

The First Reading relates the call of Elisha. By throwing his cloak over him Elijah was symbolizing the transfer of power. We see how total was the response of Elisha. In slaughtering the oxen and burning the plough, he was precluding a return to his old way of life. Jesus demanded a similar response from those who would follow him.

In the Gospel we begin a new section of Luke's Gospel (9:51-18:14): Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Luke portrays Jesus as one who knows his destiny and accepts it from God. But he is not interested in telling us the actual route Jesus followed. Instead, he tells us about incidents that happened along the way.

In the first passage we see the hostility Jesus encountered from the inhabitants of a Samaritan village, and his refusal to retaliate as James and John suggested. This is followed by the stories of three would-be followers of Jesus. Jesus tells them that total commitment is demanded of a disciple. The choices are not between good and evil, but between the good and the best.



"It is easy to be a follower, but to be a disciple requires discipline. Christ invites us to a life of discipline not for his sake, but for our sake; not to help him, but to help us; not to make him happy, but to allow us to share in his happiness."

--Matthew Kelly, Rediscovering Catholicism

Spend some time getting to know Jesus. Allow Him to show you and lead you in the way to be with him forever.

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



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.



The Baptism Class for July will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who are not registered /active members of St. Alphonse must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.

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Relax, Refresh, and Renew with the Parish App:

It's a time to relax, refresh and renew both personally and spiritually. While you're out at the beach, a lake, in the park or waiting for an appointment, your **myParish app** gives you quick access to many aspects of your Catholic life every day. One touch takes you to the USCCB readings of the day. Another and you will find 49 prayers in the Prayer button. Catching up on the news is a snap by touching the News button. There are interesting articles from the Catholic News Agency. Looking for someone to share a rosary? Push the Rosary button and hear the soothing voice of Fr. John Riccardo. Have a moment for a quick read? Click the Inspire Daily light bulb and find daily blogs from Catholic writers based on the day's readings. Trying to find a church while traveling this summer? Tap the 3 lines in the upper left hand corner while on the myParish app. Then type in the zip code of your destination where it says Find a Parish. In seconds you will see the closest 10 parishes to that location using the app. Don't know the zip code? Touch the Discover Mass button and enter a city name and state.

All these aspects of Catholic life and more can be found in your myParish app. Not on the Parish App yet? **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. May it allow you an experience of our faith, just a fingertip away - Catholic life every day.

**Altar Society Members for next week
Mary Ann Bound, Linda Denehie and Lois Ravera**

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY JULY 1

Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22

6:30 am Mr. Joe Prejean

8:15 am Int. Hewes Family

TUESDAY JULY 2

Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Ms. Juanita Ruiz Salinas

WEDNESDAY JULY 3

Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

6:30 am Ms. Inez M. Hoda Rudloff

8:15 am Mr. George Wavra

THURSDAY JULY 4

Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8

6:30 am Msgr. Gregory Kennedy

8:15 am Mr. Richard Siemeck

FRIDAY JULY 5

Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13

6:30 am Khay Do Ngoan Nguyen Family

8:15 am Mr. Tommy Noble

SATURDAY JULY 6

Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17

8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.

Mr. Gregory Hebert

Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Deceased Members Perry/Skelton Families

SUNDAY JULY 7

Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

7:30 am Mr. Thomas "Ted" Dickinson

9:00 am Congregation

11:30 am Mr. A.O. "Herman" Soares

5:30 pm Int. Ms. Ester Mabanta

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,932.91

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



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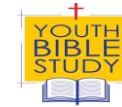
Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sybil Burchinal, Carol Lee Cantin, Pat Cronin, Breaune Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Jackie Endt, Fr. Bernie Farrell, Loretta Foster, LaJuan Fowler, Carmen Gaethe, Sandra Grantham, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Melissa James, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, Jacob Latil, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Bob Mayer, Cheryl Megie, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, David McKenna, Marie Meyers, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaise, Leonard Necaise, Peggy and Edward Necaise, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Michael Punziano, Carter James Sanders, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Sylvia Spratley, Nell Stanton, Ron Stump, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Angela Trosclair, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, Thane Williams, and Sonny Wynn.

Religious Education News

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We invite you to keep up to date with all things involving the Youth Ministry by following us on Instagram (@st.alphonus.hsytg) and on Facebook (St. Alphonse Youth Group).



