

Wisdom teaches us how to live rightly, and enables us to use the things of this world in a way that will help us achieve the end for which God put us on earth. Wisdom, therefore, should be prized even more than gold (First Reading).

The Gospel is a discipleship story. The Jews believed that the prosperity of the rich was a sign of God's blessing. But Jesus presents wealth as a stumbling block to the kingdom. Love of material possessions and comforts is one of the chief obstacles in the way of discipleship. Those who trust in themselves and their possessions can never be saved. Salvation is always God's achievement.

When Jesus says, "Sell what you have..." he does not mean that a disciple must be destitute. The life of the poor, with its hardships and suffering, is not set forth in Mark's Gospel as an ideal for the Christian disciple. But neither is the desire for possessions and the accumulation of wealth.



God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; Courage to change the things I can; And the wisdom to know the difference.

Gather the courage to change something you can. Spend one hour of every week with Jesus in The Blessed Sacrament. Wisdom will follow.

"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 Mass on Monday, October 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



Mr. John Hardwick, the sales representative from Diocesan (the providers of our weekly bulletin), will be at the rectory October 22nd – 24th. 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.



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 Migues, 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.

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 Patrick McDermott, September 17, 2017
 Reverend Peter Quinn, October 8, 2004
 Reverend James B. Taylor, October 17, 2004
 Msgr. Andrew L. Murray, October 20, 2009
 Msgr. Francis Quinn, October 22, 1990

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 15
 Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32

6:30 am Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.

8:15 am Int. Kowalewski Family

TUESDAY OCTOBER 16

Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 10:37-41

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Ms. Kelly Carter

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17

Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.

8:15 am Int. Mr. John Langan

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18

2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9

6:30 am Int. Ms. Isabella Langan

8:15 am Int. Ms. Sandra Grantham

FRIDAY OCTOBER 19

Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

6:30 am Ms. Anita Grace White

8:15 am Mr. Pete Lepre

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20

Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

8:15 am Ms. Melissa Roberts Lee

4:00 pm Mrs. A. Gordon Brown

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Ms. Layla St. Ledger

11:30 am Mr. Hunter Grantham

5:30 pm Albert and Eunice Misko

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$12,155.80

Poor Collection.....\$ 4,174.79

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of

All Deceased Knights of Columbus Members



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Fred Liscoe, a member of our parish family, who passed away October 4th.

Kerry Parker, daughter of Wilfred "Butch" Beaugez of this parish, who passed away October 4th.

Michael Wargo, a member of our parish community, who passed away October 7th.

We extend our sympathy to each family 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.

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

Oct 21: 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)



We extend our congratulations to Rhonda Rosetti. Rhonda is this year's recipient of the "Lumen Christi" award which was presented as part of the 4:00 p.m. Liturgy this Saturday at the

Nativity BVM. Each diocese nominates one candidate as their recipient for this annual award which is presented to those who have been outstanding in their service to their parish.



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 19th at St. Michael Church in Biloxi and October 20th at Nativity

BVM Sacred Heart Parish Life Center. Leaders and Cursillistas from the surrounding states will gather together for a weekend of food, fellowship, prayer, and mutual support in friendship towards our common endeavor of bringing our friends to Christ in our own dioceses. Registration: \$40 per person. For information: email secretariat@southms-cursillo.org; visit Region VII website: www.cursilloregion7.org; or phone 228-382-3215.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS: Please come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. Oct. 20th). The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



Thinking Priesthood? Want to have an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about discerning a priestly vocation? The Vocations Office is hosting an event titled VOCARE on Saturday, October 20th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Center located behind the Nativity BVM Cathedral in Biloxi.

This event is for all young men, 13-18, interested in learning more about priesthood and gaining practical tips on how to discern a priestly vocation. It will include a free breakfast, prayer, fraternity, and more! There will be time for all present to ask questions to priests of the diocese to help better understand what priesthood is and how to discern a vocation. Parents are also welcome to attend. There will be a breakout session for them and will include time for questions as well as tips to help support and encourage their son in his discernment. There is no cost for the event. Please register at <https://biloxidiocese.org/vocations>.

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 or Abby Crosby at (601)466-1007, or visit the website at www.biloxicursillo.org.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 17: Report Cards

Oct 19: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m. / SPS Elementary Night

St. Alphonsus Fall Family Fun Weekend November 2nd – 4th

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 17: Grandparent's Breakfast 7:45 a.m.

Oct 18: Mass 9:40 a.m. / Flu Shots 3:05 p.m.



A.C.T.S.

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!



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.

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 Judi Anderson, Mark Aultman and Theresa Stuart

REFLECTION

Entering the kingdom of love

Jesus saw that the rich young man had great potential, so he invited him to enter the world of sharing. But he wasn't up to it – riches got in the way. As he went away a sadness descended on him, the sadness that descends on us when we choose to live for ourselves. Even though Jesus was sad to see him go, nevertheless, he let him go. There is no point in forcing people to make sacrifices. If you take things from people, they are impoverished; but if you can get them to give them up, they are enriched. People are essentially good, but this goodness has to be awakened and called forth, if they are to enter the kingdom of love.