

The First Reading talks about the just one who serves the cause of righteousness, and suffers for it at the hand of the wicked. The 'righteous' are those who hold on to their faith in God and obey his commandments. This passage has been seen in Christian tradition as anticipating the hospitality suffered by Jesus, the suffering just one *par excellence*. Our reading forms a unified theme with the Gospel and with the reading from James.

In the Gospel we have the second prediction of the Passion: once again the disciples do not understand. Instead, motivated by selfish ambition, they get involved in an argument as to which of them is the greatest. This kind of ambition is condemned by Jesus and by James (Second Reading).

It is not ambition itself that is condemned, but false ambition. False ambition involves a desire to rule others. It creates conflict and division, and is very damaging to the unity of the community. True ambition, on the other hand, is the desire to serve others. The best and purest kind of service is that which is rendered to the little ones, that is, to the most insignificant persons in the community.



“Seek to please Me...Without a focal point to guide you, you can easily lose your way. That is why it is so important to stay in communication with Me, living in thankful awareness of My Presence.

You inhabit a fallen, disjointed world, where things are constantly unraveling around the edges. Only a vibrant relationship with Me can keep you from coming unraveled too.” *Jesus Calling, Sarah Young*
Keep your focus on Jesus. Stay in touch with The One Who IS The Way. Take time to visit Him, truly Present in The Most Blessed Sacrament.
“Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”.
--St. Teresa of Calcutta



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 St Vincent de Paul Society is holding their annual “Friends of the Poor Walk” this coming 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!!

A copy of the weekly Church bulletin may be found on the “myParish” phone app and also on our parish website at osstalphonus.org.”



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, Jacob Latil, Nathaniel LaSalle, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Maurice Michaud, Edna Miguez, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley & Travis Norman, Edwin O’Connor III, Teresa O’Connor, Judy Penton, Joyleen Seymour, Stan Stanton, Ann Tootle, Randy Trahan, Dolores Trenouth, Angela Trosclair, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker and Cooper Williams.

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18

6:30 am Dr. Malcolm Latour

8:15 am Int. Mr. A.J. Capritto

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21

6:30 am Safe Travel for all Airline Pilots

8:15 am Ms. Kelly Carter

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9

6:30 am Ms. Melissa Roberts Lee

8:15 am Mr. Samuel Soliman

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Int. Ms. Eileen Capritto

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51

8:15 am Mr. Randy Seymour

4:00 pm Ms. Dorthy Mulgrew

Mr. James Mulgrew

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Ms. Sylvia Cronin

11:30 am Ms. Peggy Dessommes

5:30 pm Albert and Eunice Misko

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,671.46

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Dorothy “Dot” Collins



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Deacon Gregory Miller



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Eunice Kaufman Misko, mother of Margaret (Dennis) Van Loon and Albert Jr. (Iva) Misko of this parish who passed away September 14th.

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



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.

**Altar Society Members for next week
Kay Brochard, Sue Garlotte & Norma Williams**

Religious Education News

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

Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonus.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 27: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

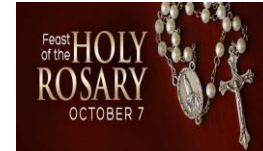
Sept 30: Children’s Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)



You are invited to a Breakfast sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter of Magnificat (a ministry to Catholic Women) on Saturday, October 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon at Our Lady of Fatima in their Parish Hall. The

speaker will be Fr. Bernard Papania, Jr. Reservations/Tickets: \$15 per person and will not be sold at the door. All reservations must be made no later than Thursday, October 4th. For reservations/tickets please call Mary Lee Terry at 875-4369 or Margaret Gollott at 818-3355.



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.



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.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 26: Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.

Sept 28: Children’s Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 27: PTO Meeting 7:45 a.m. / Mass 9:40 a.m.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) during the week of October 8th – 12th. If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Norma Williams at 875-2636. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



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.

REFLECTION

The rewards of the just

God’s inspiration is at work in everyone. However, there are people in whom divine inspiration seems to have no effect; people who commit crimes cold-bloodedly, and who never rejoice at the sight of the true and the beautiful. Even though they may seem to prosper, their punishment is assured even in this world. The anxieties and fears that assail them make their prosperity a bitterness to them. As for the just, even though their passage through life is often dogged by misfortune, the inward satisfaction of obeying divine inspiration give them great strength, and is sufficient reward for them.

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.