

In the First Reading we see the pathetic efforts of Adam and Eve to shift the blame for their sin from themselves on to the serpent, and even onto God himself. We also see the consequences of sin: loss of intimacy to God, and a breakdown between man and woman – the man betrays the woman. It is not God who has changed but the man and the woman. However, the sad scene ends with a promise of salvation.

The Gospel shows the promise of salvation as being fulfilled in Jesus. He overthrows Satan and establishes the Kingdom of God. For those who believe in him, and who do the will of God, a new kinship is formed.

Mark highlights the frustrations Jesus had to contend with. His relatives, worried about the direction his life had taken, wanted to bring him back home. Then there is the argument with the Scribes concerning the source of Jesus' healing power. While the ordinary people recognized the God-given nature of Jesus' power, the Scribes put a horrible spin on Jesus' healing miracles, perversely claiming that it was through the power of the devil that he did these deeds. This shows the sheer hardness of heart of the Scribes.

At first Jesus tries to reason with them, but with little success. Such people are not open to the truth. Then he warns them against committing the gravest sin of all, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit – the sin of deliberately twisting the good so that it is made to look bad.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 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 (June 11th – 15th). 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.



Attention Graduating Seniors: There are two \$500 Scholarships available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away this year. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Rodney Fountain at rodney@rfountaincpa.com to receive the requirements and registration form. Deadline: June 15, 2018



“I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; because without Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5 Remain in Jesus. Connect with Him by adoring Him regularly through time spent with the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel...then go bear fruit! “Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”. --St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Honor of Fr. Mike Snyder On his 21st Anniversary of Ordination

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 Msgr. John M. Scanlon, June 16, 1995
Very Reverend Patrick E. Hayes, June 26, 2007



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Tiffany Timmons, granddaughter of L.J. “Bugga” Danise of this parish, who passed away May 31st.

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

**Altar Society Members for next week
Judi Anderson, Theresa Stuart & Mark Aultman**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY JUNE 11
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
6:30 am Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 am Mr. Vern Cole, Sr.
Mr. Vern “Larry” Cole, Jr.

TUESDAY JUNE 12
1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16
6:30 am Mr. Richard “Dick” Smith
8:15 am Mr. Ken Reiling

WEDNESDAY JUNE 13
1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19
6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 am Mr. Manuel Severino, Sr.

THURSDAY JUNE 14
1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26
6:30 am Ms. Margaret Murray
8:15 am Ms. Molly Edwards

FRIDAY JUNE 15
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32
6:30 am Ms. Anna Marie Holifield
8:15 am Ms. JoAnn Wavra

SATURDAY JUNE 16
1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37
8:15 am Special Intention

4:00 pm Ms. Joan Kelly
SUNDAY JUNE 17
Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34
7:30 am Congregation
9:00 am Mr. George P. Ladd
11:30 am Mr. Walter Ryan
5:30 pm Mr. Matthew Peresich Lyons

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,400.92
Poor Collection.....\$ 4,824.55
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Evelyn Bond, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Quinn Boudreaux, Carole Bourgeois, Gregory Brou, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Tyler Eldridge, Jackie Endt, Jeremy Forehand, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Ron Fournier, Carmen Gaethe, Walter Gary, Hunter and Sandra Grantham, Doris Haynes, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Margaret Betty Horton, Lucia Hourihan, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Earline Huster, Melissa James, Tommy Jones, Theresa Jones, Clarence Jordan, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, Kyle Vaughn Kerbow, Audrey King, Ann Eleece Kouns, Jeff Kouns, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, John Langan, Nathaniel LaSalle, Catherine Lawrence, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Edna Miguez, Eunice Misko, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Noel, Luke Nudson, Edwin O’Connor III, Teresa O’Connor, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Anna Raley, David Rodriguez, Jimmy Senac, Joyleen Seymour, Larry Sladler, Karen Skrmetta Smith, Edna Spell, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Dennis Stamps, Stan Stanton, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers and Jane Walker.

Religious Education News

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Confirmation pictures are available for pickup in the Sacristy of the Church.



Children’s Liturgy Volunteers needed for next school year: Would you like to teach our young children about God and our Catholic faith? Are you a grandmother who may miss seeing grand babies?

