

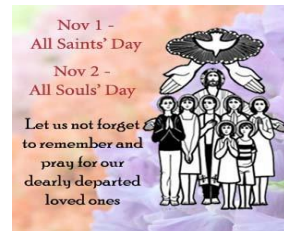
The First Reading carries a message of joyful hope for the exiles in Babylon. The Lord will save what's left of his people and bring them back from exile. Even the most helpless will share in the joy of this great event.

In Mark's mind Jesus is the one who brings salvation to Israel. His healings are a sign of the coming of the kingdom (Gospel).

The story of Bartimaeus is as much a call story as a healing story. The expression 'followed him along the way' does not simply mean that he joined the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. There can be no doubt what Mark intends: Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship. He is presented as a model of faith.

It seems that the story was used in the early Church as a model of encouragement to believers and would-be-believers.

Bartimaeus serves as a model for those who are spiritually blind and whose lives lack direction. Through faith they can have purpose, energy and direction in their lives. An enthusiastic following of Jesus results in a happy and fulfilled life.



Thursday, November 1st, is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Vigil Mass will be on Wednesday, October 31st at 6:00 p.m. On Thursday our Masses will be at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. (school children will attend), and 6:00 p.m. **The Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, November 1st in observance of All Saints Day.**

For the month of November - we will 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.



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 4th at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.



Even though the Catholic Church calendar states we are currently in a season of "Ordinary Time," the present times are anything but ordinary! There is much going on in the Church, the world, all around us, our own lives.

What's happening in your life and the lives of those around you right now...joy, sadness, anticipation, hurt, anxiety, loneliness, peace....? "Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are." – St. John Bosco "Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him".

--St. Teresa of Calcutta



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, Daisy 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.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 29
Ephesians 4:32—5:8; Luke 13:10-17	
6:30 am	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 am	Mr. Wayne Alliston
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 30
Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21	
6:30 am	Int. Ms. Maralou G. Richards
8:15 am	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 31
Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30	
6:30 am	Int. Ms. Margaret Foushee
8:15 am	Special Intention
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a	
6:00 pm	Mr. Richard "Dick" Smith
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 1
Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30	
6:30 am	Poor Souls
8:15 am	Mr. David Schillinger
6:00 pm	Mr. Ken Reiling
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 2
Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40	
6:30 am	Poor Souls
8:15 am	Mr. Ricky Riviere
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 3
Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11	
8:15 am	Poor Souls
	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
	Mr. Gregory Hebert
	Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan
4:00 pm	Mr. Jay Holtorf
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 4
Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34	
7:30 am	Poor Souls
9:00 am	Ms. Laure Vanderford
11:30 am	Ms. Anna Marie Holifield
5:30 pm	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,703.27
World Mission Sunday Collection.....\$1,632.01
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor Of those who Advertise in our Bulletin



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Jean Hindmarch, a member of our parish community, who passed away October 19th.

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

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.

Nov 1: No RCIA

Nov 4: No Adult Study Class

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

No Religious Education Class



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.



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

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

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

Nov 1: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

Nov 2: Night of Neon/Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.



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: St. Al Beignet Booth at Peter Anderson Festival 8am-5pm

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 29: JH Football Banquet 6:00 p.m.

Oct 30: JH Boys Basketball Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Nov 1: Mass 9:40 a.m. / Girls Soccer Parent Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Nov 2-3: Fall Drama Production 6:30 p.m.

Nov 4: Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. / Fall Drama Production 2:00 p.m.



Come Join Us 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.



Daniel Triplett Day Charity Golf Classic benefitting the St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy, Tuesday, November 6th at Grand Bear. Four Person Handicap Scramble. Registration/Lunch 11:00 a.m. Shotgun start 12:00 p.m. Cost per player \$250 (includes lunch and prizes). For more information, email director@svdprx.org or call 228-374-9097 ext 305.

UPCOMING TRAVELS

Celtic Landscapes of Scotland & Wales with Fr. Louis Lohan

May 23 – June 3, 2019: Includes roundtrip airfare from Gulfport, four nights in Wales and six nights in Scotland. Brochures are available in the Vestibule of the Church. \$4,957 per person based on two per room

Austria & Germany featuring the Passion Play of Oberammergau

with Fr. Mike Austin September 15 – 25, 2020

Includes roundtrip airfare from New Orleans. Brochures available in the Vestibule of the Church. \$4,600 per person based on two per room

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

REFLECTION

The gift of sight

Helen Keller, who went blind and deaf at nineteen months, said: "One day I asked a friend of mine who had just returned from a long walk in the woods what she had seen." She replied, "Nothing in particular." "How was this possible?" I asked myself, "when I, who cannot hear or see, find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch. I feel the delicate shape and design of a leaf. I pass my hands lovingly over the rough bark of a pine tree. Occasionally, I place my hand quietly on a small tree, and if I am lucky, feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song." "The greatest calamity that can befall people, is not that they should be born blind, but that they should have eyes, yet fail to see."