

Jeremiah indicts the official leaders for neglecting their duties towards the people (First Reading). They must shoulder the blame for the misfortune that has befallen the people. But God will not let his people languish. He himself will assume the mantle of leadership, and entrust the flock to good and faithful shepherds.

This ties in neatly with the Gospel. Jeremiah's promise is fulfilled in Jesus. We see Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in action. Firstly, we see his care for the Twelve, who have just returned from their missionary work and need a break. Secondly, we see his care for the ordinary people, whom he teaches at length. What a contrast there is between him and the official leaders of his time. Little wonder that the people flocked to him. In Jesus we see the divine compassion in action.



The Knights of Columbus will host a benefit breakfast for Breanne Dalton on Sunday, August 5th from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. Breanne is fighting Gastroparesis, POTS, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Raynaud's Syndrome and Adrenal Insufficiency. The cost will be \$5.00 a plate and will include scrambled eggs, grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee. All proceeds and donations will go towards Breanne's medical expenses.



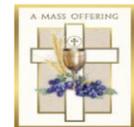
"It isn't that God has stopped speaking, but rather that we have stopped listening. If we can drag ourselves away from the crazy, noisy, busy world and step into the classroom of silence, God will speak to us in this place and this time." -- Matthew Kelly

"Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him".
--St. Teresa of Calcutta



Would you like to have Catholic Radio right here in Ocean Springs? Well believe it or not, it is already here! Tune your radio into FM 88.1 or find it on your computer at radiomaria.us. There are many good programs from

inspirational Catholic speakers, programs about history, prayer, care giving, finding a job, Marian apparitions, conversion stories, and many others! Plus there is great music. Let us be grateful to God for this sublime gift to us, for His mercies endure forever! Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)



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@cableone.net) or call the office (875-5419) and we will make the necessary adjustments to the mailing list.

Altar Society Members for next week

Kay Brochard, Sue Garlotte & Norma Williams



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Ligaya Camagong

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY JULY 23

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42
6:30 am Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 am Roland and Mildred Hymel

TUESDAY JULY 24

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50
6:30 am Mr. Francis Sullivan
Mr. Frank "Tim" Sullivan
8:15 am Mr. Louis LaMere

WEDNESDAY JULY 25

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
6:30 am Special Intention
8:15 am Ms. Mary Marie Mordica Yates

THURSDAY JULY 26

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17
6:30 am Ms. Anita Grace White
8:15 am Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.

FRIDAY JULY 27

Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23
6:30 am Msgr. Gregory Kennedy
8:15 am Mr. Ricky Riviere

SATURDAY JULY 28

Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30
8:15 am Special Intention
4:00 pm Congregation

SUNDAY JULY 29

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15
7:30 am Ms. Dot McKinnon
9:00 am Int. Ms. Mallory Stubblefield
11:30 am Ms. Sophia Marie Mohler
5:30 pm Ms. Alice Hire

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,107.75
Peter's Pence Collection.....\$ 1,861.97
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 Vaugh 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 Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, 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 dcjim@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.

Calling all graduates of Notre Dame, Sacred Heart, Mercy Cross, St. John and St. Patrick: You are invited to celebrate and unite the Legacies on Saturday, September 8th with Mass beginning at 7:00 p.m. and a social to immediately follow with food and drinks. Family and friends are welcome to attend, and childcare will be provided. This event is sponsored by the SPCHS Alumni Association and is open to all alumni, even those who are not currently members of the Association. Please RSVP to alumni@stpatrickhighschool.net. There is no fee to attend.



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.

Pray for Vocations

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.



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.



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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UPCOMING TRAVELS



Ten Day Majestic Scandinavian Experience (Norway and Sweden) with Father Louis Lohan September 14 - 23, 2018.

Enjoy a train ride on the Flam Railway and Fjord Cruise on the Naeroyfjord & the Aurlandsfjord. Take a Funicular Trip to Mount Floyen. Visit the Resistance Museum and Viking Ship Museum, Drottingham Palace and much more! The cost is \$4,963 per person based on two in a room. This experience includes, round trip flight from Gulfport, Land, Hotels, all Breakfasts and most Dinners. Contact Paula at experiencescandinavia@gmail.com or 228-697-7814.



Ten Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Mike Austin and Fr. Michael Vu January 22-31, 2019, visiting Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Shepherd's field, cross over the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount,

Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, Mount Tabor, traditional site of the Transfiguration, walk where Jesus walked in Jerusalem. The cost is \$4199 per person based on two in a room. Includes roundtrip from New Orleans, Land, Hotels most meals. Book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Paula email Pilgrimagetoholyland@gmail.com or call 228-697-7814.