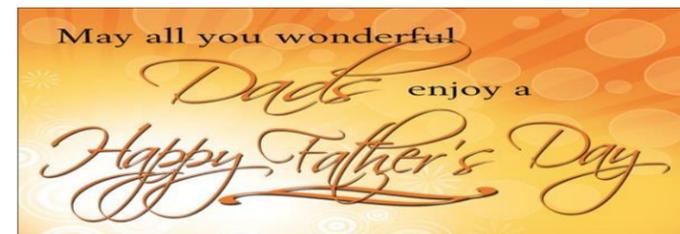


In Mark 4:1-34 we have a collection of parables, most of which deal with the growth of seed. They serve as a commentary on what has been happening in Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom.

The prophet Ezekiel foretold that God would take a twig from the top of the cedar and plant it in Zion (First Reading). Under God's protective power that twig would grow into a great cedar. Thus Ezekiel dreamed that God would transplant the exiled people of Israel back to the land of their fathers. He glimpsed a future son of David whose kingdom would be universal.

The promise is fulfilled in Jesus who ushers in the kingdom of God. The parables of the seed that grows by itself and the mustard seed were meant to encourage the early Church which was worried about the slow growth of the kingdom. They were telling the disciples to be patient, to trust, and not to expect instant results. Through the power of God, from small and insignificant beginnings the kingdom will grow into something great.



A Prayer for Father's Day: God our Father, In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death, separation, or divorce, and who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen all Dads by your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Thursday, June 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass

"For God so loved the world that He gave us His Only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but have Eternal Life." John 3:16
How's THAT for a Father's Day gift?!! He gave us Jesus!

Time spent before the Blessed Sacrament would be an excellent gift to Our Heavenly Father to say "Thanks" not only to Him; but also, to Him for the fathers He has given us here on earth. "Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him". --St. Teresa of Calcutta

HURRICANE PRAYER
O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Save and pray frequently)

The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Honor of All Fathers

A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY JUNE 18
1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42
6:30 am Mr. R.J. Domingue
8:15 am The Collins Family

TUESDAY JUNE 19
1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48
6:30 am Mr. Mark Pitalo
8:15 am Int. Mr. J.R. Williams, Jr.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 20
2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 am Int. Mr. Alden Karp

THURSDAY JUNE 21
Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15
6:30 am Mr. Terry Miller
8:15 am Int. Mr. & Mrs. Ron Haaf

FRIDAY JUNE 22
2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6:19-23
6:30 am In Thanksgiving
8:15 am Ms. Joan Belson

SATURDAY JUNE 23
2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34
8:15 am Mr. Milton Anderson
Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Peter 1:8-12; Luke 1:5-17
4:00 pm Mr. Jay Holtorf

SUNDAY JUNE 24
Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80
7:30 am Congregation
9:00 am Int. Fr. Mike Snyder
11:30 am Mr. Alson Young
5:30 pm Ms. Ligaya Camagong

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,424.56
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Regina Papania Bell, 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, Marshall Fayard, 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 Kербow, 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.

Pray for Vocations

Religious Education News

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



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@osstalphonsus.org



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP
JUNE 18TH – 22ND

The Catholic Kids Camp Staff would like to thank everyone who supported this year's camp.



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 16th / 17th).



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*

Websites that may be good for people with problems, addictions, etc:
www.americanaddictioncenters.org; www.narcononcolorado.org;
www.al-anon.org; www.catholicsdivorce.com;
www.cancersupportcommunity.org; www.rachelsvineyard.org;
www.catholicmenconquerporn.com; www.yourbrainonporn.com

Altar Society Members for next week
Kay Brochard, Joan Burres, Sue Garlotte & Norma Williams

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.

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.



St. Alphonsus Church App - Don't have the App yet? If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the app by texting App to phone number 88202, or by visiting myparishapp.com.

Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications regarding our parish life and an easy-to-access event calendar as well as many more great features such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website (osstalphonsus.org) and FORMED.

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Offering Envelopes

St. Alphonsus is happy to provide contribution envelopes for our Parishioners who would like to use them. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to, or if you are receiving envelopes and would like to discontinue receiving them, please email (stals@cablone.net) or call the office (875-5419) and we will make the necessary adjustments to the mailing list.



Parishioner Registration: When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass.

It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.