

For this and the following two Sunday's we will be reading from Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain' which parallels Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount'.

The First Reading is a little bit of wisdom poetry. It contrasts the wicked who trust in human beings and the righteous who trust in God. The former are compared to a barren desert shrub; the latter to a fruitful tree planted beside a flowing river. This prepares us for the Gospel, where Jesus declares the poor blessed. The poor are the 'little ones' who have no one to trust in but God.

The beatitudes echo the program Jesus announced in the synagogue at Nazareth. Whereas Matthew has nine Beatitudes, Luke has only four, with, however, four corresponding 'woes'.



**Fr. John Anglin O.F.M. will lead a three day Parish Mission here at St. Alphonsus Church March 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.** The theme will be Living the Joy of the Gospel: Day 1: A Loving God: The Cause of our Joy; Day 2: The Gift of Mercy; and Day 3: Caring for our Common Home, Mercy for our Brothers and Sisters and for all God's Creatures.

The mission Mass will be held with the 8:15 a.m. morning Mass and the mission service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

**Prayer for our Parish Mission:** Heavenly Father, you have chosen the parish as the most common vehicle by which you encounter us in our daily lives. The parish is the assembly in which your Word is proclaimed, your Eucharist is celebrated, your people are united in community to grow in holiness and to be strengthened to work for the betterment of all.

Help us to take advantage of the opportunities offered in this community. In particular, we pray for the success of the upcoming Parish Mission. We pray for Fr. John Anglin, for our parish team, and for ourselves that we may take part fully and receive the graces you are just waiting to give us. Strengthened by your Spirit may we receive the blessings, grow together in fraternal love and eagerly share the responsibilities that are ours as members of the parish.

We pray in the name of Jesus your son. Amen.



**“The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host.” – Archbishop Fulton Sheen**

Jesus gives everything for us. Show Him your love in return. Visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

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



**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 this Sunday (February 17<sup>th</sup>).** For tickets contact Carl Brochard at 228-327-0066. All proceeds will benefit the Seminarian Education Fund.



**An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**



**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 February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of James Cagle,** of this parish, who passed away February 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY FEBRUARY 18

Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13

6:30 am Dr. Malcolm Latour

8:15 am Ms. JoAnn Wavra

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21

6:30 am Mr. Richard “Dick” Porterfield

8:15 am Alma and Nick Garlick

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26

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

8:15 am Ms. Marion Bedard

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21

Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Mr. Roy “Ricky” Riviere

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22

1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

6:30 am Khay Do Ngoan Nguyen Family

8:15 am Int. Ms. Jackie Endt

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23

Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13

8:15 am Ms. Vera Lusk

4:00 pm Mr. Jay Holtorf

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Int. Fr. Joseph Francis LePage

11:30 am Mr. Tommy Jones

5:30 pm Ms. Ligaya Camagong

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,228.97  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of The Collins Family**



**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, Fr. Bernie Farrell, 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 Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Judy Penton, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Ron Stump, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Regina Trahan, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Angela Trosclair, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, Cooper Williams and Sonny Wynn.

## Pray for Vocations

## 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.

Feb 20: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Sacramental Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Feb 21: RCIA, Social Teachings, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Feb 24: Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)

Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m.,

Will study The Gospel of Matthew. Bring your Bible!

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



**LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY** (for Women Only)

*Lord, teach me to pray* is a prayer series based on Ignatian Spirituality. Part I, “Praying Christian Virtues”, helps to deepen prayer life, and discover what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer. It also introduces the different methods of Ignatian prayer, meditation, contemplation and Consciousness Examen.

A small group will meet with 2 trained facilitators for 1-2 hours once a week for 12 weeks to pray and share. Part I begins Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with registration and introduction at St. Elizabeth Seton, Fannon Hall. For more information please contact Rachel Deroche at 228-324-4431 or Toni Gunkel at 228-365-3547.



**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 Lessa at 228-669-6262.

**Catholic Day at the Capitol - Wednesday, February 27, 2019:** The day will begin at the St. Peter Cathedral Parish Center in Jackson from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's Catholic Day at the Capitol will focus on Criminal Justice Reform and will feature John G. Koufous, the National Director of Reentry Initiatives Right on Crime and the Executive Director of the Safe Streets & Second Chances initiative; and Haley M. Brown, an Oktibbeha County Prosecutor and Mississippi State University Law Professor. After lunch participants will walk to the Mississippi Capitol Building's South Steps for a press conference by Bishop Louis Kihneman. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to observe the sessions in the House of Representatives and/or the Senate, to tour the Capitol Building, or to meet with individual Legislators. (Individual meetings with legislators should be arranged on your own in advance.). For more information, visit [catholiccharitiesjackson.org](http://catholiccharitiesjackson.org).



**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 Church App** - If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the app by texting **App** to phone number **88202**, or by visiting [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com).

Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications regarding our parish life and an easy-to-access event calendar as well as many more great features such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, **quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website (osstalphonsus.org) and FORMED.**

## \*\*School Subsidy Policy\*\*

**Registration for the 2019/2020 School Year Going on Now**

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School. In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.
3. The family MUST attend weekend Mass with the Parish Family at St. Alphonsus.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL



**Now Collecting Box Tops!!** All funds benefit St. Alphonsus School. Please place your box top clippings in a ziploc bag, make sure none have expired and drop them off at the school office or in the church collection basket.

Feb 20: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Sacramental, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Feb 21: Book Fair Family Night, 3:30-6:00 p.m., Library

Feb 22: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

St. Alphonsus School is having a **Disney Raffle Fundraiser**. The grand prize is a \$4,000 Disney gift card plus \$1,000 cash. The runner-up will receive a \$400 Disney gift card plus \$100 cash. Tickets are \$50 each and only 500 tickets will be sold. All proceeds will be used to help fund new classroom curriculum and resource needs. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact the school office at 875-5329.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Feb 20: 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat 8:15 a.m.

Feb 21: Mass 9:40 a.m.



**The Knights of Columbus are continuing their collection drive for the Morning Star Pregnancy Center through February.** 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.”



**You are invited to go on a Special Pilgrimage** with The MIR Group for “the Young & Young at Heart” to San Giovanni Rotondo and Medjugorje with Fr. Mike Snyder as the Spiritual Director. Tour price is \$4,285 (double occupancy) out of New Orleans from June 4<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Catholic Journeys at 800-715-6670 or online at [catholicjourneys.com](http://catholicjourneys.com).

### REFLECTION

#### Beatitudes of the heart

Blessed are the clean of heart; they will see God.  
Blessed are the humble of heart; they will find rest for their souls.  
Blessed are the warm-hearted; they will radiate goodness.  
Blessed are those who work with the heart; they will find joy in their work.  
Blessed are those who do not lose heart; they will find strength to persevere.  
And blessed are those who set their hearts on the Kingdom of God; everything else will be given to them.