





Today we begin the consecutive reading of Luke's Gospel, which was originally joined to Luke's other work, the Acts of the Apostles. The way the story is told prepares us for what happens in Acts. When the Jews returned home after the exile in Babylon, the nation had to be rebuilt. The Persians entrusted this task to Ezra. Ezra brought back with him from Babylon the book of the Law of Moses which he solemnly read to the people (First Reading). Thus he called upon them to rededicate themselves to God. The Gospel shows Jesus too proclaiming the word of God. In the synagogue at Nazareth, he makes his own a passage from Isaiah, and uses it to announce a program for his ministry. He is sent, not to the wealthy or the powerful, but to the poor and the lowly, the oppressed and the suffering. Here we see Luke's concern for the poor and the afflicted. Who are the poor? The poor are all the dispossessed of this world, all those who are waiting for liberation. The good news must not be limited to spiritual blessings only. But the poor are also those who live on bread alone and who never hear the Word of God.


 **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@cableone.net or 875-5419).


 **St. Michael's Parish Mission, scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.**

 **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)

 **Blessing of Throats:** Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of throats will take place after all Masses next weekend.

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

 **"You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run." –St. Augustine**  
We seem to be able to make time for all kinds of things. Let us aspire to include making time for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He is there, always with us. Listen with your heart. He is calling with arms open wide!  
"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, LaJuan Fowler, Carmen Gaethe, Walter Gary, Sandra Grantham, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Donnie Hebert, 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 Migués, Donna Necaise, Leonard Necaise, Peggy and Edward Necaise, 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 Trosclair, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, Cooper Williams and Sonny Wynn.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY JANUARY 28**  
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30  
6:30 am Ms. Mollie Davidson  
8:15 am Ms. Joanna Lagedost

**TUESDAY JANUARY 29**  
Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35  
6:30 am Ms. Anita Grace White  
8:15 am Mr. Larry Cole

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30**  
Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20  
6:30 am Special Intention  
8:15 am Ms. Lady Brennan

**THURSDAY JANUARY 31**  
Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25  
6:30 am Int. Ms. Margaret Foushee  
8:15 am Francis and Patricia Conway

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1**  
Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34  
6:30 am Int. Ms. Loraine Schneider  
8:15 am Ms. Ann C. Allen

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2**  
Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40  
8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.  
Mr. Gregory Hebert  
Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Mr. Ron Fournier

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3**  
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 4:21-30  
7:30 am Spec. Int. for Families & Married Couples  
9:00 am Eugene Peresich Family  
11:30 am Ms. Armella (Melsie) Mangin  
5:30 pm Congregation

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,347.81  
Aged & Infirm Priests Collection.....\$1,728.85  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of Emogene Pierre**



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of Khay Do and Ngoan Nguyen Family and the Intention of the Holy Spirit**



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Marie Beech, of this parish, who passed away January 17<sup>th</sup>.** We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.


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


## 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, 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 31: RCIA, Confirmation, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.  
Feb 3: 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

 **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.

 **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.



**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.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week January 28 – February 1  
Feb 1: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.



**\*\*\*Now Collecting Box Tops!!!\*\*\***  
All funds to benefit St. Alphonsus Catholic School!  
Thank you for your contribution!  
**Deadline: February 15, 2019**

1. Place all your Box Tops clippings in a Ziploc bag
2. Make sure that none have expired
3. Drop them off at the school office or drop in church collection basket

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week January 28 – February 1  
Jan 29: Living Rosary 2:30 p.m.  
Jan 30: Ribbon Cutting with Chamber of Commerce 10:00 a.m.  
Praise and Worship Adoration Service 1:30 p.m.  
Jan 31: Junior Ring Mass 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.

Songwriter Brandon Green will perform a Christian Contemporary Concert at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance online in the Fighting Irish Spirit Store and can be purchased at the door for \$20.



**The Knights of Columbus are continuing their collection drive for the Morning Star Pregnancy Center.** They are collecting diapers, formula, bottles, new or gently used clothing for babies under 2 years old, and other baby items. There will be a basket for Donations at the front entrance of the church."



**Fr. Henry at Our Lady of Fatima in Biloxi is leading a group to Ireland, leaving on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 and returning on June 13 (11 days.)** This trip will cover primarily Northern Ireland and the West, including the Titanic Museum, Giant's Causeway, Belleek China factory, Knock Shrine, Galway, Cliffs of Moher and to some places no tour bus has ever gone before in Co. Clare. A valid passport is required and cost is \$3,999.00 per person, sharing. If interested please call Fr. Henry at 388-3887 or go online, <https://caragrouptour.com/fr-henry-tour-of-ireland-june-2019/> for application form and all the details.

## REFLECTION

**Grace is unlimited**

**Human beings are frail and foolish. We have been told that grace is to be found in the universe. But in our human foolishness and short-sightedness we imagine divine grace to be finite, and for this reason we tremble. But the moment comes when our eyes are opened, and we see that grace is infinite. Grace demands nothing from us but that we await it with confidence and acknowledge it with gratitude. Grace makes no conditions and singles out none of us in particular. Grace takes us all to its bosom and proclaims a general amnesty.**  
–Isak Dinesen



**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.

**Pray for Vocations**