

**The First Reading contains a message of hope for God's people at one of the lowest moments in their history.** Jerusalem lay in ruins. The city's plight reflected that of the nation as a whole. Israel, once God's bride, was now like a widow bereft of children. However, her husband, God, has not forgotten her. There will be a new wedding feast, and God and his people will be like newlyweds again.

This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, who replaced the old order with the new. This is symbolized by the changing of water into wine (Gospel). The miracle of Cana links this Sunday with the feast of the Epiphany and with Jesus' Baptism – all are epiphanies of his glory.

John depicts Mary as involved at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and again at the end of it when she is present at the foot of the Cross. Mary is thus associated with the whole of his ministry. But her role must always be seen in relation to that of her Son.



**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**



**Please join the St. Alphonsus Adoration Ministry to pray for the protection of unborn children on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from**



**9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in our Adoration Chapel. If you are unable to attend, please join us in prayer in your home and/or place of work throughout the day.**



**An Altar Server Training** is scheduled for Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Church with lunch being served afterwards in the KC Hall. All altar servers, and anyone wishing to become an altar server (must have already made First Holy Communion), are asked to please attend this training. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served for lunch - we ask that you call or email the Rectory Office (875-5419 / [stals@cablone.net](mailto:stals@cablone.net)) if your child plans on staying for lunch.



**Father Ron Hoye will lead a Mission of Faith, Hope and Forgiveness January 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. nightly at St. Michael Church in Biloxi. All are invited.**



**Want to learn to read the Bible in 12 Easy parts?** If so – then you are invited to join Sacred Heart Church, D'Iberville on Thursday mornings January 31 – July 18 from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for Jeff Cavin's *The Bible*

*Timeline.* Study includes DVD, Study Guides and discussions. Attend one or all. For more information or to register, contact Wanda Freeland 228.355.0156 (call/text) or [wanda.parishconsultant@gmail.com](mailto:wanda.parishconsultant@gmail.com)



**"It is in the silence of the heart that God speaks."**

**--Mother Teresa, Thirsting for God**

Before 2019 gets into full swing, choose to commit to regular time spent with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament where it is quiet and He is always waiting. Allow Him to speak to you in the silence of your heart. He has much to say when we listen.

"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: Russell Little, husband of Kay Little of our community, who passed away January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Clara Cagle, wife of James Cagle of this parish, who passed away January 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Maurice Michaud, husband of Jeannine Michaud of this parish, who passed away January 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Randy Trahan, husband of Kay Trahan of this parish, who passed away January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY JANUARY 21

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22

6:30 am Mr. R.J. Domingue

8:15 am Mr. Ricky Riviere

TUESDAY JANUARY 22

Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28

6:30 am Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee

8:15 am Ms. Ramona Bousqueto

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 23

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6

6:30 am Mr. Nolan Fremin

8:15 am Int. Ms. Jackie Endt

THURSDAY JANUARY 24

Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12

6:30 am Int. Holy Spirit

8:15 am Mr. Gerard Rowan

FRIDAY JANUARY 25

Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Mr. Maynard Taylor

SATURDAY JANUARY 26

2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:20-21

8:15 am Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.

4:00 pm Mr. Terry Miller

SUNDAY JANUARY 27

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Mr. Marshall Fayard

11:30 am The Collins Family

5:30 pm Ms. Ligaya Camagong

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,278.26

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of Mae Miller and Arthur Webber**



**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, LaJuan Fowler, Carmen Gaethe, Walter Gary, Sandra Grantham, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Mary Jo and Ron Hoogstra, Melissa James, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, Jacob Latil, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Marie Meyers, Edna Miguez, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Edwin O'Connor III, Teresa O'Connor, Judy Penton, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Ron Stump, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Angela Troclair, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, Cooper Williams and Sonny Wynn.

