

We have now entered Part Two of Mark's Gospel (8:27-16:8). After having been consistently rejected and misunderstood despite all he has said and done, Jesus starts to proclaim the necessity of the suffering, death, and resurrection of the Son of Man in God's plan. The First Reading talks about the Servant of the Lord who suffers, not in spite of his innocence, but because of it. But he is sustained in all his trials by the firm belief that God is with him. The Suffering Servant represents the many suffering just people. The New Testament sees Jesus as the Suffering Servant *par excellence*. In the Gospel we have Peter's profession of faith. In response to that confession, Jesus makes a threefold disclosure: that the Messiah must suffer, that his disciples must be prepared to share his suffering, and that his and their suffering will lead to ultimate glory.



“Our communal worship at Mass must be together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration in order that our love be complete.”
—St. Pope John Paul II

We give Jesus our time in Mass...grow to know and love Him more intimately in your time in Adoration. Join Him in the Chapel...just Jesus and you.
“Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”.
--St. Teresa of Calcutta



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

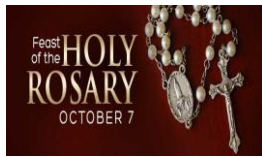


All are invited to come join us as we Pray for the Sick on Friday, September 21st from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Church. This will be an hour of Adoration, Rosary, Prayer and Music. Confession will be available if needed.



The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding their annual “Friends of the Poor Walk” on Saturday, September 29th from 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Ocean Springs-Biloxi Bridge. Our St. Alphonsus Conference, along with other

Diocesan Conferences, will be walking/running again this year. We are asking fellow parishioners, families and friends to come join us at the Bridge! If interested you can register/donate on line at www.fopwalk.org or you may call the rectory or ask a member for more information on registering. If you would like to donate only - you may drop your donation in the collection basket (marked “Walk for the Poor”) or bring to the rectory during normal business hours. SEE YOU AT THE BRIDGE!!



On the weekend of the October 7, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the United States – through Rosary Coast to Coast – will join with our International brothers and sisters to pray for our respective nations.

Americans across the country are invited to pray Rosary Coast to Coast wherever they can gather: in parish Churches; along the US coasts and borders; as families; or while viewing the live-stream of the National Rosary Rally. Rosary Coast to Coast will take place at 3:00 p.m. (Central). The reasoning behind this time will be to support all time zones in full participation of events, aside from Sunday Masses. Indeed, the Heart of the Nation will be Immersed in the Hour of Mercy. The National Rosary Rally will take place, as well, in front of the US Capitol on this day. They will begin with Mass at St. Peter's on Capitol Hill followed by a Rosary procession to the Rally site. The Rosary Rally will be live-streamed.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Marilyn Bourgeois, grandmother of Kayla (Joseph) Haaf of this parish who passed away August 30th in Baton Rouge, LA.

Jody Kilpatrick, mother of Gerrod (Lori) Kilpatrick of this parish, who passed away September 8th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17

1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10
6:30 am Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 am Ms. Tere Mora Corrales

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17
6:30 am Special Intention
8:15 am Mr. Leo Noble

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19

1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 7:31-35
6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 am Mr. Tyree Jimerson, Sr.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50
6:30 am Safety of all Captains at Sea
8:15 am Ms. Marie “Dee Dee” Enright

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
6:30 am Mr. Eddie Hire
8:15 am Ms. Jennifer Garey

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15
8:15 am Deacon Gregory Miller
4:00 pm Congregation

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37
7:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am Ms. Dorothy “Dot” Collins
11:30 am Int. The Gunkel Family
5:30 pm Int. The Stiglet Family

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,700.42
Catholic University Collection.....\$ 912.35
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Judy Fremin



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sybil Burchinal, Carol Lee Cantin, Sally Fero

Conklin, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Jackie Endt, Marshall Fayard, Ron Fournier, Carmen Gaethe, Walter Gary, Hunter and Sandra Grantham, Doris Haynes, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Melissa James, Tommy Jones, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, Nathaniel LaSalle, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Maurice Michaud, Edna Miguez, Eunice Misko, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley & Travis Norman, Edwin O'Connor III, Teresa O'Connor, Judy Penton, Joyleen Seymour, Stan Stanton, Ann Tootle, Randy Trahan, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker and Cooper Williams.

If someone in your family is in need of prayer, please contact the parish office to have their name placed on the list. We will keep the name on for at least two months unless otherwise notified.

