

The question in today's Gospel is not forgiveness (dealt with later), but the sin of one member of the community. Every effort is to be made to bring the erring person to repentance: first in private, then before a few, finally before the whole community. If he is still unrepentant, he must be excommunicated. The decision of the Church will be honored by God, since God inspired them in making that decision. The harsh phrase 'treat him as a pagan or a tax collector' reflects the strict Jewish Christianity of Matthew's Church. The First Reading talks about the grave responsibility leaders of the community have to try to correct the erring.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Wednesday, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass

The Biloxi Diocese has announced plans for a new Formation Class for the Permanent Diaconate to begin in the fall of 2018. A Pre-selection information session will be conducted on September 16th at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Ocean Springs. For interested men, attendance at one session 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 or in the Bookstore after weekend Masses. Anyone interested in helping decorate and prepare for the event or would like tickets to sell, please contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392.

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



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Marthann Eilo, 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, 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 11
Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11
6:30 am Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 am Int. Liz and Dick Eckert

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12
Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19
6:30 am Audrey, Claire and Margaret Brou
8:15 am Mr. Tony Davidson

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26
6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 am Mr. William A. Staehle

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14
Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
6:30 am Ms. Vickie Jacobs
8:15 am Mr. Leo Noble

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; John 19:25-27
6:30 am Int. Family of Jim Selman
8:15 am Ms. Berthe Mangin

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16
1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49
8:15 am Special Intention C.M.
Special Intention R.C.
Mr. Tommy Noble
Mr. Rufus Mallett
Mr. Donald Cole
Mr. Steve Sema
4:00 pm Ms. Marguerite Mihojevich

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17
Sirach 27:30—28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35
7:30 am Mr. Richard Porterfield
9:00 am Mr. A.O. "Herman" Soares
11:30 am Congregation
5:30 pm Mr. Joseph Di John

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$12,359.17
Poor Collection.....\$ 3,768.49
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

**Altar Society Members for next week:
Jean Michaud and Joicelyn Mayfield**

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Mary Lyn Scarborough**, sister of Olive Beaugez of this parish, who passed away August 30th. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.



**The Flowers in front of the Altar are in
Memory of Claudette Van Winkle**

Religious Education News

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

Sept 14: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
Sept 17: Catechetical Sunday – All Teachers 9:00 a.m. Mass 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.

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 this Sunday (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

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As we build our youth programs we are looking for young adults and parents to help with activities for our youth. If you are interested in helping us build a **DYNAMIC YOUTH PROGRAM** contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392.

Sept 13 / 27: You are invited to join our **Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship** group as we study The Saints. 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) from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Youth Gatherings: It is time to begin our youth activities!!
Sept 17 / 24: 6th-8th Grades at 4:30 pm 9th-12th Grades at 6:30 pm
We will gather in the Family and Youth office.
Sept 30: Youth Ministry Kickoff Day at St. Francis Xavier in Wiggins from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. Contact Jane Sema by September 14th to register. \$15/youth and \$5/adults. Dinner will be provided but bring a sack lunch. Activities include: Middle School Kickball tournament; High School Ultimate Frisbee Tournament; Mass and Adoration/XLT.



The Saint Alphonsus Bookstore and Gift Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and after the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and all Sunday (English) Masses. Come visit and see what we have. Consider giving Catholic gifts for birthdays, holidays and any occasion.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated every year on September 14th, recalls three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by [Saint Helena](#), the mother of the emperor [Constantine](#); the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.
Do you have a crucifix in your home? Come visit the Bookstore to view the assortment of crucifixes we have for sale.



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.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 13: Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.
Sept 15: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 14: Mass 9:40 a.m.
Sept 16: The Foundation of St. Patrick Gala 7:00 – 11:00 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

The St. Alphonsus St. Vincent de Paul Society is holding a "Walk for the Poor" on Saturday, September 30th at the Ocean Springs-Biloxi Bridge. If you would like to make a donation, you can either drop the donation in the collection basket (marked 'Walk for the Poor') or bring to the rectory during regular business hours. The Boy Scouts of Troop 211 will be walking again for our conference. Anyone interested in walking/running with the Boy Scouts is asked to please call the rectory office and leave your name and number and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul will get back in touch with you. Thank you and God Bless!

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. 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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

Reverend Nicholas Filipich, September 17, 2001