


The First Reading tells of the call of Isaiah to the ministry of prophecy. In a vision in the Temple God reveals himself to Isaiah as the All-holy One. The vision evokes in Isaiah a sense of his own sinfulness. But then, cleansed of his sins, he responds without hesitation to the divine call. This prepares us for the Gospel which deals with the call of the first disciples. Here again we see that it is God who takes the initiative, and also the total response he requires.

The miraculous catch of fish convinces Peter of the holiness of Jesus. This evokes in him a sense of their own sinfulness and unworthiness, so much so that he asks Jesus to depart from him. Peter has not yet grasped the fact that it was to call sinners that Jesus came, to call them away from sin to a new way of life. Nevertheless, at the word of Jesus, Peter and his companions leave everything and follow him. The phrase ‘they left everything’ shows the importance for Luke of detachment from possessions.

The Second Reading stresses the central belief of Christianity – the resurrection of Jesus. Paul declares that, in spite of his unworthiness, he is a witness to the resurrection.

 **Join us as we Congratulate the following couples who have been married 50 years or more. We hope you have many more years of happiness together.**

68 years: Edward & Peggy Necaize and Fred & Delia Schillinger

65 years: Tony & Jean Petrica

63 years: Marion & Sarah Pitalo

62 years: Robert & Peggy Cox

61 years: Gerald & Carole Bourgeois and Charles & Janet Munger

60 years: Roland & Margaret Broussard, Skip & Darlene Murphy
John & Rita Porco and Edward & Jane Williams

59 years: Gene & Charlotte Williams

58 years: Richard & Liz Eckert and Joe & Jackie Shields

57 years: Carl & Mary Brochard, Raymond & Doris Michel

Mike & Virginia Mitchell, Richard & Loretta Siemeck
and Mark & Anne Toups

56 years: Billy & Mary Cruthirds, Anthony & Berryl Goretski
Bernie & Phyllis McGinley and Allen & Barbara Kruger

55 years: Ralph & Faye Balius, Raymond & Jeannine Dionne
and Pete & Sandra Halat

54 years: William & Carolyn Anderson, Vito & Joyce Canizaro
Michael & Lucy Catchot and Charles & Alice Goff

53 years: Sonny & Lucy Selman and Barry & Patricia Zuber

52 years: Ralph & Robin Allen and Mike & Linda Staley

51 years: Mick & Sharon Barthes, John & Helen DeGeorge,
Harby & Dianne Kreeger and Bill & Ann Kortman

50 years: Barney & Gail Banks, Ron & Mary Haaf,

Jesse & Mary Alice Kanode, Rich & Sue Mihal,
Dennis & Betty Richardson, Bill & Pam Rogers
and Leonard & Anne Tarrant

70 years: (Bill) & Evelyn Hosey

69 years: (Leo) & Betty Noble

67 years: (Maurice) & Jeannine Michaud


63 years: Raymond & (Mary) Wronko

62 years: (Malcomb) & Nelda Latour

60 years: (Ken) & Pat Reiling

55 years: (Ron) & Barbara Fournier

50 years: (Deacon Greg) & Margaret Miller

 **“Adoration will heal our Church and thus our nation and thus our world...Adoration touches everyone and everything...When we adore, we plug into infinite dynamism and power. Adoration is more powerful for construction than nuclear bombs are for destruction.”**
– Peter Kreeft

Why wouldn't we want the power and grace that Jesus offers us?

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

Altar Society Members for next week
Judi Anderson, Theresa Stuart & Mark Aultman

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY FEBRUARY 11

Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56

6:30 am Mr. Joe Prejean

8:15 am Int. Ms. Jane Sema

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12

Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13

6:30 am Ms. Anna Marie Holifield

8:15 am Mr. George Wavra

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23

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

8:15 am Elvin Asher Family

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14

Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

6:30 am Ms. Connie Seymour

8:15 am Mr. Glen Skelton

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15

Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37

6:30 am Ms. Inez Danise

8:15 am Ms. Linda Mayer

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16

Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

8:15 am Ms. Judy Catchot

4:00 pm Ms. Oral Mae Senseney

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

7:30 am Ms. Melissa Roberts Lee

9:00 am Congregation

11:30 am The Collins Family

5:30 pm Mr. Robert Menard

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$13,654.26

Poor Collection.....\$ 4,501.18

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Celeste L. Williams



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 Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, 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 Trochetset, Angela Troclair, 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

Janie Sema – 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonsus.org

Kindergarten – 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

6th – 8th Grade – Edge: Sunday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Feb 14: NO RCIA

Feb 17: 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



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Tuesday, February 12th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Villa Maria. All are invited.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Wednesday, February 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



All are invited to come join us as we Pray for the Sick on Friday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. This will be an hour of Adoration, Rosary, Prayer and Music. Confession will be available if needed.



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. Feb. 16th). 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!



An Anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, February 16th at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



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.



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 25th – March 1st. 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.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Registration for 2019/2020 Going on Now

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 13: 2:00 p.m. Dismissal / Science Fair / Progress Reports

Feb 15: 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 27th. For more information, please contact the school office at 875-5329.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Registration for 2019/2020 Open Online

Feb 14: Mass 9:40 a.m.

Feb 15: Girls Soccer Banquet 6:00 p.m.

Feb 16: Resume Building Workshop 9:00 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.”

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.



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 4th – June 16th. For more information, contact Catholic Journeys at 800-715-6670 or online at catholicjourneys.com.

REFLECTION

Let your light shine

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate, but that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, “Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?” Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people will not feel insecure around you. We are born to make manifest the Glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

(From the inaugural speech of Nelson Mandela).