Religious Education News

Deacon Jim Gunkel – 872-2652; dcjim@osstalphonusus.org
Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonusus.org

Kindergarten – 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
6th – 8th Grade – Edge: Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
9th – 12th Grade - High School Youth: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sept 20: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
Come see how God has revealed himself to us through Sacred Scripture. Also learn about the importance of our oral and written traditions.
Sept 23: Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6
Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)



The International Order of Alhambra along with Our Lady of Fatima (Biloxi) will be celebrating a Mass for people with Special Needs on Sunday, September 23rd at 2:00 p.m. This Mass is designed especially for people with special needs and encourage active participation. Monique Guillot will be interpreting. If you would like to participate, please call Jim early to see what positions are open. There will be a reception in the Sts. Mary and Joseph rooms of the parish hall following Mass. If you plan on coming, please contact Jim Rigby at 435-5665.



St. Michael Catholic Church will be holding its annual Shrimp Raffle on September 23rd after their 10:00 a.m. Mass. Tickets are \$1.00 each/6 for \$5.00 for 25 lbs. of fresh Gulf Shrimp. For more information, please contact St. Michael Church. Need not be present to win.



Men's Cursillo #276 September 27th – 30th at Dedeaux: 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 Skip Carroll at 228-547-6562 or skipcar52@gmail.com.



The Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi is hosting the Fall 2018 Encounter on October 19-20 in Biloxi. Friday's event will take place at St. Michael Church, Biloxi and Saturday's event will take place at Nativity BVM Sacred Heart Parish Life Center.

Leaders and Cursillistas from the Cursillo Movements in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina gather together for a weekend of food, fellowship, learning, sharing, prayer, Mass, rosary, and mutual support in friendship towards our common endeavor of bringing our friends to Christ in our own dioceses. Registration is \$40 per person (received by October 9 – early registration fee includes the event and a commemorative t-shirt) and \$40 at the door (must purchase t-shirt separately). Register early to be sure and get a commemorative t-shirt.
For information: email secretariat@southms-cursillo.org; Phone 228-382-3215 or visit Region VII website: www.cursilloregion7.org.

Co-Ed Arise #8 Friday, October 26th – Sunday, October 28th, at the Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis. Arise is sponsored by the Cursillo Movement 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 one or more meaningful faith experience; Those taking instruction in the Catholic faith. For more information, contact Joseph Parker at (985)705-6963 or Abby Crosby at (601)466-1007, or you may visit the website at www.biloxicursillo.org.

Pray for Vocations

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 21: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 19: 7th Grade Retreat 8:15 a.m.
Jr. / Sr. Parent Financial Aid Night 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sept 20: Mass 9:40 a.m.



The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for Sunday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m. at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 etc. years of marriage are welcome to attend this event. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and may be picked up during regular business hours. The deadline for registration by mail is October 12th. Registration by phone, fax or email is not accepted.



February 10, 2019 has tentatively been set to honor our St. Alphonsus parishioners who have been married 50+ years. A binder has been placed in the back of the church and we ask that you please fill out the requested information. We would like your information even if you are not able to come so that we will be able to recognize you.



We are in need of volunteers to help in the Bookstore on Sunday mornings from 8:30 -10:00 a.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392 or jsema@osstalphonusus.org.

REFLECTION

Faith without works

A watch may have a gold chain, but if it does not tell the time it is useless. A fruit tree may be teeming with blossoms, but if it does not produce fruit it is useless. A lamp may be studded with diamonds, but if it does not give light it is worthless. And a faith that does not result in good works is dead. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. And the fruit of service is peace.



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.

Safe Environment Notice: Every volunteer who works with minors and every employee of all parishes and Catholic schools of the Diocese of Biloxi must receive a copy of the *Policy of the Diocese of Biloxi Regarding Complaints of Abuse of Minors*. Copies of this policy are available from any pastor or principal. If any volunteer who serves with minors or any employee did not receive this policy, please contact your pastor or principal, or call 228-702-2126/27. A copy of the policy is also available to any interested person. In addition, a copy of the *Diocesan Code of Conduct Regarding Contact with Minors* and the *Diocesan Policy Concerning Supervision of Youth Trips and Other Youth Functions* are also available from your pastor or principal, or by calling 228-702-2126/27.

How to report a complaint of abuse: The clergy, religious, and laity who serve in the ministries of the Diocese of Biloxi are committed to making Church ministries safe for young people. Allegations of misconduct with minors are reported as the law requires and an internal investigation is conducted. A copy of the diocesan policy is available on the diocesan website (www.biloxidiocese.org) or by contacting your pastor. A complaint of misconduct should be reported directly to civil authorities. In addition, a complaint should be reported to the Diocese of Biloxi by calling the phone numbers on the diocesan website or by calling 228-702-2112 or to the State of Mississippi's Hot Line: 1-800-222-8000.