

Isaiah uses the image of a banquet to describe the fullness of life that God wants to bestow, not just on Israel, but on all the peoples of the earth. Jesus uses the same image in his parable. In its original, simpler form, the parable made the point that those to whom the invitation was first sent (the Jews) rejected it, and their place has been taken by others (the Gentiles). The details about the sending of troops and the burning of the city, were added later. They refer to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., which was seen as a consequence of the refusal of the Jewish leaders to listen to Jesus.

The incident concerning the wedding garment seems to have belonged to a separate parable. It introduces contradictory elements into the story, and is perhaps best omitted. However, if used, keep the following in mind. Courtesy demanded that any guest at a wedding should have the proper wedding garment. One man came without, symbolizing a life that has undergone no basic change, a life that has not produced the fruits of repentance. The new guests (Christians) will suffer the same fate as Israel if they do not produce the fruits of good works.



Mr. John Hardwick, the sales representative from Trinity Publications (the providers of our weekly bulletin), will be at the rectory this coming week (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.

An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



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.



During the month of November, we traditionally offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones. Envelopes are available either in your monthly contribution package or in the pews. Please include the names of

your loved ones along with your contribution and return it prior to November 1st if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.



The St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Alphonsus would like to thank everyone who participated in the **Friends of the Poor Walk** this year. We would especially like to recognize the Scouts of Troop 211 for their participation and in particular Breton Guice who alone raised over \$700.00. Thank you, Breton, Troop 211, and everyone who supported the walk either financially or by walking the bridge this year. 2017 was our most successful walk ever!



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Tyler Eldridge, 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 and Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Patricia Merlau, Edna Miguez, Eunice Misko, Margaret Murray, Sophia Myers, Leonard Necaise, Peggy and Edward Necaise, 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, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, and Jane Walker.

If someone in your family is in need of prayer, please contact the parish office to have their name placed on the list. We will keep the name on for at least two months unless otherwise notified.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 16
Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
6:30 am Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 am Mr. & Mrs. William (Joyce) A. Staehle, Jr.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17
Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
6:30 am Mr. Tony Davidson
8:15 am Ms. Karen Mary Pisarich

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18
2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9
6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 am Mr. Ricky Riviere

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19
Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
6:30 am Mr. Richard Porterfield
8:15 am Ms. Joann Putman

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20
Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7
6:30 am Mr. Robert "Bob" Mitchell
8:15 am Mr. Bill Eckert

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21
Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12
8:15 am Mr. Leland Lewis Adler
Mr. Wayne Alliston
Ms. JoAnn Wavra
Mr. Harry Leaghty
Mass of Thanksgiving for Prayers
4:00 pm Mr. Bobby Beaugez

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matt 22:15-21
7:30 am Ms. Irene Nelson Powers
9:00 am Congregation
11:30 am Ms. Shirley Stiglet
5:30 pm Ms. Ligaya Camagong

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$7,808.63
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



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.

Altar Society Members for next week are Jean Michaud and Judy Anderson



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Deacon Greg Miller



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Emmett Catchot, husband of Dorothy Catchot of this parish, who passed away October 10th.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

Religious Education News

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

Oct 16: New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Oct 18: Parent Meeting for Sac. of Reconciliation 5:30 pm Church
Oct 19: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
Oct 22: 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

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 this Sunday (October 15th) from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church or just need a refresher course – **you are invited to attend the RCIA classes held on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.** The last day to join this year's class will be October 19th.

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

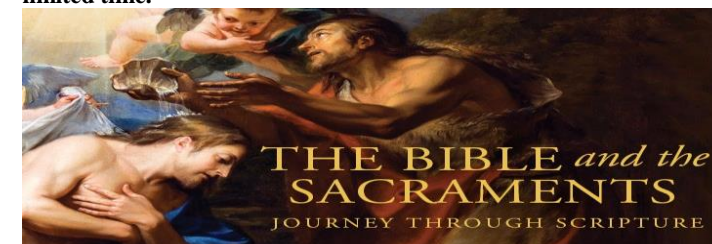
Oct 22: The Diocesan Spirit Movers will present an "INTO THE LIGHT" SUNSET RETREAT for Youth in Grades 6 – 8 at St. Thomas Parish (720 Beach Blvd, Long Beach, MS). The cost is \$15 and must be RSVP'd four days prior to the retreat to bsargent@biloxidiocese.org. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.; the 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.

Nov 5: 6th–8th Grades at 4:30 pm 9th–12th Grades at 6:30 pm
Both will meet in the Family and Youth office.

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.

Now on FORMED – The Bible and the Sacraments is a beautifully filmed, eleven-lesson series that explores the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Each week, two new episodes of this powerful and enriching series from the Saint Paul Center will be released for a limited time.

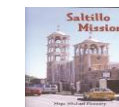


ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 17: PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Oct 20: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 16: 7th Grade Retreat
Oct 17: Reading Fair Grades 7-8 / Boys JH Basketball Parent Mtg 6pm
Oct 19: Mass 9:40 a.m. / Flu Shots 3:05 p.m.
Oct 20: Yearbook Senior Ads Due
Oct 21: Alumni Mass & Social 6pm
RSVP to alumni@stpatrickhighschool.net



Fr. Flannery, the author of Saltillo Mission, will be at St. Elizabeth Seton this 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.

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.

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.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling tickets for the Home Giveaway after each Mass this weekend. The drawdown will be held on Thanksgiving weekend. Please support this worthy cause by buying a \$100 tax deductible ticket. You may also purchase a ticket during normal business hours at the Rectory Office. Proceeds from these sales help the less fortunate in our community.

BUY A TICKET

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

THANKSGIVING HOME GIVEAWAY

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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



Fr. Louis Lohan invites you to join him in Ireland in April 2018. You will visit quaint little towns and villages, enjoy a cruise on the River Shannon, pray and celebrate Mass at the Basilica at Knock Shrine, celebrate Mass in Fr. Louis' home church – St. Patrick's in Newbridge, County Galway, and be fed at his home on the family farm. Each evening you will retire to the very best hotels along The Wild Atlantic Way and completely take over the elegant 14th Century Markree Castle, with a two night stay, where you will enjoy an entertaining yet touching performance of an Immigrants Tale. If interested, email Fr. Louis at: Irelandwelcomesyou@gmail.com and he will send you the information.

A copy of the weekly Church bulletin may be found on the "myParish" phone app and also on our parish website at "osstalphonsus.org".