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

## Religious Education News

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

Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.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, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Jan 24: RCIA, Baptism, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Jan 27: Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)

Adult Study Class, The Footprints of God by Stephen Ray, 10:15 am

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



**Tax Statements for yearly contributions are available upon request.** These statements only reflect contributions made through the regular church collections and the special second collections if they

have been made in an identifiable fashion (church envelope or loose check). Any loose cash contribution cannot be credited. Contributions to the Catholic Sharing Appeal will be acknowledged from the Diocese. Please email or call the rectory office if you need a tax statement ([stals@cablone.net](mailto:stals@cablone.net) or 875-5419). Statements will be mailed by the end of the month.



**Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> all St. Alphonsus parishioners who have been married 50+ years will be honored with a sit down meal at 3:00 p.m. in the KC Hall.**

A binder has been placed in the back of the church and we ask that you please fill out the requested information (if you have not already done so). We would like your information even if you are not able to come so that we will be able to recognize you.



**The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus are now selling tickets for a "10 week" drawing for \$10.00 each.**

Each week, for nine weeks, a ticket will be drawn for \$50.00. The 'winning' ticket then goes back into the 'barrel' until the last week when a \$500.00, \$200.00, and \$100.00 winner will be pulled. First drawing will be February 17, 2019. For tickets contact Carl Brochard at 228-327-0066. All proceeds will benefit the Seminarian Education Fund.



**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.



**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.



**A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.** If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.



**A Special Parish Prayer Book** is located on the south side of the Vestibule of the Church (front entrance). Anyone desiring prayers for any intention is requested to enter their intention on the Parish Prayer Book and they will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful at all weekend Masses.

**Pray for Vocations**

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week January 28 – February 1

Jan 21: No School MLK, Jr. Holiday

Jan 25: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Jan 21: No School MLK, Jr. Holiday

Jan 23: Drama Guild Parent Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Softball Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Jan 24: Adoration 9:40 a.m.

Feb 1: St. Patrick registration opens online

[www.stpatrickhighschool.net/apply](http://www.stpatrickhighschool.net/apply).

For more information, please visit the school's website.

**St. Patrick Catholic High School will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week January 28 through February 1.** You are invited to join them for a Ribbon Cutting at the school hosted with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m. On Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m., songwriter Brandon Green will perform a Christian contemporary concert. Tickets are \$10 in advance online in the Fighting Irish Spirit Store and can be purchased at the door for \$20.



**Women's Cursillo February 21-24:** When was the last time you did something for yourself? When was the last time you took time to grow in faith, to grow in grace? When was the last time you took time to grow in your responsibilities as a Catholic Woman? Perhaps now is a time to think about making a Cursillo. It is an opportunity to learn more about the faith that we profess. It is an opportunity to learn how to more fully live an authentic Christian life. Consider giving yourself a gift this year! The Cursillo weekend is for Catholics who are looking to deepen their faith and love for Christ. For more information contact Judy Lesso at 228-669-6262.



**Co-Ed Arise #9 – Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Dedeaux, Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Arise is sponsored by the Cursillo Movement of South MS, another program of the Diocese of Biloxi. Whereas Cursillo is limited to Catholics, Arise is 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've 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 Karly Richardson at (228) 219-2203 or Mike Lingenfelder at (228) 354-8377, or you may visit the website at [www.biloxicursillo.org](http://www.biloxicursillo.org) for an application or more information.



**Offering Envelopes** St. Alphonsus is happy to provide contribution envelopes for our Parishioners who would like to use them.

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to, or if you are receiving envelopes and would like to discontinue receiving them, please email ([stals@cablone.net](mailto:stals@cablone.net)) or call the office (875-5419) and we will make the necessary adjustments to the mailing list.

## REFLECTION

**Jesus brought the wine of God's love into the world. Everywhere he went the old was made new. For the couple at Cana he changed water into wine. For the widow of Nain he changed tears into joy. For Zacchaeus he changed selfishness into love. For the thief on Calvary he changed despair into hope. And on Easter morning he changed death into life. Lord, be present with us today and throughout our lives. And when through human weakness the wine of love is found wanting, touch our hearts and strengthen our wills, so that we may taste the wine of unselfish love.**