

**The First Reading is part of Moses' farewell speech to the Israelites.** He exhorts them to commit themselves to the Lord by observing his commandments. Whereas previously these commandments were considered as being external to them, now they are presented as springing from within themselves. They are written in their hearts, and therefore are not far away from them or beyond their strength. Jesus reduced the commandments to two (Gospel).

The lawyer's question was meant to embarrass Jesus. But Jesus cleverly put the onus back on the lawyer. So the lawyer tries again: he seeks casuistically to know to whom the commandment 'love your neighbor' applies. Basically what Jesus says to him is: our neighbor is anyone, regardless of class, color, race, or creed, who needs our help.



**"The essence of prayer is RELATIONSHIP. It's not primarily about doing something, but about getting to know someone."** –Fr. John Batunek, The Quiet Place

Haven't you ever felt like calling someone you care about or going by to see them just because you love them and want to check in, catch up, share news, or simply tell them you love them...or maybe all of the above? That's how we treat people we have a relationship with. Prayer and adoration are how we do that with Jesus. Give Him some of your time. Get to know Him better. Let Him know how much you love Him. "Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him". --St. Teresa of Calcutta



**Fr. Tom White would like to thank all of you who prayed for his recovery, visited him in the hospital, and/or sent get well wishes. He asks that you please continue to keep him in your prayers.**



**The St. Alphonsus Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed through Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> for Inventory and Maintenance.**



**All are invited to come join us as we Pray for the Sick on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 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 in July. (i.e. July 20<sup>th</sup>).** 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, July 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Edward Joseph (Joe) Brou, Jr., brother of Gregory Brou and Valerie Brou of this parish, who passed away June 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Lawrence Cole, nephew of Evelyn Hosey and Betty Noble of this parish, who passed away June 26<sup>th</sup> in Junction, Texas.**

**Dr. Gilberto Patiño, father of Dr. Bert (Theresa) Patiño and Dr. Gregory (Andrea) Patiño of this parish, who passed away July 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

- Reverend Denis J. Harlow, July 1, 2010
- Reverend Francis J. Scott, July 19, 2007
- Reverend Msgr. Gregory M. Johnson, July 20, 2004
- Reverend Joseph Tung Duc Nguyen, July 25, 2002

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 15</b>
Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34—11:1	
6:30 am	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 am	Mr. & Mrs. Neely Powers
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 16</b>
Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24	
6:30 am	Int. Ms. Charmain Stiglet
8:15 am	Gene, Glenn, George & Gerry Cole
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 17</b>
Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27	
6:30 am	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 am	Ms. Edna Avena
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 18</b>
Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30	
6:30 am	Int. Eileen and Wes Burkhardt
8:15 am	Mr. Manuel "Johnny" Mabanta
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 19</b>
Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8	
6:30 am	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 am	Int. Holy Spirit
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 20</b>
Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21	
8:15 am	Ms. Marian Bedard
4:00 pm	Ms. Esther Marsh
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 21</b>
Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42	
7:30 am	Congregation
9:00 am	Int. Deacon Ken Domzalski
11:30 am	The Collins Family
5:30 pm	Mr. Randy Trahan

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$12,653.92  
 Poor Collection.....\$ 4,298.86  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of All Deceased Knights of Columbus Members**



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

**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, Breanne 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 Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Roger Parker, Michael Punziano, Barbara Rangan, Carter James Sanders, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Sylvia Spratley, Nell Stanton, Ron Stump, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Angela Troclair, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, and Thane Williams.

**Religious Education News**

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 Janie Sema 228-217-1392; [jsema@osstalphonus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonus.org)**

**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. Alphonsus 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:catherinecomiskeymarsh@gmail.com) or contact the church office and Catherine will give you a call.



**Congratulations to Matthew Mestayer and Ricardo Quintana** – They were the recipients of this year's **Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund Award** given by the Knights of Columbus and Henry and Jean Nielsen (Chris' parents). This scholarship is given each year to two graduating high school seniors in memory of Chris Nielsen – a young KC member who died while in the Air Force.



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



**You are invited to join in Prayer time for all who were/are abused on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at St. Michael Family Life Center.** Come and see in a silent, safe, accepting and affirming environment. Time to be free of secrets, hurt, pain, shame. Confidential and anonymous. The Christ in you, greets the Christ in others to journey, to feel, to experience dignity and respect.



**The 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 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](mailto:dianadsuffern@gmail.com) or call 337-278-1610.



**Hospital Stays:** Because of privacy concerns, it is difficult to find out who is in the hospital. Many parishioners can be there for an entire week (or more), yet their names never appear on the "Clergy List" that we get to see. This seems to happen especially to those who are admitted through the Emergency Room. Consequently we are reminding you that if you or a family member is going to be in the hospital and wish to be visited or receive communion while there, please call the Rectory at your earliest convenience.

**\*\*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**

**Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**July 24:** Final Registration, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., in Library

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**Summer Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Our faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, call 702-0500. To apply online or to learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit the website at [www.stpatrickhighschool.net](http://www.stpatrickhighschool.net).



**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](http://myparishapp.com). May it allow you an experience of our faith, just a fingertip away - Catholic life every day.

**REFLECTION**

**Beatitudes for carers**

The good Samaritan was someone who cared. Blessed are those who care: they will let people know they are loved. Blessed are those who are gentle: they will help people to grow as the sun helps the buds to unfold. Blessed are those who listen: they will lighten many a burden. Blessed are those who know how to let go: they will have the joy of seeing people find themselves. Blessed are those who, when nothing can be done or said, do not walk away, but remain to provide a comforting and supportive presence: they will help the sufferer to bear the unbearable. Blessed are those who recognize their own need to receive: they will be able to give all the better. And blessed are those who give without hope of return: they will give people an experience of God.

**Pray for Vocations**