

The First Reading is part of a poem written after the return from the Babylonian exile. It paints a glowing picture of the blessings God will bestow on Jerusalem and its inhabitants. It likens Jerusalem to a mother who lovingly nurses her children. It foreshadows the blessings that will result from the coming of the Kingdom of God with Jesus (Gospel). While all the synoptic Gospels record a sending out of the Twelve, only Luke records the sending out of seventy-two disciples. This second sending out is explained by the size of the harvest, and the fact that time is short, and Jesus can't do it all by himself. It also foreshadows the preaching of the Gospel to the whole world, a favorite theme of Luke. The mission of the disciples was an extension of Jesus' own mission. In understanding his instructions to them, we must remember that this was only a temporary mission, of short duration and limited to the surrounding Jewish towns and villages.

“Jesus offers a relationship with us so that we can be the most joy-filled, purpose-driven human persons He created us to be.”

---Chris Padgett, I'm Not Ok. You're Not Ok. But It's OK!
The beautiful thing about having a Friend like Jesus is we don't have to be "OK" or have any special reason to spend time with Him. He's always there – not only ready, willing, and available...but, thrilled to spend time with you!!! He loves us more than we can imagine.
“Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”. --St. Teresa of Calcutta

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. Alphonsus 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.

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

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
Janell Alliston, Deni Helms and Pat Zuber

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY JULY 8
Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26
6:30 am Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 am Int. Ms. Chrissie Monohan

TUESDAY JULY 9
Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38
6:30 am Int. Rev. Tomasz Golab
8:15 am Ms. Norvel Ryan

WEDNESDAY JULY 10
Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7
6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 am The Juraszek Family

THURSDAY JULY 11
Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15
6:30 am Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 am Mr. Stephen DeCausey



FRIDAY JULY 12
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23
6:30 am Special Intention
8:15 am Ms. Judy Catchot

SATURDAY JULY 13
Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33
8:15 am Mr. Ron Fournier
4:00 pm Mr. Maurice Michaud

SUNDAY JULY 14
Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37
7:30 am Ms. Verdalee Catchot
9:00 am Marian and Alfred Sullivan
11:30 am Congregation
5:30 pm Ms. Rosemary Humberson

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,231.65
Peter's Pence Collection.....\$ 1,736.23
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

 **The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Mary Inez Danise**
 **The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of the Skelton & Perry 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, 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 Necaise, Leonard Necaise, Peggy and Edward Necaise, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Roger Parker, 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 Troclair, 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.alphonsus.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@osstalphonsus.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@osstalphonsus.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.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Thursday, July 11th, 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 Friday, July 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



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.



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.

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

School Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

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

It is not too late to apply for admission for the 2019-20 school year. 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.



St. Alphonsus 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!



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.



Radio Maria - a Catholic Radio right here in Ocean Springs! You can listen to it on your radio at FM 88.1; livestream it on your computer at radiomaria.us; download the free app onto your smartphone; or by calling 1-712-832-8065. There are many good programs from inspirational Catholic speakers, programs about history, prayer, care giving, finding a job, Marian apparitions, conversion stories, and many others! Plus there is great music. Let us be grateful to God for this sublime gift to us, for His mercies endure forever! Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Robin Polk, daughter of Olive Beaugez Burch and sister of Malinda Beaugez, Connie Lewis and Wendy Welch of this parish, who passed away June 28th. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.

PRAYER / REFLECTION

Instruments of the Lord

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. (St. Francis of Assisi)