

The parable of the two sons was addressed to the chief priests and elders of the people. Its purpose was to defend Jesus' invitation of sinners and outcasts to the Kingdom, in the face of the sneers of the religious establishment. The parable outraged the religious people. The first son represents sinners. Like him they originally chose to go their own way but then repented and took God's way, and so gained entry into the Kingdom. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. Like him they promised to work for God but failed to do so, and so have excluded themselves from the Kingdom. Repentance is a necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom. The theme of sin and repentance is also dealt with in the First Reading. The parable also echoes a favorite theme of Matthew: the split in the religious person between saying and doing. Hence, its relevance for 'religious' people in every age.



Reminder: National Life Chain this Sunday (October 1st rain or shine) from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the old YMCA (Hwy 90).



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) during the coming week (October 2nd – 6th). If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Norma Williams at 875-2636. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



St. Alphonsus Parish is hosting the October Ultreya at St. Mary's in Gautier on Tuesday, October 3rd. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the Ultreya starts at 7:00 p.m. Cursillistas are asked to please bring a snack or covered dish. The guest speaker will be Deacon Jim Gunkel. All are invited.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, October 4th 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.



The 31st Annual Catholic Cursillo Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 14th at Gulf Hills Golf Course. Shotgun Start 8:00 a.m. The Tournament format is a 3-Man Scramble and you can either make up your own team or be placed on a team. \$80 per player or \$240 per Team – includes Green Fee and Cart. A free pre-tournament Dinner Party and Reunion will be held on Friday at the D'Iberville Community Center from 7:00-9:30 p.m. for players, spouses, sponsors, Cursillistas and friends. For more information or to register, contact Al Gombos at 228-348-0203 / algombos@aol.com or Skip Carroll at 228-547-6562 / scarroll@wm.com.



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.



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 and Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Patricia Merlau, Edna Miguez, Eunice Misko, Margaret Murray, Sophia Myers, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Nowel, Luke Nudson, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Anna Raley, Karen Skrmetta Smith, 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, Jane Walker and Joyce Webb.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 2
Zechariah 8:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
6:30 am Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 am Spec Int. Families and Married Couples

TUESDAY OCTOBER 3
Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
6:30 am Cyril and Catherine Ryan
8:15 am Mr. Vern Cole, Sr.
Mr. Vern "Larry" Cole, Jr.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4
Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62
6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 am Int. Ms. Leslie McClellan

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5
Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12
6:30 am Dr. Henry N. Pitre
8:15 am Ms. Lisa Daniels
Mr. Dick Daniels

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6
Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16
6:30 am Ms. Nonie Mohler
8:15 am Mr. Alson Young

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24
8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
Mr. Gregory Hebert
Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan
Mr. Nolan Fremin
Ms. Connie Seymour
Ms. Mary Skaar

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8
Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43
7:30 am Ms. Molly Edwards
9:00 am Mr. W.C. "Speedy" Brondum
11:30 am Ms. Christine Webb
5:30 pm Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,703.71
Florida Hurricane Irma Relief Aid.....\$ 4,326.19
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



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



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Eva Clark, cousin of Dianne Tootle of this parish, who passed away September 19th.
Deacon Gregory Miller, husband of Margaret Miller of this parish, who passed away September 22nd.
Elba Smolcich, aunt of Arnie (Shelley) Seymour of this parish, who passed away September 25th.
We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

Religious Education News

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Oct 2: New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Oct 5: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
Oct 8: No Religious Education / Adult Study Class – Fall Break
Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

It is never too late to enroll your child in Religious Education. 3 & 4 year olds are also welcome to attend Religious Education on Sundays (must be potty trained). Excellent teachers and religious materials are available. Don't let your child miss out. Please avail yourselves of this opportunity. Anyone who has not turned in a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate is asked to do so as soon as possible.

Haven't signed up for Confirmation Classes yet – it is not too late. The next class will be held on Sunday, October 15th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Call Pat Cronin for more information.

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.

Youth Events

Oct 8: 6th-8th Grades at 4:30 pm 9th-12th Grades at 6:30 pm
Both will meet in the Family and Youth office.

Oct 11 / 25: Come and join our **Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship** group as we study The Saints. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday (September-May) from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Family and Youth Office in the back of the Parish Hall.

