

History is littered with stories of good tenants and wicked landlords. In the Gospel we have a story of wicked tenants and a good landlord. The parable is an allegory of God's dealings with his people. The landowner is God. The vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more especially the religious leaders who had been given charge of the vineyard by God. The servants are the prophets sent by God and so often rejected and killed. The son is Jesus himself whom they killed. Like the parable of the two sons, this parable was directed at the chief priests and elders. It was meant as a warning, but it went unheeded. The tenants came to a bad end, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the Gentiles replaced the Jews as God's people. All this would have been clear to Matthew's readers.



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.



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



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.



All are invited to celebrate the 100 year Anniversary of Fatima with a public square Rosary at Rich and Sue Mihal's home (13605 Paso Rd Gulf Hills) on Saturday, October 14th at 12 Noon. The Rosary along with a number of other prayers will be said and the event will conclude with a Pot Luck lunch immediately following. For more information, please call 601-573-0020.



Mr. John Hardwick, the sales representative from Trinity Publications (the providers of our weekly bulletin), will be at the rectory October 16th – 19th. He will be contacting all those businesses who presently have ads in our bulletin, and if you wish to purchase an ad, you may contact him by calling the rectory during this time. We thank all those business owners who presently support us in this way and in doing so make the bulletin available at no cost to the parish. Please support these parishioners and businesses.



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.



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

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 Peter Quinn, October 8, 2004
 Reverend James B. Taylor, October 17, 2004
 Monsignor Andrew L. Murray, October 20, 2009
 Monsignor Francis Quinn, October 22, 1990

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 9
Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37	
6:30 am	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 am	Mr. Wendell Casey
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 10
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42	
6:30 am	Ms. Inez Danise
8:15 am	Ms. Jean Pierre
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 11
Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4	
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 am	Elvin Asher Family
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 12
Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13	
6:30 am	Mr. Hubert "Smokey" Hill
8:15 am	Ms. Marian Sullivan
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 13
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26	
6:30 am	Audrey, Claire and Margaret Brou
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Jean Hindmarch
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 14
Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28	
8:15 am	Special Intention C.M. Special Intention R.C. Mr. Rufus Mallett Mr. Donald Cole
4:00 pm	Mr. Nicky Caillavet
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 15
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matt 22:1-14	
7:30 am	Ms. Dot McKinnon
9:00 am	Mr. Charles "Bart" Martin
11:30 am	Int. Ms. Shannon Fayard
5:30 pm	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$13,085.59
 Poor Collection.....\$ 4,060.87
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Congratulations to Robert and Dianne Winland on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Altar Society Members for next week are Janell Alliston and Juliana Skelton



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Ligaya Camagong



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Peggy Dessommes, a longtime parishioner, who passed away September 30th.
Joycelyn Webb, mother of Greg Webb of this parish, who passed away September 30th.
 We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

Religious Education News

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

Oct 9: New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Oct 12: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
Oct 15: Religious Education 10:10 a.m.
 Adult Study Class 10:10 a.m.
 Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds
 Confirmation Class, Parish Hall, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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). If there is not further participation in the 3 & 4 year old program – it will be merged with the Kindergarten class after October 15th. 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

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

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.

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.

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 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!

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 ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
LOCAL St. VINCENT DE PAUL
 Call 228-334-4408 for more information
www.svdphomegiveaway.com

Purchasers will also qualify in the drawing of other gifts and door prizes.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 11: Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.
Oct 13: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 9: Fall Holiday
Oct 12: Grandparents Breakfast 7:45 a.m.
Oct 13: Adoration/Rosary 9:40 a.m. / Report Cards
Oct 21: Alumni Mass & Social 6pm
 RSVP to alumni@stpatrickhighschool.net

Young Adults (ages 19-35) are invited to join the Young Adult Bible Study on Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the ACE House (506 Jackson Avenue – next door to the School). Never been in a bible study before? No worries! This is a great opportunity for you to grow in faith and fellowship. For more information call Kat Peek at 225-223-3574.



Fr. Flannery, the author of Saltillo Mission, will be at St. Elizabeth Seton next weekend (October 14th/15th) selling his book after each of their Masses. The book sells for \$15- payable to Tidewater Press.
 Mass times: Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am and 5 pm.

ARISE October 20th – 22nd 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.



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 sign-up sheets will be available this weekend 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.