

In today's Gospel we have two more of the miracles referred to in the Scripture Note for last Sunday.

These miracles show that Jesus' saving power can overcome sickness and even death. The reading from Wisdom serves as a backdrop to this message. God did not create human beings in order to destroy them, but that they should enjoy a blessed immortality.

Both the woman with the hemorrhages and the daughter of Jairus were beyond the help of any earthly power. The great faith of the woman and of Jairus is stressed. Both believed that Jesus possessed a supernatural power to heal. Both miracles are signs of God's power, restoring life and health through Jesus. The raising of the little girl is a foreshadowing of Jesus' gift of eternal life to all who believe in him.



Beginning Monday, July 2nd through Friday, July 13th, the 8:15 a.m. morning Mass will be held in the Chapel due to a new crucifix being installed in the Sanctuary. All weekend Masses will be held in the Church as usual.



The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



The Baptism Class for July will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, July 11th (changed from July 4th) at 7:00 p.m. 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.

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.



“Adoration means saying: ‘Jesus, I am yours. I will follow you in my life, I never want to lose this friendship, this communion with you.’ I could also say that adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to him: ‘I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always.’”

--Pope Benedict XVI

Embrace Jesus with time in the Adoration Chapel. Show Him how much you love Him and appreciate all He has done, is doing, and will do for you. He has promised us His love – for Eternity!

“Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”.

--St. Teresa of Calcutta



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Louis LaMere, uncle of Melissa Rivera of this parish, who passed away last week in Jacksonville, Florida.

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



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of

The Mayfield, Burkhardt & Seymour Families

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY JULY 2

Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22

6:30 am Mr. Theo Laborde

8:15 am Ms. Juanita Ruiz

TUESDAY JULY 3

Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

6:30 am Ms. Connie Seymour

8:15 am Mr. Vern Cole, Sr.

Mr. Vern “Larry” Cole, Jr.

WEDNESDAY JULY 4

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34

6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.

8:15 am Ms. Genevieve Shack

THURSDAY JULY 5

Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8

6:30 am Ms. Inez Danese

8:15 am Mr. Tommy Noble

FRIDAY JULY 6

Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13

6:30 am Mr. Nolan Fremin

8:15 am Mr. Ken Reiling

SATURDAY JULY 7

Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17

8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.

Mr. Gregory Hebert

Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Ms. Linda Mayer

SUNDAY JULY 8

Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a

7:30 am Ms. Mary Skaar

9:00 am Mr. A.O. “Herman” Soares

11:30 am Congregation

5:30 pm Ms. Molly Edwards

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,703.64

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

Altar Society Members for next week Mary Ann Bounds, Linda Denehie & Lois Ravera



Mass for Family and Friends: You can have Masses offered for the Intention of family and friends as well as for the deceased. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.

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)

Religious Education News

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



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.



The St. Alphonsus Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed July 3rd – July 15th and will reopen on Tuesday July 17th at 9:00 a.m.



Our Mother of Sorrows Church in Biloxi will have a Parish Yard Sale on Saturday, July 14th from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. They will also be

selling lunch plates: Red beans & rice \$5; red beans, fish & potato salad \$8; red beans, shrimp & potato salad \$9. For more information, please call Our Mother of Sorrows Office at 228-435-0007.

Now on FORMED: What is the Biblical Evidence for the Eucharist? “The Lamb of God,” “The Bread of Life,” “The Body and the Blood of Christ”...these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching?

Discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. In *Lectio: Eucharist*, an Augustine Institute Studios original production. Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre explores the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

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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 (osstalphonus.org) and FORMED.



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.

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.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

St. Patrick Catholic High School is still enrolling students for the 2018-2019 school year. At St. Patrick, the faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions. To learn more about the St. Patrick experience or to apply for admission, visit the website at www.stpatrickhighschool.net. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please call 228-702-0500.



Attention All Doctors, Nurses or Those Medically Inclined: An Automated External Defibrillator has been installed in the southwest corner of the Church by the Confessional. A training session will be held at a later date.



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.



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.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, 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 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.