

On the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, we think of the end and of judgement. The apocalyptic vision from the Book of Daniel sets the tone (First Reading). It talks about the coming of 'a son of man', a title for the future redeemer. It is not clear that Jesus referred to himself as 'Son of Man' in this apocalyptic sense, but the early Christians certainly did.

Basing itself on this same text from Daniel, Revelation looks to Jesus' coming at the end of time, when he will take full possession of his kingdom (Second Reading).

The Gospel, where the Lectionary once again shifts to John, contains a section from the Passion narrative: Jesus is being interrogated by Pilate. The issue here is the nature of Jesus' kingship.



St. Alphonsus School would like to invite you to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 1st from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Come out and enjoy pancakes and sausage while visiting with Santa. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



Don't forget to mark your calendars for Deacon Jim's Parish Potluck Celebration on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the KC Hall / Parish Life Center. Bring your favorite dish to share:

homemade or picked up! All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Questions? Call Beth McMackin at 228-324-4188.



Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. This is the Patronal Feast of the USA and is never dispensed from. The Vigil Mass will be held on Friday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. Masses on Saturday will be held at 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



“Dear Jesus, You have made Yourself present in the Blessed Sacrament because You thirst for me. O dear Lord, I also thirst for You. I bow down before You, O Bread of angels, with deep faith, hope and love, and from the depths of my soul I worship You. Amen.”

–St. Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament

Thank you Lord, for everything You have given us and will give us, for coming to dwell among us, for providing us with Your Holy Spirit to guide us; but most importantly, for your faithful, enduring and eternal Love and Mercy.

“Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”. --St. Teresa of Calcutta



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Heseby Karl Byrd, father of Susan (George) Beatty of this parish, who passed away November 12th.

Mary “Betty” Caillavet, sister-in-law of Mildred Caillavet of this parish, who passed away November 14th.

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



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, Erik Marcussen, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Maurice Michaud, Edna Migue, Leonard Nécaise, Peggy and Edward Nécaise, 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 Troclair, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker and Cooper Williams.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 26

Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4

6:30 am Poor Souls

8:15 am Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27

Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11

6:30 am Ms. Emogene Pierre

8:15 am Poor Souls

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28

Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19

6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick

8:15 am Poor Souls

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29

Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28

6:30 am Mr. Joe Prejean

8:15 am Poor Souls

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30

Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Poor Souls

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.

Mr. Gregory Hebert

Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Dr. & Mrs. Leon (Orpha) F. Striegel

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Int. Mr. Dominic Pham

11:30 am Dr. Rodger Williams

5:30 pm Unborn Babies

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,785.08

Catholic Campaign for Human Development.....\$ 848.88

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of All Deceased St. Alphonsus Parishioners

REFLECTION

The kingdom of Jesus

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world.” Jesus does not rule as earthly kings rule. He has no palace, no throne, no crown, no army. Yet we give him an allegiance and a loyalty, which we would not give to any other person or institution on earth. Alone and unarmed he stood before Pilate. Pilate, had thousands of soldiers to call upon. Jesus had no soldier to call upon. Yet Jesus was incomparably the greater of the two. Jesus is the hope of the human race. He rules, not by force, but by love. Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come, and may you remember me on that day.

**Altar Society Members for next week
Joan Burres and Juliana Skelton**

Religious Education News

Deacon Jim Gunkel – 872-2652; dcjim@osstalphonsus.org

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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 29: RCIA - Advent, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Dec 2: Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m.

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



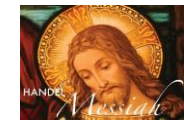
Come shop the newest collection of Advent wreaths and candles now available. The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and after each of the weekend Masses.



You are invited to come join the Knights of Columbus Council 5654 in the St. Alphonsus Adoration Chapel each Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to pray for Religious Vocations.



All boys in grades 4 - 11 and their families are invited to Saint Stanislaus for an Open House on Tuesday, November 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (last tour will begin at approximately 6:15 p.m.). This Open House will provide an opportunity for you to learn about their academic, extracurricular, and athletic programs that are rooted in their Catholic identity. For more information, please call Richard Gleber, Admissions, at 228-467-9057, ext. 249 or send an email to richard@ststan.com.



The Mississippi Gulf Coast Handel Messiah will be performed on Friday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Nativity BVM Cathedral in Biloxi; Saturday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 921 Ocean Avenue in Ocean Springs; and Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 2301 15th Street in Gulfport. Free Admission and Open to the Public. There will be a silent auction at each of the venues.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) during the week of December 10th – 14th. If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Norma Williams at 875-2636. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



Advent Mission: Charge, Challenge, Choice

December 10th and 11th at 6:00 p.m. each night. Blessed Francis Seelos Church, 360 Lameuse Street in Biloxi. Presented by Fr. Roy Lee, PhD. All are invited.



Our Penance Service for Advent will be held in the Church on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

A number of local priests will be in attendance that night to expedite the waiting time. Please make the reception of the Sacrament part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas.

Other local Penance Service schedules:

Sacred Heart, D'Iberville – Tuesday, December 11th, 7:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Seton – Wednesday, December 19th, 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi – Thursday, December 20th, 7:00 p.m.



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.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 28: Christmas Tree Lighting

Nov 30: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

Dec 1: Breakfast with Santa, Parish Hall, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Nov 30: ACT Workshop, English, 3:15 p.m.

Dec 1: ACT Workshop, English, 9:00 a.m. / Math 12:00 p.m.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS – preparing for the birth of our Savior. Prepare for Christmas like never before. Get FORMED Daily Reflections for You and Your Whole Family. How will you prepare for Christmas? Enrich your Advent with daily reflections for you and your kids sent directly to your inbox! Walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ! Plus, add children's reflections to your daily email, and Herald Entertainment's beloved *Brother Francis* will help your kids get ready for Christmas with joyful songs and valuable lessons.

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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.



Hospital Stays: Because of privacy concerns, it is difficult to find out who is in the hospital. Many parishioners can be there for an entire week (or more), yet their names never appear on the “Clergy List” that we get to see. This seems to happen especially to those who are admitted through the Emergency Room. Consequently we are reminding you that if you or a family member is going to be in the hospital and wish to be visited or receive communion while there, please call the Rectory at your earliest convenience.

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