Well we would love to have you as a volunteer for the 2018-2019 Children’s Liturgy program. It involves about 20 minutes of your time every six or so weeks spent teaching and having a fun time with our 3-6 year olds in the chapel during Liturgy of the Word at the 11:30 am Sunday mass.

Please email Catherine Marsh at catherinecomiskeymarsh@gmail.com or contact the church office and Catherine will give you a call.

Family and Youth Calendar

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



**CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP
JUNE 18TH – 22ND**

Please contact Jane Sema for remaining openings.



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.

The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed this weekend (June 9th / 10th) and next weekend (June 16th / 17th).



St. Michael Church in Biloxi will have a Chicken and Seafood Gumbo Dinner this Sunday (June 10th) from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$10 a plate and will include a salad and drink.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Thursday, June 14th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Villa Maria. All are invited.



A Women’s Cursillo will be held June 21st-24th at William Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis. The Cursillo weekend is for Catholics who are looking to deepen their faith and love for Christ. Consider giving yourself a gift this year! For more information contact Melanie Martin at 228-326-2016.



Johnnie Bernhard, author of A Good Girl, has a new book out and will do a book signing on Sunday, June 24th in the Bookstore from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

In *How We Came to Be*, Bernhard delivers a poignant exploration of life as a modern American woman. This complex story examines the many emotional layers of relationships, mothering, sisterhood, and the eternal search for self-worth in a society obsessed with the superficial. Within these pages, readers will experience love and loss, grace and redemption, forgiveness and faith. A heartwarming read that proves family comes in many forms. -Julie Cantrell, New York Times and USA TODAY Bestselling Author of *Perennials*

****School Subsidy Policy****

Registration for the 2018/2019 School Year Going On Now

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School. In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.
3. The family **MUST** attend weekend Mass with the Parish Family at St. Alphonsus.

Special Father’s Day Collection: As over the past few years, a special second collection has been scheduled on the weekend of Father’s Day to supplement the pension given to diocesan Priests of retirement age. This collection is important to our retired Priests.

Priests of the Diocese of Biloxi who do not belong to religious orders are provided with a modest pension in their golden years by an endowment to which parishes pay a yearly assessment. In addition, Priest who are seniors receive a small pension supplement from the Catholic Sharing Appeal. The Diocese has opted to have a special collection for our retired Priests on Father’s Day. The proceeds of this Father’s Day collection will be used to increase the Diocese’s pension supplement.

Isn’t there already a collection for retired Priests? There are two annual special collections that are sometimes confused with one another, and neither one meets the specific need of providing diocesan Priests with an adequate pension/retirement.

The first is the collection to support retired religious. “Religious” refers to women (sisters, nuns) and men (brothers and some Priests) who belong to religious communities such as Dominicans, Benedictines, Franciscans, etc. Diocesan Priests are distinct from religious Priests and do not benefit from this collection.

The other yearly second collection mentioned above is for “aged and infirm Priests.” The amount collected is used by parishes to offset insurance costs/medical expenses of ailing and elderly Priests, but does not provide for a pension or a retired Priest’s day-to-day expenses.

This year Father’s Day falls on the weekend of June 16-17. As we honor fathers, please consider a generous gift to assure a worthy pension/retirement for your spiritual father. May your generosity and the grateful prayers of our Priests be a source of abundant blessings for you and your loved ones.



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, June 17th (Father’s Day) from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. All Father’s, as well as children under 12 years old, will eat for free. \$5.00 a plate for all others. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, pancakes (to order), grits, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.

Co-Ed Arise #7, Friday June 29th – Sunday, July 1st Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis

Arise is sponsored by the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi, another program of the Diocese of Biloxi. Whereas Cursillo is limited to Catholics, Arise is actually designed with the non-Catholic in mind. Arise is designed primarily for these groups of persons who would like to receive additional information, about the Catholic Faith in a short period of time (one weekend): Non-Catholic spouses of practicing Catholics; Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while; Those without a current church/religion who are "searching" for a new or more meaningful Faith experience; Those taking instruction in the Catholic Faith.

For more information, call Gay Camagong at 228-424-7722 or visit the website at www.biloxicursillo.org.

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