

Prayer forms the subject of the First Reading and the Gospel. Prayer is a favorite theme of Luke. In the First Reading we see Abraham interceding with God on behalf of Sodom, a city full of evil. Troubled by the idea of the innocent being punished along with the guilty, he begins to bargain with God. The story highlights the importance of intercessory prayer, and reveals a lot about the mercy of God. This prepares us for the Gospel which shows Jesus at prayer and contains the Lord's Prayer. Luke's version is shorter than Matthew's, which is believed to be closer to the original version. Jesus urges the disciples to go on asking for what they need with persistence and confidence.



"When we go before the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to Him; He will come to us, the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath from one to the other."
--St. John Vianney

Experience the breath of God into your life. Open your heart before the Blessed Sacrament.
"Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him". --St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, August 4th from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$6.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.



Choose Life PRAY PRAY PRAY

Radio Maria will host a show on Monday, August 5th at 2:00 p.m. about the Coast Pro-Life Billboards on I-10 and Highway 90. Guest speakers will be Penny Sullivan and Karen Rhodes, who have been involved with this project from the start and have many interesting stories to tell. Please take the time to tune in on your radio (88.1 FM) or you may go online via your smart phone, desktop or other online device to radiomaria.us or on Facebook at St. James Pro-Life Billboard Initiative.

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.



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.

Websites that may be good for people with problems, addictions, etc:
www.americanaddictioncenters.org; www.narcononcolorado.org;
www.al-anon.org; www.catholicdivorce.com;
www.cancersupportcommunity.org; www.rachelsvineyard.org;
www.catholicmenconquerporn.com; www.yourbrainonporn.com

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



**The Flowers on the Altar are in
Memory of Alice Davidson Hire**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 29
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; John 11:19-27	
6:30 am	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 am	Ms. Alice Hire
TUESDAY	JULY 30
Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43	
6:30 am	Special Intention
8:15 am	Ms. Linda Mayer
WEDNESDAY	JULY 31
Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46	
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Jackie Endt
THURSDAY	AUGUST 1
Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53	
6:30 am	Ms. Anita Grace White
8:15 am	Mr. Isaac Woodard
FRIDAY	AUGUST 2
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58	
6:30 am	Mr. Rodney Dean McKittrick
8:15 am	Mr. Lawrence Cole
SATURDAY	AUGUST 3
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12	
8:15 am	Int. Deacon Jim Gunkel Mr. George Pitalo, Sr. Mr. Gregory Hebert Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan
4:00 pm	Mr. Jay Holtorf
SUNDAY	AUGUST 4
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21	
7:30 am	Jim and Clara Cagle
9:00 am	Ms. Doris Ladnier
11:30 am	Mrs. Matt "Vara" Lyons
5:30 pm	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,658.74
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Bob & Ruth Boney, 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 Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, 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 Trosclair, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, Thane Williams and Lou Young.

Pray for Vocations

Religious Education News

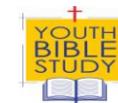
Deacon Jim Gunkel 228-297-5212; dcjim@osstalphonusus.org
Janie Sema 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonusus.org

Registration for all grades will be held after each Mass on Sunday, August 11th, 18th and 25th in the Parish Hall. Registration forms are available on our website. Please have forms filled out prior to registration. Copies of both the Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate will be required for each child. If you have not already done so, please bring these with you to registration. Registration fee is \$35 per family. **An Elementary Parent Meeting** will be held on Sunday, August 25th at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. **All classes will begin** on Sunday, September 8th.



Have you ever stopped to think that "There has to be more to life than chasing my 'to do' list." Well, there is. Join a few other people for coffee or tea, bring your questions, and discover how Jesus has a plan for each one of us individually that leads to the fullness of a life well lived. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is the way by which we help people discover this freedom Jesus offers us. Inquiry sessions are informal and open to Catholics (who want to learn more about their faith) as well as non-Catholics who have an interest in exploring the Catholic faith. The RCIA team will present some basic tenets of the faith, but most of the sessions will be devoted to answering your questions about faith and helping you discern whether God is calling you into full communion with the Catholic Church. Sessions will begin Thursday, September 5, 2019 and will be held weekly each Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Jim at dcjim@osstalphonusus.org or by calling 297-5212.

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



The final summer **High School Bible Study** will be held on Thursday, August 1st in the Youth Ministry Office from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. For more information email: youth@osstalphonusus.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@osstalphonusus.org.



Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed: Would you like to teach our young children about God and our Catholic faith? 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.



Upon This Rock Scripture Study's Fall 2019/Spring 2020 Bible study program will be *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* by Ascension Press. Jeff Cavins presents the 24-week study lesson in the DVD presentation. It focuses on Jesus as the fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament and His establishment of the Church as the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. The Bible study will begin Wednesday, September 11, 2019 and will meet each Wednesday morning through March 25, 2020 from 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Parish in Murry Hall on Woolmarket Road in Biloxi. The fee is \$39 and includes the study set book and DVD presentation. Payment by August 19th will ensure that you receive your materials on September 11th. For more information or to register, call Sharon Jones at 228-591-1069.

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

July 29-Aug 2: Summer Office Hours, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Summer Office Hours: July 29 – 31: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Beginning August 1: 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

July 29: Senior Portraits
July 31: Baseball Meet the Coach Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Aug 1: Football Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.



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.



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.



You are invited to join in praying the Liturgy of the Hours before the 8:15 a.m. Mass (Monday – Friday) beginning at 7:45 a.m. in the Church

REFLECTIONS

Ask, seek, knock

Jesus urges us to ask, seek, and knock. This means our faith has to be an active one. However, sometimes we are too proud to ask, so we don't receive; we are too lazy to seek, so we don't find; and we are too timid to knock, so the door doesn't open to us. We mustn't wait for things to happen, or to fall into our hands. We must be humble and trustful, yet bold and energetic, if we are to receive good things from our Father in heaven.

Prayer of petition

I asked for health that I might do great things;
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was give poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.
Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all men, most richly blessed. (Anon.)