

The First Reading tells of the institution of seventy elders who were to assist Moses in ruling the people of Israel. They were endowed with the spirit of leadership and prophecy which was given to Moses. The main point of the reading is that God's choice is not a personal privilege to be guarded jealously, but a call to serve his people.

This leads into the Gospel because the apostles had to be reminded of this very truth. Jesus utters a grim warning against anyone who would hurt the 'little ones' who have faith in him. He talks about hell and compares it to Gehenna, a ravine near Jerusalem, which was a dump where offal and refuse was burned. Only a crass literalism could have led to the later notion of hell as a place of fiery torment.

Even though the practical points contained in the Gospel were originally addressed to the leaders in the community, they have relevance for all disciples of Jesus. Jesus' command to receive the little ones (the insignificant members of the community) underlines the inclusiveness of the kingdom. The warning about the danger of giving scandal would be heard by Mark's readers as applying to them also. The directions for dealing with temptation are not meant to be taken literally. They forcefully make the point that sin is to be avoided at all costs.



No one who lights a lamp conceals it. Luke 8:16
“What if we thought about Jesus Himself being the brightly shining light?... When you enter a dimly lit room, it may take time for your eyes to become accustomed to the lighting. But the longer you are there, the more bright the light appears, and the more clearly you can see. Similarly, the more time you spend in God's Presence, the more you will perceive all the way He is making Himself known to you.” –The Word Among Us, September 24, 2018

Come to The Light—Jesus in The Most Blessed Sacrament wants to be known. He is here in the Adoration Chapel, all day, all night. “Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”.

--St. Teresa of Calcutta



October is traditionally the month of the Rosary - so once again we are asking the Lectors at weekend Masses to show up early and lead the congregation in the recitation of the Rosary and this should start 20 minutes prior to Mass time.



Also during the month of October, the ushers are asked to do a head count of all in attendance at all weekend Masses (men, women and children). The Diocese requests all parishes to do this for the entire month of October.

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, Sandra Grantham, Doris Haynes, Mary Jo & Ron Hoogstra, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Melissa James, Tommy Jones, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Harby Kreger, Daisie Laborde, Jacob Latil, Nathaniel LaSalle, Bob Mayer, Bernice 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.

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.

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 1

Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
 6:30 am Mathilde and Fernand Latour
 8:15 am Mr. Ricky Riviere

TUESDAY OCTOBER 2

Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
 6:30 am Ms. Connie Seymour
 8:15 am Mr. Ken Reiling

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3

Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62
 6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
 8:15 am Ms. Anna Marie Holifield

THURSDAY OCTOBER 4

Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12
 6:30 am Ms. Inez Danise
 8:15 am Int. Mr. Bob Mayer

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16
 6:30 am Mr. Nolan Fremin
 8:15 am Mr. Terry Miller

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24
 8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
 Mr. Gregory Hebert
 Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Mr. Henry “Sonny” Bonney

SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16
 7:30 am Int. Ms. Jackie Endt
 9:00 am Ms. Charlene Rosonet
 11:30 am Congregation
 5:30 pm Mr. Richard “Dick” Smith

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,337.29
 Seamen & Truckers Center Collection.....\$ 954.39
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Ligaya Camagong



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Rosalie Trebotich and Toney and Margie Terretta



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Hunter Grantham, husband of Sandra Grantham and father of Shari Pol and Tina (Charles) Sentell of this parish who passed away September 25th.

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

Altar Society Members for next week
Mary Ann Bounds, Linda Denehie & Lois Ravera

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.

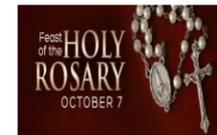
9th – 12th Grade - High School Youth: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Oct 4: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Oct 7: Adult Study Class 10:15 a.m. “Lost Gospels or FALSE Gospels”
 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 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.



**Make a friend,
 Be a friend,
 Bring a friend to Christ.**

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

Oct 3: Children’s Mass 8:15 a.m. / Blessing of the Pets 2:00 p.m.

Oct 4-5: No School – Fall Break

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 1: Girls Basketball Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Oct 3: Senior Graduation Invitation Orders

Oct 4: Mass 9:40 a.m.

Oct 6: PSAT Workshop



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, October 7th from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$6.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.



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.

You are invited to join Fr. Louis on a breathtaking tour of Scotland and Wales May 23 – June 3, 2019. Sightseeing includes: Big Pit National Coal Museum, Tour of Brecon Beacons, Hereford Cathedral, Pontcysllte Aqueduct, Caernarfon Castle, Scenic Train Ride from Caernarfon to Porthmadog, Hadrian’s Wall, Panoramic City Tour of Glasgow, Edinburgh Castle, Glencoe, Spean Bridge Woolen Mill, Loch Ness Cruise, Eilean Donan Castle, Isle of Skye, Culloden Battlefield, Clava Cairns, Kilt Maker in Inverness, Edradour Whisky Distillery Tour & Tasting. Round trip from Gulfport: \$4,957 per person based on two per room. For more information email: Celticlandscapes2019@gmail.com or call Paula at 228-697-7814.

REFLECTION

Children

Jesus warned those who would lead the little ones astray, but he blessed those who care for them. One of the most touching things about children is their openness. But this same openness leaves them extremely vulnerable. They may not say much but they feel everything. They are like crocuses which appear in the open in February – frail, delicate, beautiful creatures- innocents abroad in an unpredictable climate. If they are embraced by the sun, they will bloom to their full potential. But if they are assailed by hail, they will die a premature death. Love is to a child what sunshine is to a flower.



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.