

Malachi attacks the laxity and carelessness that have set in regarding morality and worship. He specifically takes the priests to task, berating them for not living up to their calling, and thus being responsible for the erosion of faith among the people.

In the Gospel we see how strong Jesus was in his criticism of those who use religion to gain spiritual power, and who do not live what is at the heart of religion: love and compassion, justice and faith.

Matthew applies it to Christian leaders, who are in danger of repeating the mistakes of the Pharisees.

The message is as relevant now as it was back then. Religious office-holders are still reluctant to let go of ostentatious dress, places of honor, titles and so on, which are clearly contrary to the spirit of the Gospel

We extend our congratulations to Gerald "Jerry" Bourgeois. Jerry is this year's recipient of the "Lumen Christi" award which was presented as part of the 4:00 p.m. Liturgy this Saturday at the Nativity BVM. Each diocese nominates one candidate as their recipient for this annual award which is presented to those who have been outstanding in their service to their parish.

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.

"Pray for Mercy & Peace!" for all those suffering in the world, and support St. Vincent de Paul's work for the poor at a prayer-with-music benefit in the Church on Friday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. Join Susan Groeschel Lovelette, classical singer and cantor, to contemplate the Seven Sorrows of Mary and learn how love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails!" (1 Cor 13-7-8) In a program of scripture, reflections, petitions and prayer, Susan offers classical music for contemplation. Encouraged by our Bishops to be spiritually united with suffering communities through prayer and support, let us pray together and support the work of St. Vincent de Paul on November 10th at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Susan Groeschel Lovelette at sglovelette@gmail.com.

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

The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of George Sliman, Sr. on the 20th Anniversary of his death

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,483.91
Hurricane Aid Puerto Rico Collection.....\$ 4,454.05
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 6

Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14

6:30 am Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 am Poor Souls

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7

Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24

6:30 am Poor Souls
8:15 am Ms. Dorothy Page

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8

Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33

6:30 am Poor Souls
8:15 am Artemio and Rosario Soliman

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; John 2:13-22

6:30 am Mr. Hubert "Smokey" Hill
8:15 am Poor Souls

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10

Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8

6:30 am Poor Souls
8:15 am Mr. Alfred Seymour

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15

8:15 am Special Intention C.M.
Special Intention R.C.
Mr. Rufus Mallett
Mr. Donald Cole
Poor Souls
4:00 pm Congregation

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

7:30 am Poor Souls
9:00 am Mr. Vern "Larry" Cole, Jr.
11:30 am Mr. Dick Daniels
Ms. Lisa Daniels
5:30 pm Ms. Brandy Lesso Hebert

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 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 Migues, Eunice Misko, Margaret Murray, 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, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Stan Stanton, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers 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.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Peter Benvenutti, brother of Lucille "Lou" Young of our parish, who passed away October 12th in Bay St. Louis.

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

Religious Education News

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Nov 5: No Religious Education – Peter Anderson Festival

Nov 6: New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Nov 9: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Nov 12: Religious Education 10:10 a.m.
Adult Study Class 10:10 a.m.
9th Grade Commitment Service at 11:30 a.m. Mass
Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds
Confirmation Class, Parish hall, 6:30 – 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). 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

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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

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 8, 22: Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Family and Youth Office in the back of the Parish Hall.

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.

From Fr. Mike on Harry Potter Books: Pope Benedict agreed with Fr. Amorth that it is not a good idea to allow your children, or yourself, to read the Harry Potter series. The author, J.K. Rowling, stated she used spells from books on how to practice witchcraft. The subtle influence can effect a person's will power not grounded and strengthened in Christ.

"In Harry Potter the Devil acts in a crafty and covert manner, under the guise of extraordinary powers, magic spells and curses." "You start off with Harry Potter, who comes across as a likeable wizard, but you end up with the Devil. There is no doubt that the signature of the Prince of Darkness is clearly within these books." "By reading Harry Potter a young child will be drawn into magic and from there it is a simple step to Satanism and the Devil," he said. – Exorcist of Rome, Fr. Gabriele Amorth.

National Vocations Awareness Week November 5 – 11, 2017: Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 year ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call, and do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 8: Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.

Nov 10: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Nov 7: 6th Grade Day

Nov 8: 5th Grade Day

Nov 9: PTO Meeting 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:40 a.m.

Nov 10: Progress Reports

Nov 12: Open House 2:00-4:00 p.m.



St. Patrick (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).



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

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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Call 228-334-4406 for more information
www.svdphomegiveaway.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.

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.



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** to phone number **88202**, or by visiting myparishapp.com.