The Diocesan Spirit Movers will present an "INTO THE LIGHT" SUNSET RETREAT for Youth in Grades 6 – 8 on the following dates.
Oct 15: St. Fabian Parish (27 Veritas Lane, Sumrall, MS)
Oct 22: St. Thomas Parish (720 Beach Blvd, Long Beach, MS)
The cost is \$15 and must be RSVP'd four days prior to the retreat to bsargent@biloxidiocese.org. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.; the Retreat begins at 10:30 a.m. and the day will end with Mass at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to participate, please call Jane Sema at 217-1392.



October is traditionally the month of the Rosary - so once again we are asking the Lectors at weekend Masses to show up early and lead the congregation in the recitation of the Rosary and this should start 20 minutes prior to Mass time.

Also during the month of October, the ushers are asked to do a head count of all in attendance at all weekend Masses (men, women and children) beginning the weekend of October 7th & 8th. The Diocese requests all parishes to do this during the month of October.



Walgreens will be offering Flu Shots in the KC Hall / Parish Life Center on Friday, October 13th beginning at 9:00 a.m. on a first come/first serve basis – no preregistration is required. No cash will be accepted, so please bring your insurance card or Medicare card with you.

Altar Society Members for next week are Lois Leaghty Ravera and Mary Ann Bounds

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 4: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

Oct 5/6: Fall Break – No School

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 4: Graduation Invitation Orders

Oct 5: Mass – Bishop Kihneman 9:40 a.m.

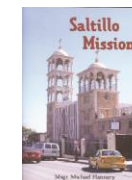


Eucharistic Adoration is a practice in which the **Blessed Sacrament** is **adored** by the faithful. This practice may occur either when the Eucharist is exposed, or when it is not publicly viewable because it is reserved in a place such as a church tabernacle. Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of **Jesus Christ**, who is believed by Catholics to be present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under the appearance of the consecrated host, in the form of hosts, that is, consecrated altar bread. As a devotion, Eucharistic adoration, prayer, and meditation are more than merely looking at the Blessed Host, but are believed to be a continuation of what was celebrated in the **Eucharist**. From a theological perspective, the adoration is a form of latria, based on the tenet of the **real presence of Christ** in the Blessed Host.

Christian meditation performed in the presence of the Eucharist outside of Mass is called **Eucharistic meditation**. When the exposure and adoration of the Eucharist is constant (twenty-four hours a day), it is called **Perpetual adoration**. In a parish - this is done by volunteer parishioners.

Official Catholic teachings consider the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament an important practice which "stimulates the faithful to an awareness of the marvelous presence of Christ and is an invitation to spiritual communion with Him." In many cases Eucharistic adoration is performed by each person for an uninterrupted hour known as the **Holy Hour**. The inspiration for the Holy Hour is Matthew 26:40 when in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion, Jesus asks Peter: "So, could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?".

During perpetual adoration, a specific person performs adoration for a period of one hour or more, so there is always at least one person who performs adoration during each day and night. However, during Mass the Blessed Sacrament may be reposed and is then exposed again after Mass. **Please consider giving up one hour of your week.** A white notebook with signup sheets will be available for the next two weekends at the entrance of the Church (or if raining – in the Vestibule of the Church). We ask that you take the time to see what hours are available. For those interested in late night hours – the door may be locked for security and you will have accessibility to the restrooms.



Fr. Flannery, the author of Saltillo Mission, will be at St. Elizabeth Seton the weekend of October 14th and 15th selling his book **after** each of their Masses. The book chronicles the founder of the mission, Fr Patrick Quinn, what Mississippians did for the mission and what the mission did for us. It has two chapters on the Saltillo Summer program where more than 20,000 of our youth visited the mission since its inception and it has many human interest stories. Saltillo Mission is jointly sponsored by the Diocese of Biloxi and Jackson. The book sells for \$15 and checks are payable to Tidewater Press. Mass times: Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am and 5 pm.

An ARISE will be held October 20th – 22nd at the Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St Louis. ARISE weekends are sponsored by the Catholic Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi and are open to all, including those living outside of South Mississippi. ARISE is conducted by a team of laypersons assisted by members of the clergy and provides information about the Catholic Faith and how Catholic laypersons live out their Catholic Faith.

For more information about the weekend you may visit our Website www.biloxicursillo.org or contact: Al Gombos 228-348-0203 / 228-374-1146 agombos@diberville.ms.us algombos@aol.com or Gay Camagong at (228) 424-7722.