

The First Reading is an excerpt from Isaiah's fourth Servant Song. The Servant offers his life in atonement for the sins of his people. His death will be the beginning of glorification for him and be a source of blessings for others. By reflecting on passages such as this, the early Christians came to an understanding of the saving sufferings and death of Jesus.

In the Gospel we see how far the apostles are from this spirit of self-sacrifice. James and John want the top places in Jesus' kingdom. Obviously they thought that his kingdom would be modeled on worldly kingdoms, where those in high places enjoy honor, power, and glory. But Jesus tells them that his disciples are not to imitate the Gentiles, whose rulers lord it over people. In his kingdom, service is what makes one great. He would set the example himself. He came 'not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (a reference to his saving death). Authority in his Church must wear the unmistakable livery of service.



“Historically, in times of great danger and crisis, believers would throng to the churches, seeking the Lord together, worshipping Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and begging for His mercy. Today is such a time in our world, and we can offer reparation especially through such prayers as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for those who do not believe in the Real Presence or who are indifferent toward Our Lord. ‘For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.’

Unite your prayer with that of our Blessed Mother Mary and Saint Joseph, asking them to be with you as you worship and make reparation to the Word made flesh.” -- From *An Hour of Adoration with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament*

How are we reacting to these times of crisis; not only in the world but also, in the Church?

“Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”.

--St. Teresa of Calcutta



Mr. John Hardwick, the sales representative from Diocesan (the providers of our weekly bulletin), will be at the rectory this week (October 22–24). He will be contacting all those

businesses who presently have ads in our bulletin, and if you wish to purchase an ad, you may contact him by calling the rectory during this time. We thank all those business owners who presently support us in this way and in doing so make the bulletin available at no cost to the parish. Please support these parishioners and businesses.

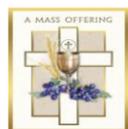


The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Alphonsus would like to thank everyone who participated in the Friends of the Poor Walk this year. They would especially like to recognize the Scouts of Troop 211 for their participation. Thank you Troop 211 and everyone who supported the walk either financially or by walking the bridge this year.



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, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Mary Jo & Ron Hoogstra, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Melissa James, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, Jacob Latil, Nathaniel LaSalle, Erik Marcussen, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Maurice Michaud, Edna Miguez, 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, Angela Trosclair, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker and Cooper Williams.



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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 22

Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21

6:30 am Simon and Barbara Latour

8:15 am Mr. Andrew Justin Striegel

TUESDAY OCTOBER 23

Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Unborn Babies

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24

Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

6:30 am Sr. Eilene

8:15 am Ms. Ann C. Allen

THURSDAY OCTOBER 25

Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

6:30 am Ms. Lorreta Cloyd

8:15 am Special Intention

FRIDAY OCTOBER 26

Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

6:30 am Mr. Fred Liscoe

8:15 am Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27

Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

8:15 am Special Intention

4:00 pm Mr. Bobby Beaugez

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Int. Ms. Terri Smith

11:30 am Ms. Peggy Dessommes

5:30 pm Mr. Tommy Jones

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,915.68

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of Sophia Myers and Donald Oliver



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Ann C. Allen, mother of Deacon David (Kris) Allen of this parish, who passed away October 10th.

Mary Wronko, wife of Raymond Wronko of this parish, who passed away October 16th.

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



During the month of November, we offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones. Envelopes are available either in your monthly contribution package or at the exits of the Church. Please include the names of your loved ones

along with your contribution and return it prior to November 1st if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.

Pray for Vocations

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.

Oct 25: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Oct 28: Rite of Acceptance for RCIA with Sponsors 9:00 a.m. Mass

Adult Study Class 10:15 am Great Heresies-by Fr Charles Connor

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

Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)



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. 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](tel:9857056963) or Abby Crosby at [\(601\)466-1007](tel:6014661007), or visit the website at www.biloxicursillo.org.



