

By rabbinical count, ‘the Law’ consisted of some 613 commandments. The Scribe’s question as to which commandment was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two. Both are found in the Old Testament; the first in Deuteronomy 6:4 (First Reading), the second in Leviticus 19:18. What Jesus did was to put the two together, thus emphasizing the essential relatedness of them. No rabbi had previously done this. The emphasis on love became for Christians the identifying characteristic of their religion. The Scribe agreed fully with Jesus, and went on to declare that true love of God and the loving service of others are more important than elaborate cult. Nowhere else in the Gospels does a Scribe emerge in such a favorable light.



“As we would expect, an outstanding spiritual growth and impetus tend to spring from Perpetual Adoration. It brings Heaven’s choice blessings in the first place on those generous souls that keep their hour-long tryst with the Lord. But, being such a powerhouse of Grace, the devotion extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond.” Fr. Richard Foley, S.J.

Jesus is in the Adoration Chapel, now. His Love, Mercy, and Graces extend farther than we can imagine. Commit to time spent in Adoration with Jesus.

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

--St. Teresa of Calcutta



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God’s parenthood that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God’s name. It is the parents’ vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.



**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 Pitolo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, Jacob Latil, Erik Marcussen, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Maurice Michaud, Edna Miguez, Leonard Necaïse, Peggy and Edward Necaïse, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley & Travis Norman, Edwin O’Connor III, Teresa O’Connor, Judy Penton, Gerard Rowan, Joyleen Seymour, Stan Stanton, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Randy Trahan, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, 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.

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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5

Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14

6:30 am Int. Ms. Nina Burchette

8:15 am Poor Souls

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6

Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24

6:30 am Mr. R.J. Domingue

8:15 am Poor Souls

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7

Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33

6:30 am Poor Souls

8:15 am Special Intention

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8

Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10

6:30 am Poor Souls

8:15 am Soliman Family

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

6:30 am Poor Souls

8:15 am Mr. Alfred Seymour

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10

Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15

8:15 am Poor Souls

4:00 pm Mr. Charles Bellman, Sr.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Ms. Sylvia Marie Cronin

11:30 am Ms. Peggy Dessommes

5:30 pm Poor Souls

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,098.25

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**The Flowers on the Altar  
are in Memory Of  
The Mayfield, Burkhardt & Seymour Families**



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:  
Marion Bedard**, mother of Carol Auger of this parish, who passed away October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Cara Kostmayer**, a member of our parish community, who passed away October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

## Religious Education News

Deacon Jim Gunkel – 872-2652; [dcjim@osstalphonus.org](mailto:dcjim@osstalphonus.org)

Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; [jsema@osstalphonus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonus.org)

Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Edge: Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

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

Nov 8: RCIA – Liturgy of the Mass, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6 p.m.

Nov 9-10: Youth Retreat

Nov 11: RCIA Rite of Acceptance, 9:00 a.m. Mass

Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Great Heresies by Fr Charles Connor

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Commitment for Confirmation, 11:30 a.m. Mass

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

Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 4: St. Al Beignet Booth at Peter Anderson Festival 8am-5pm

Nov 6: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Day at SPS

Nov 7: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Day at SPS / Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.

Nov 9: Children’s Mass 8:15 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

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

Nov 7: Volleyball Banquet 6:00 p.m.

Nov 8: Mass 9:40 a.m.

Nov 10: Swim Team Banquet 6:00 p.m.

Nov 11: Open House 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.



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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.stpatrickhighschool.net/openhouse).



**St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Gautier is hosting a retreat, “The Limitless Love of God”** on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 Knights of Columbus Annual Robert Foster Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors** will be held Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the KC Hall. This dinner is free for all Senior Citizens.



**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.

**Pray for Vocations**

## A Letter from Bishop Kihneman, III:

Dear Parishioners:

The U.S. bishops are joining together in a commitment of prayer and reparation leading up to the bishops’ general assembly, where we will be making critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis. With my brother bishops across the nation, I will be dedicating myself to seven days of intensified prayer and fasting, from Monday, November 5, through Sunday, November 11.

The intentions for this period of prayer and sacrifice are three-fold:

- For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.
- For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.
- For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading our sheep from all harm.

If you feel called to do so, you are welcome to join me in praying for these intentions. I would also be grateful for any prayers for me and my brother bishops during our general assembly, that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church.

Please be assured of my prayers for you, as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III  
Bishop of Biloxi

## 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 Vincenzo D. DiLalla, November 2, 1990

Reverend Patrick Martin, November 16, 1991

Reverend Michael Leane, November 23, 1987



**The St. Alphonsus Bookstore and Gift Shop** is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., after the Saturday Vigil Mass, and after all English Masses on Sunday.

## 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

## REFLECTION

**Bearing the fruits of love**

If only the heart was right we could give so much more.  
Lord, open our hearts when they are closed,  
soften them when they are hard,  
warm them when they are cold,  
brighten them when they are dark,  
fill them when they are empty,  
calm them when they are troubled,  
cleanse them when they are sullied,  
heal them when they are wounded,  
and mend them when they are broken,  
so that we, your disciples, may bear the fruits of love. Amen.