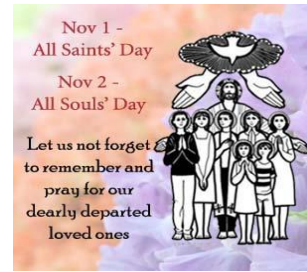


By rabbinical count, 'the Law' consisted of some 613 commandments. The question as to which commandment was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two. That is because, for him, the second followed directly and necessarily from the first. Love of neighbor arises out of love of God. Both commandments are found in the Old Testament. What is new is not the fact that Jesus brought these two commandments together, but that he made them of equal importance.



Beginning November 2nd we will 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.

A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. (The baptism class normally is scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of the month – but because of All Saints Day – the class has been moved to the 2nd Wednesday for November only.) 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.



At St. Alphonsus Church we are pursuing opportunities to foster a stronger parish life and better engage the New Evangelization. As part of these efforts - St. Alphonsus Church has its own app for Apple and Android phones. Our app will allow us to send you useful and important messages throughout the week regarding our parish life and events, and allow you to reply to messages or RSVP for events. There will be no need for parishioners with smart phones to remember to silence their phones before Mass. The app will send you a reminder to silence your phone 20 minutes before the Mass you select. Many more great features will be a help to all of us, such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, as well as quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website and FORMED. Download the app by texting [App](tel:88202) to phone number [88202](tel:88202), or by visiting myparishapp.com.



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 Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Azalie Hale

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,264.59
 World Mission Sunday Collection.....\$ 1,205.90
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 30

Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17
 6:30 am Mr. Terry Miller
 8:15 am Ms. Iris Holloway

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31

Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21
 6:30 am Ms. June Krohn
 8:15 am Ms. Olive Rodolfich

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

6:00 pm Mr. Ken Reiling

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1

6:30 am Mr. Peter Kuluz, Sr.
 8:15 am Mr. David Schillinger
 6:00 pm Deacon Gregory Miller

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2

Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
 6:30 am Poor Souls
 8:15 am Cyril and Miek Laan

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3

Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6
 6:30 am Poor Souls
 8:15 am Spec Int. – Families and Married Couples

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4

Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11
 8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
 Mr. Gregory Hebert
 Russ, Carley & Brittany Jordan
 Mr. Nolan Fremin
 Ms. Connie Seymour
 Poor Souls
 4:00 pm Mr. Gerard P. Michaud

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7b-9, 13; Matt 23:1-12
 7:30 am Mr. Russell Cresson
 9:00 am Mr. Eduard van Thiel
 11:30 am Congregation
 5:30 pm Poor Souls



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 Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, 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, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Stan Stanton, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templett, 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.

Pray for Vocations: For information, go to www.biloxidiocese.org

Religious Education News

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

Oct 30: New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Nov 2: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Nov 5: 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). 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.

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

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.

Nov 10-12: Girls Youth Retreat for young ladies ages 15-18

Dedeaux Cursillo & Retreat Center in Pass Christian.

For an application please call Candy Dubuisson 228-547-5158;

Wanda Cole 228-669-5901 or Jane Sema at 228-217-1392.

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.

Why does the priest kiss the altar? The liturgical custom is one of the oldest, dating back to the 4th century.

Before celebrating every Mass the priest (and deacon) approach the altar and kiss it. Kissing holy and sacred objects has been part of various world religions for thousands of years. The practice comes from cultures where the kiss was viewed as a sign of respect or used as a greeting and was naturally applied to objects that represented the divine.

The altar receives its importance in connection with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that is celebrated upon it. It has been set apart for this purpose and the bishop consecrates it when it is installed in a new church. The ceremony of consecration mimics in some ways the baptism of a new Christian as the bishop uses holy oils to bless the altar and vests it with a white garment after the prayers have been completed. Kissing the altar can then be viewed as honoring the special role it has in the liturgy and the consecration it was given by the bishop. Symbolically the altar is often said to represent Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone of the Church (cf. Ephesians 2:20).

During the history of the liturgy the priest would sometimes kiss the altar before blessing the people, symbolizing how the blessing came from God, not the priest. Relics of saints were inserted into the altar and when the priest kissed the altar, he would be kissing the relics as well.

So while it is true that altars are material objects, they have been set apart for a specific purpose and kissing the altar recognizes its privileged role and relation to the divine sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 1: Children's Mass (All Saints Day) 8:15 a.m.

Nov 3: Night of Neon / Spaghetti Dinner



St. Alphonsus School is hosting the 3rd annual Night of Neon 5k and 1 mile Fun Run on Friday, November 3rd at 6:00 pm. Come



for the run and stay for the fun--Spaghetti Dinner, bounce houses, and entertainment after the race! Entry forms available at www.stal.org

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Nov 1: PTO Mtg 8:30 am / Mass 9:40 am / Volleyball Banquet 6:00 pm

Nov 3: 9th Grade Retreat 8:30 a.m.



St. Patrick Catholic High School (www.stpatrickhighschool.net) will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, November 12th from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the School (18300 St.

Patrick Road, Biloxi, 39532). All parents and students are invited to learn more about St. Patrick, a coeducational college preparatory high school serving students in grades 7-12 in the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi. Please reach out to Director of PR & Advancement Erin Rosetti with any questions (erosetti@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.

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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.

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