

Jesus performed this miracle in Gentile territory. The faith-response of the Gentiles contrasts sharply with that of many of his own people. In Mark's mind Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah, "The ears of the deaf will be unsealed, and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy" (First Reading). In other words, Jesus is the one who brings salvation to Israel. This miracle is the only cure in the Gospels that is described as taking place gradually. Mark saw it as an illustration of growth in faith. It is what happens to every Christian at Baptism. Christ touches our ears so that we can hear his word, and touches our tongues so that we can profess our faith. Hence, we too can say, "He has done all things well; he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."



"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love, let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in Adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our Adoration never cease."
—St. Pope John Paul II

That is what Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is: Adoration that never ceases! We need Jesus. The Catholic Church needs Jesus. The Catholic Church needs us. Jesus is calling us to meet Him in Adoration. "Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him".
--St. Teresa of Calcutta



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Wednesday, September 12th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Villa Maria. All are invited.



Walgreens will be offering Flu and Pneumonia shots in the KC Hall / Parish Life Center on Friday, September 14th beginning at 9:00 a.m. on a first come / first serve basis – no preregistration is required. No cash will be accepted, so please bring your insurance card or Medicare card with you.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Friday, September 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



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



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!!



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Henry Bonney, brother of Carolyn Castleman of this parish, who passed away August 15th in Oklahoma.

Laurie Vanderford, daughter of Mary Ladnier and sister of Eddie Kemmerer and Will Ladnier of this parish, who passed away August 26th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

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 Msgr. Francis Farrell, August 12, 2017
Reverend Nicholas Filipich, September 17, 2001

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10

1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

6:30 am Mr. Theo Laborde

8:15 am Int. Mr. Bob Mayer

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11

1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19

6:30 am Mr. Terry Miller

8:15 am Ms. Linda Mayer

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12

1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26

6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick

8:15 am Dr. & Mrs. Robert Carter, Jr.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 13

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38

6:30 am Mr. Richard "Dick" Porterfield

8:15 am Ms. Joan "Nanabel" Belson

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Ms. JoAnn Wavra

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15

1 Corinthians 10:14-22; John 19:25-27

8:15 am Mr. Pat Williams

4:00 pm Mr. Jay Holtorf

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Mr. A.O. "Herman" Soares

11:30 am Ms. Louise O'Sullivan

5:30 pm Ms. Molly Edwards

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,625.07

Poor Collection.....\$ 3,813.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Bill Collins



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 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, 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@osstalphonsus.org

Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonsus.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 13: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Sept 16: Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6

Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)

Catechetical Sunday – 5:30 p.m. Mass



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, September 16th 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.



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.



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)

Websites that may be good for people with problems, addictions, etc:

www.americanaddictioncenters.org;

www.al-anon.org;

www.cancersupportcommunity.org;

www.catholicmenconquerporn.com;

www.narcononcolorado.org;

www.catholicdivorce.com;

www.rachelsvineyard.org;

www.yourbrainonporn.com

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

Pray for Vocations

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 12: Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.

Sept 14: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 11: Junior Ring Orders

Homecoming Schedule:

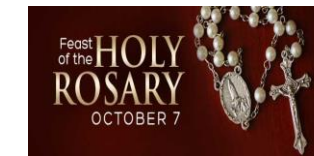
Sept 12: Powder Puff Football Game 6:30 p.m.

Black-Out Pep Rally 7:30 p.m.

Sept 13: Mass 9:40 a.m.

Sept 14: Tailgate 5:30 p.m.

Sept 15: Dance 8:00 p.m.



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.

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 [985705-6963](tel:9857056963) or Abby Crosby at [601466-1007](tel:6014661007), or you may visit the website at www.biloxicursillo.org.



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@osstalphonsus.org.

REFLECTION

Precious gifts

The gift of hearing is a precious gift. But it is only with the heart that we can hear rightly. The cry of a needy person may reach our ears, but unless it reaches our heart we will not feel the person's pain, and it is unlikely that we will respond. And the gift of speech is a precious gift. But again it is only with the heart that we can speak rightly. For our words to ring true, they must come from the heart. If they come only from the lips, they will have a hollow sound and will have little effect. They will be like a wind that ruffles the surface of the water but leaves the depths untouched. But words that come from the heart, enter the heart.