Attention High School Students: You are invited to join us for a Bible Study this Summer on Thursday evenings in the Youth Ministry Office from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

For more information email: youth@osstalphonus.org



We are in need of volunteers to help with our Life Teen (High School) and Edge (Middle School) programs for the coming school year.

If you are interested in helping with either program or for more information, please email: youth@osstalphonus.org.



Children's Liturgy Volunteers are also needed for next school year: Would you like to teach our young children about God and our Catholic faith? Are you a grandmother who may miss seeing grandbabies? Well we would love to have you as a volunteer for the 2019-2020 Children's Liturgy program. It involves about 20 minutes of your time every six or so weeks spent teaching and having a fun time with our 3-6 year olds in the chapel during Liturgy of the Word at the 11:30 am Sunday mass.

Please email Catherine Marsh at catherinecomiskeymarsh@gmail.com or contact the church office and Catherine will give you a call.



Mighty Precious Feet Girl's Club presents:

H.E.R.O.E.S. (Holy Empowered giRls Of tHE South)

Girls (ages 8 to 13) are invited to spend a week learning about empowerment tools, inspiring virtues and running skills. They focus on the Whole of the person: body, mind, and soul. The camp will be held July 15th – 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Pass Christian. The cost is \$100 and includes crafts, t-shirt, a hair bow, journal and healthy snacks. For more information about the program, go to mightypreciousfeet.com. Deadline to register is June 30th or when camp fills up (limit 20 girls).



The St. Alphonse Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed from Tuesday, July 2nd – Monday, July 15th for Inventory and Maintenance.



The French Boys Choir, Les Moineaux, is offering a free concert at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach on Monday, July 15th at 7:00 p.m. All are invited.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Renee Grissby, aunt of Robert (Jane) Sema of this parish, who passed away June 18th in Mobile.

Anna Belle Kozlowski, sister of Edna Miguez of this parish, who passed away June 22nd.

Doris Ladnier, mother of Susan (Jim) Wilson and sister-in-law of Mary Ladnier of this parish, who passed away June 26th.

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

HURRICANE PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
(Save and pray frequently)

School Subsidy Policy

Registration for the 2019/2020 School Year Going on Now

St. Alphonse Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonse Elementary School or St. Patrick High School.

In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonse Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonse 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. Alphonse.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

School Office Hours: Closed July 1st – July 5th.



St. Alphonse Church had Belinda Godfrey, a third generation Ecclesiastical Artist, to refinish and/or restore several of our statues in the Church. If you would like to help defray some of the cost, we would greatly appreciate any help (big or small) you would like to offer. Please note on the payment what it is for and drop in the collection basket. Thank You!



Willwoods Married Couples Retreat July 19-21: Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated St Joseph

Abbey's Christian Life Retreat Center in Covington, La.

A Married Couples Retreat does not mean that someone is failing but rather it is a falling into the arms of our Lord. It is a weekend dedicated to giving you and your beloved the opportunity to find rest, strength, and enrichment, which is something we all need! A once a year commitment to attending a retreat as a couple is a great habit that will bless and deepen your love for God and each other! To register call (504) 830-3716 or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org. A suggested donation is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make a weekend!



The 21st Annual Married Couples Return Weekend, scheduled for July 26-28, 2019, will be held at the William Kelley Retreat Center at the St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis. This weekend is open to all married couples provided at least one has experienced a Cursillo (spouse does not have to be Catholic). This retreat is for married couples that would like to celebrate their strengths as a couple and be encouraged to live your marriage in witness of God's love. Rooms will be reserved on a first come first served basis. Reservation forms are available in the Vestibule of the Church. Suggested donation is \$200 per couple. For more information email Diana Suffern at dianadsuffern@gmail.com or call 337-278-1610.



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.

REFLECTION

Promises to keep

Whose woods these are I hardly know, his house is in the village though; he will not see me stopping here to watch his woods fill up with snow. My little horse must think it queer to stop without a farmhouse near, between the woods and frozen lake the darkest evening of the year. He gives his harness bells a shake to ask if there is some mistake; the only other sound is the sweep of easy wind and downy flake. The woods are lovely, dark and deep, but I have promises to keep; and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep.
(Robert Frost)