

Amos is sent to prophesy to the people of Israel (First Reading). In the Gospel we have the sending out of the Twelve.

Amos was a prophet by divine call. In his case the call had come to a poor, unsophisticated shepherd and ‘dresser of sycamore trees’, a total outsider to the ranks of professional prophets. Much the same could be said about the men Jesus chose ‘to be with him’. Jesus having instructed them, the time had come for them to take an active part in his ministry. Their mission was an extension of his own mission, and he gave them the power to accomplish this.

In understanding his instructions as to what they were to take with them, we must remember that this was only a temporary mission, of short duration and limited to the surrounding Jewish towns and villages. The final commissioning, in which they were sent to the whole world, was still in the future.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Monday, July 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



“Have you ever loved someone so much that you want to be with that person each moment? Have you ever loved someone so much that you wish you could ‘stay awake’ just so you can look at the person you love?”

There is Someone here with us today Who loves you infinitely more than the greatest love any human heart can measure or hold.

There is Someone here with you today Who loves you so much that He waits for you, to love you, to hold you, and to watch over you twenty-four hours a day.

Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament is this Someone. He is your God, Lover, and Best Friend!” – Mary Beth Bracy, Behold the Lamb

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

--St. Teresa of Calcutta



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.



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Paulette Straight, granddaughter of June Straight and niece of Anthony (Annette) Straight of this parish, who passed away July 2nd in Alabama.

Richard “Raphael” Byrd, brother of Susan (George) Beatty of this parish, who passed away July 6th.

We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Honor of all Bulletin Advertisers

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY JULY 16

Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34—11:1

6:30 am Dr. Malcolm Latour

8:15 am Lt. Colonel Dean G. Todd

TUESDAY JULY 17

Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

6:30 am Mr. Mark Pitalo

8:15 am Ms. Edna Avena

WEDNESDAY JULY 18

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27

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

8:15 am Ms. Joan “Nanabel” Belson

THURSDAY JULY 19

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Mr. Reinhard Hardigan

FRIDAY JULY 20

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8

6:30 am Ms. Maria Luisa Mortorell

8:15 am Int. Mr. John McLachlan

SATURDAY JULY 21

Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

8:15 am Mr. Aaron Sullivan

4:00 pm Ms. Joan Kelly

SUNDAY JULY 22

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Ms. Doris LeBlanc

11:30 am Mr. Alson Young

5:30 pm Ms. Ligaya Camagong

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$13,768.53

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Evelyn Bond, Henry Bonney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Quinn Boudreaux, Carole Bourgeois, Gregory Brou, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally

Fero Conklin, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, 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, Jane Walker and Cooper Williams.

Religious Education News

Deacon Jim Gunkel – 872-2652; dcjim@osstalphonsus.org

As we celebrate and remember our country’s freedom, let us reflect on the freedom given to us through Jesus - to be heirs of His promise and be liberated from sin. Have you ever stopped to think that “There has to be more to life than chasing my ‘to do’ list.” Well, there is. Join a few other people for coffee or tea, bring your questions, and discover how Jesus has a plan for each one of us individually that leads to the fullness of a life well lived. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is the way by which we help people discover this freedom Jesus offers us. Inquiry sessions are informal and open to Catholics (who want to learn more about their faith) as well as non-Catholics who have an interest in exploring the Catholic faith. The RCIA team will present some basic tenets of the faith, but most of the sessions will be devoted to answering your questions about faith and helping you discern whether God is calling you into full communion with the Catholic Church. Sessions will begin Thursday, September 6, 2018 and will be held weekly each Thursday night from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. You may register or obtain additional information from Deacon Jim at Dejim@osstalphonsus.org or by calling the Religious Education Office at 872-2652.



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.



Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi 20th Annual Married Couples Return Weekend July 20-22, 2018 at the William Kelley Retreat Center – St. Augustine Seminary, Bay St. Louis. For more information, contact

Charles & Linda Walden at 985-237-9881/985-285-2997 or cwaldensr1@gmail.com.

There is something unique about pursuing God in marriage as opposed to pursuing God in singleness. The weekend is open to all married couples provided at least one has experienced a Cursillo. (Spouse does not have to be Catholic.) The retreat center is made up of five modern one story buildings with no stairs or elevators to negotiate making it handicapped accessible. Accommodations for each couple include a spacious private room and bath. Application can be found at <http://www.biloxicursillo.org/>



Upon This Rock Scripture Study’s Fall 2018 to Spring 2019 Bible Study Program will be *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* by Ascension Press. This program takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible with special

emphasis on salvation history. Many in our Biloxi diocese have taken this Bible study and the consensus is that it is the best and most informative in teaching about God’s plan for our salvation and the foundation of the Church. Jeff Cavins presents the 24 week study lesson in the DVD presentation. The Bible study will begin Wednesday, September 12, 2018 and will meet each Wednesday morning through March 20, 2019 from 9:15 – 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Parish in Murray Hall on Woolmarket Road in Biloxi. The fee is \$47.00 and includes the Study Set book, the Bible Timeline Chart, Bookmark, and a DVD presentation. For those who have a Bible Timeline Study Set book, the fee is \$10.00. Payment by August 9, 2018 will ensure that you receive your materials on September 12, 2018. For more information, call Sharon Jones at 228-591-1069.

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.



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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 \(osstalphonsus.org\) and FORMED.](http://www.osstalphonsus.org)

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A Special Parish Prayer Book is located on the south side of the Vestibule of the Church (front entrance). Anyone desiring prayers for any intention is requested to enter their intention on the Parish Prayer Book and they will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful at all weekend Masses.



Hospital Stays: Because of privacy concerns, it is increasingly difficult to find out who is in the hospital. Many parishioners can be there for an entire week (or more), yet their names never appear on the “Clergy List” that we get to see. This seems to happen especially to those who are admitted through the Emergency Room. Consequently we are reminding you that if you or a family member is going to be in the hospital and wish to be visited or receive communion while there, please call the Rectory at your earliest convenience.



Pray for Our Military: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

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

Pray for Vocations