September through May) from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. If you are a parent looking for a group gathering of other parents and their children for prayer and fellowship, join us in the Family and Youth Office in back of the Parish Hall.

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 St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus will have a membership drive next weekend (September 9th / 10th) after each Mass.

Baptized and Confirmed, Now What? NEW CATHOLICS: Bring your friends and join us on Thursday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for a five-week MULTI-PARISH series beginning September 21st (through October 19th) in the Parish Hall for a "Come As You Are" fall program. We will explore Bishop Robert Barron's "CATHOLICISM" DVD series. In this epic production, filmed at the most significant religious sites in the world, Bishop Barron brilliantly shows and tells **what** Catholics believe and **why** drawing from scripture, the catechism and spiritual masters. It is a must see DVD. Please pre-register (if you are interested, as we will need to pre-order materials) by emailing faith@loribrannon.com or calling the Rectory at 875-5419. The cost is \$25.00. *FAITH * FUN * FELLOWSHIP

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 4: Labor Day – No School
Sept 8: Children's / Grandparents Day Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 4: Labor Day – No School
Sept 6: PTO Meeting / Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Sept 8: Progress Reports
Sept 9: ACT / 7-8 Grade Dance and Parent Social 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Please support the St. Vincent de Paul Society **Thanksgiving Home Giveaway**. Help those in our parish and community who are experiencing hard times making ends meet. Tickets are \$100 and are available in the Rectory Office (during normal business hours). A drawdown will be held November 24th to select the winner. Purchasers will also qualify in the drawing of other gifts and door prizes.

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www.svdphomegiveaway.com



All are invited to the Family Fun Fishing Day on Saturday, September 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Point Cadet (in front of the Seafood Museum). Please bring your own fishing pole. For more information, call St. Michael Church at 228-435-5578.

A Message from Lois Leaghty-Ravera: In December of 2015 I won a contest to go to Haiti to serve the poor. Our group, along with the generosity of many caring souls, raised over \$70,000 to help build a new housing village for those we visited. There are now 15 families in new homes. (Pictures are available by emailing me at Lois.Ravera@gmail.com. You can also call me at 228-324-3304 if you have any questions.)

I will again be embarking on a return trip to Haiti with the Food For the Poor this coming December and hope to bring the necessities of life. The following is a list of needed items (cash is also accepted and appreciated too):

- School supplies, coloring books, craft supplies such as construction paper, stickers.
- Hygiene items such as deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair accessories.
- Children's underwear, pillow case dresses for girls, boy's t-shirts and shorts.
- Soccer balls (deflated) with pump, jump ropes, small stuffed toys or dolls, matchbox cars
- Christmas stocking stuffers

Offerings can be left in the Vestibule of the Church in the box labeled for Haiti. To make it for the December trip, I must have all donations in and shipped by October 1st. Thank you and God Bless You - Lois



The Knights of Columbus are collecting items for a Rummage Sale to be held October 27th and 28th. Items may be put on the back porch of the KC Hall.