Ladies ACTs Retreat: Want to deepen your faith and strengthen your relationship with God? This weekend is for you! Sponsored by Fatima Church November 1st-4th at Paul B Johnson State Park in Hattiesburg. Transportation, lodging and meals included. Cost is \$125.00. Call Laura Hymel 228-860-5534, Susie Bass 228-257-3181 or Renee Klein 228-990-6983. Come and get your spirit renewed!



Alan Ames is an internationally known Catholic evangelist approved by his bishop in Australia who has been graced with the gift of healing, a close union with Jesus in His Passion, and a mystical prayer life he has shared globally the past twenty-four years in over

fifty countries on six continents! There have been thousands of documented spiritual and physical healings. Alan will be sharing his ministry at Transfiguration of Our Lord Catholic Church, 5621 Elysian Fields Ave in New Orleans on Friday, November 2nd beginning at 6:30 p.m. with Holy Mass. For more information, visit www.alanames.org.



St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gautier is hosting a retreat, “The Limitless Love of God” on Saturday, November 10th. The retreat will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. The presenters are Magdalene Abraham and Butch Hitchins from Locus Benedictus Retreat and Spirituality Center in Greenwood, MS. The Retreat will include talks and meditations on God's Love, Praying with Scripture, the Power of Forgiveness, and Prayers of Inner Healing. The Retreat is open to all 18 years and older, and there is no cost. Participants will be dismissed for the lunch break. There are area restaurants available. For more information, please contact St. Mary's Parish Office at 497-2364.

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

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

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 26: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m. / Trunk or Treat 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Oct 28: Saint Walk 5th Grade at 5:30 p.m. Mass

Nov 2 – 4: St. Alphonsus Fall Family Fun Weekend

Nov 2: 4th Annual Night of Neon 5k and 1 mile Fun Run/Walk

A fun night for the whole family including a Split the Pot drawing, Spaghetti Dinner, bounce houses, photo booth, prizes and more. Race registration forms and split the pot tickets can be found on the school's website (www.stal.org) or at the School Office.

If interested in becoming a sponsor for one of the events or if you have questions, please contact Jennifer Jones at stalsnightofneon@gmail.com.

Nov 3-4: Beignet Booth at Peter Anderson Festival

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 25: PTO Meeting 7:45 a.m. / Mass 9:40 a.m.

Oct 26: Yearbook Senior Ads Due

Oct 27: ACT



The St. Patrick High School Office of Admissions would like to invite you to attend an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, November 11th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. This Open

House will provide an opportunity to meet and interact with teachers, administrators, and students, as well as tour the beautiful, state-of-the-art campus. Hope to see you there!

Pre-register at www.stpatrickhighschool.net/openhouse.



The Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus will begin rehearsals for its' 66th season of George F. Handel's timeless and glorious oratorio, *The Messiah*. Rehearsals will be held at Jeff Davis Campus of M.G.C.C.C. in the music building (room 108)

beginning Monday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. and will continue through November 26th. Performances are scheduled November 29th, 30th, and December 1st and 2nd. Interested singers are invited to attend the rehearsals and to participate in the Performances. Auditions are not necessary. Copies of the Schirmer edition of *The Messiah* are available at Mississippi Music, 2744 Pass Road in Biloxi [phone: (228) 388-6547], for less than \$10.00. Singers with a love of sacred music and who would like to participate in these exciting choral events are welcomed. For additional information contact Ed Cake at 228-324-9292.



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.

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

www.americanaddictioncenters.org;

www.narcononcolorado.org;

www.al-anon.org;

www.catholicsdivorce.com;

www.cancersupportcommunity.org;

www.rachelsvineyard.org;

www.catholicmenconquerporn.com;

www.yourbrainonporn.com

REFLECTION

The request that Jesus refused to grant

James and John were two opportunists. Their one aim was to rise in the ranks. To achieve their end they did not hesitate to beg. They did not mind how much envy and resentment they aroused in their companions. Their aim was to scramble up the career ladder. But at what price to themselves?

If in the course of their rise to the top, people lose themselves, their own souls, whatever they do or achieve will be worthless. Power hardens the human heart. A hard-hearted person is incapable of love. It is by giving that we receive, and it is by serving that we grow in love.