

A biblical prophet is someone who has received a divine call to speak God's word to his people (First Reading). Even though the Word of God could be a hard word, it was a word of love because it meant that God had not abandoned his people. God's spokesman had to be prepared for opposition and rejection. It was so for the Old Testament prophets, and for Jesus himself.

At the close of his Galilean ministry Jesus is rejected by the people of his home town, who cannot bring themselves to believe in the greatness of someone who is one of themselves. Consequently, his power is ineffective there. Their rejection of him is an anticipation of his rejection by the Jewish nation as a whole.

Christians today should not grow discouraged by lack of belief. Paul's experience of weakness ('a thorn in the flesh') taught him humility, and allowed him to experience God's power in a way that might not otherwise have been possible. The words "My grace is sufficient for you", are spoken to us too, and should be a great consolation to us in our struggles.



**Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> until approximately Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, the 8:15 a.m. morning Mass will be held in the Chapel due to renovations being done behind the Altar.**



**The Baptism Class** for July will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> (changed from July 4<sup>th</sup>) 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**The St. Alphonsus Bookstore and Gift Shop** will be closed through July 15<sup>th</sup> for inventory and will reopen on Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle** (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Villa Maria.



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



**"God, what do you think I should do?...Every day you make dozens of decisions, some of them large and some of them small. When was the last time you invited God into the decisions of your life?... Experience has taught me time and time again that all the answers are in the tabernacle. I can go to many people in my life and ask them what they think I should do, but nothing compares to sitting before Jesus in the tabernacle and placing my question before him."**

**--Rediscovering Catholicism, Matthew Kelly.**  
"Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him".  
--St. Teresa of Calcutta

**Altar Society Members for next week  
Janell Alliston, Denise Helms & Pat Zuber**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| <b>MONDAY</b>                               | <b>JULY 9</b>                                    |
| Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26  |  |
| 6:30 am                                     | Mr. Joe Prejean                                  |
| 8:15 am                                     | Int. Mr. Bob Mayer                               |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                              | <b>JULY 10</b>                                   |
| Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38         |  |
| 6:30 am                                     | Ms. Margaret Murray                              |
| 8:15 am                                     | Ms. Anna Marie Holifield                         |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                            | <b>JULY 11</b>                                   |
| Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7       |  |
| 6:30 am                                     | Int. Ms. Kelsey Gunkel                           |
| 8:15 am                                     | Mr. Richard Calloway                             |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                             | <b>JULY 12</b>                                   |
| Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15         |  |
| 6:30 am                                     | Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick                         |
| 8:15 am                                     | Ms. Jean Fountain Kridle                         |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                               | <b>JULY 13</b>                                   |
| Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23             |  |
| 6:30 am                                     | Mr. Richard "Dick" Smith                         |
| 8:15 am                                     | William, Dot, William G., Evelyn, & Jane Collins |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                             | <b>JULY 14</b>                                   |
| Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33              |  |
| 8:15 am                                     | Ms. JoAnn Wavra                                  |
| 4:00 pm                                     | Ms. Verdalee Catchot                             |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                               | <b>JULY 15</b>                                   |
| Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13 |  |
| 7:30 am                                     | Ms. Marian Sullivan                              |
| 9:00 am                                     | Congregation                                     |
| 11:30 am                                    | Int. Victims of Human Trafficking                |
| 5:30 pm                                     | Mr. Terry Miller                                 |

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,888.94  
 Poor Collection.....\$ 4,473.97  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**The Flowers in front of the Altar  
are in Memory of all  
Deceased Knights of Columbus Members**

### 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 Denis J. Harlow, July 1, 2010  
 Reverend Francis J. Scott, July 19, 2007  
 Reverend Msgr. Gregory M. Johnson, July 20, 2004  
 Reverend Joseph Tung Duc Nguyen, July 25, 2002



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:  
Dwayne Mathieu, cousin of Gordon Mathieu of this parish,  
who passed away June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Jacqueline Tarrant, sister of Leonard (Anne) Tarrant of this parish, who passed away July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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

## Religious Education News

Deacon Jim Gunkel – 872-2652; [dcjim@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:dcjim@osstalphonusus.org)



**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 [catherinemomiskeymarsh@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemomiskeymarsh@gmail.com) or contact the church office and Catherine will give you a call.



**Congratulations to Jacob Futch, Nora Nimmo and Lauren Skinner** – They were the recipients of this year's **Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund Award** given by the Knights of Columbus and Henry and Jean Nielsen (Chris' parents).

This scholarship is given each year to graduating high school seniors in memory of Chris Nielsen – a young KC member who died while in the Air Force.

**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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**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](http://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 ([osstalphonusus.org](http://osstalphonusus.org)) and FORMED.



**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.

**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.



**Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/>



**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](mailto: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, 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 Migues, Eunice Brown, 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 Templett, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers and Jane Walker.