

The readings stress the importance of humility, especially for those in high places. The First Reading praises the person who is humble. A humble person is conscious of his own weakness, and never rejects wisdom, no matter where it comes from. Such a person will find favor with God and with his friends and neighbors. Pride raises a barrier to God's graciousness and to communion with our fellows.

This ties in with the Gospel where the key phrase is: 'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.' Jesus criticizes those who thrust themselves forward and who engineer their way to the top. That's not the way to gain honor in the Kingdom. Honor in the Kingdom comes from the host, not from the guest. God confers honor on those who are humble.

If we want to know the quality of our love, all we have to do is look at the kind of people with whom we share our love. Those who act out of motives of self-interest will receive no reward from God. But those who act from motives of disinterested charity will receive a reward at the resurrection. Here we also see Luke's concern for the poor and the afflicted.

**"Let us not forget to visit Jesus. Let us tell Him we love Him. We might ask Him what He wants of us, what are His wishes. Sometimes we might ask Jesus something for ourselves and something for others. One can speak to**

**Jesus as brother to brother, as friend to friend, more so, since it often happens that men do not understand us, Jesus understands each of us always."** -St. Maximilian Kolbe

Jesus is waiting for you alone in the Blessed Sacrament.

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



**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.**



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.

**Altar Society Members for next week**

**Mary Ann Bounds, Linda Denehie & Lois Ravera**



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Jane Walker,** sister of Myrt Talbott of this parish, who passed away August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Byron, Georgia.

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



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Bishop Joseph Howze and**

**The Mayfield, Burkhardt & Seymour Families**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30

6:30 am Mr. Theo Laborde

8:15 am Int. Mr. Robert Sema

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Mr. Lawrence Cole

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4

Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44

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

8:15 am Int. Ms. Jackie Endt

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5

Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11

6:30 am Mass of Thanksgiving

8:15 am Ms. Julia Beaugez

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39

6:30 am Khay Do Ngoan Nguyen Family

8:15 am Int. Lynda and Bhaktan Krishnan

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7

Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.

Mr. Gregory Hebert

Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Mr. Jay Holtorf

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

7:30 am Mr. George Wavra

9:00 am Congregation

11:30 am Ms. Joan Belson

5:30 pm Albert Sr. and Eunice Misko

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,447.65

Children's Collection.....\$ 133.00

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, Barbara Langan, 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, , Carter James Sanders, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Sylvia Spratley, Nell Stanton, Ron Stump, Mary Terry, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, and Thane Williams.

## Pray for Vocations

## Religious Education News

Chris Molino 228-860-8884; [cmolino@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:cmolino@osstalphonsus.org)

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

Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Edge: Sunday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade - Lifteen: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sept 1: Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

Sept 5: RCIA sessions begin, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

Sept 8: All Religious Education classes begin. See above for times.

If you have not already registered for this year's Religious Education, we ask that you please print the registration form off our website and have ready to turn in the first day of class. A copy of both the Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate will also be required for each child (if we do not already have on file). Registration fee is \$35 per family.

Adult Study begins. The topic will be: Jesus and the End Times: A Catholic View of the Last Days by Dr. Brant Pitre. After the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Coffee and donuts will be provided. All are welcome!



**RCIA (Adults Becoming Catholic)** begins this Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. This is for non-Catholics and Catholics that want to know more and understand more clearly the Catholic faith. Any questions please see Deacon Jim.



**Come join the exciting KICKOFF of our YOUTH PROGRAM of LIFETEEN and EDGE** (for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) next Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. There will be a Kickball Game as well as food and drinks available.

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



**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](mailto:youth@osstalphonsus.org).



**A Wednesday Morning Study Group** will begin on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Sue Mihal. The class will begin by finishing the Epic Series (2) and then start the study of the Gospel of Matthew by Dr. Brant Pitre. Refreshments and coffee will be provided. All are welcome. Please call 601-573-0020 for directions.



**The office of vocations of the Diocese of Biloxi is in need of a car for the ministry of our seminarians.** God blessed us with three new seminarians this year. With increasing expenses for their education, we request if anyone wish to donate a car for the ministry of seminarians please contact the vocation office at [q.pleban@gmail.com](mailto:q.pleban@gmail.com) or call Deacon John Jennings at the diocese 228-702-2100.

**A copy of the weekly Church bulletin may be found on the "myParish" phone app and also on our parish website at "osstalphonsus.org".**



**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.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 2: Labor Day Holiday, No School

Sept 6: Children's / Grandparents' Day Mass, 8:15 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 2: Labor Day Holiday, No School

Sept 5: Mass, 9:40 a.m.



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Prayer Relay for Families and The Church
<b>The Feasts of Our Lady of Sorrows and Exultation of the Cross</b>
<b>Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 14</b>
<b>All Night Prayer Relay</b> , 8:00 p.m. Friday to 8:00 a.m. Saturday. Sign up for an <b>Hour of Adoration</b> in the chapel. Prayers of reparation will be provided. Sign-up available in the chapel or by texting your timeslot to Lori at 228-282-9594.
<b>Cenacle Mass and Prayer Service</b> , Friday in the church. 7:00 p.m. Mass, 7:30 – 8:15 p.m. Cenacle: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Rosary, Scripture Reading Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Bring your Marian Statues and Rosaries for blessing.
<b>Exultation of the Cross</b> , Saturday, 8:15 a.m. Mass in the church. Bring your Crosses for blessing. Seven Sorrows Rosary, a devotion for reparation, following mass.
Prayer, Fasting, and Penance is needed for reparation of sins. Pray for the victims, the shepherds and the church. <a href="http://www.weargray.org">www.weargray.org</a>
The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows falls on Sunday, September 15 <sup>th</sup> , but the Lord's day, Sunday obligations, generally supersedes all other feast days.



**Anyone wishing to contribute to the August 7<sup>th</sup> ICE Raids** may do so by sending your donation to Fr. Ignacio Jimenez-Morales at Immaculate Conception Parish, 833 West Sixth Street, Laurel, MS 39440 or by dropping off at the parish rectory and we will forward to Fr. Ignacio. We are grateful to all who are reaching out to help.



**The Cursillo Movement of South MS** invites you to attend the next Co-Ed Arise #10 Retreat to be held on October 4-6, 2019, at the Kelley Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Arise is designed with the non-Catholic in mind. Arise is designed for groups of people who would like to receive additional information about the Catholic faith in a short period of time (one weekend):

- Non-Catholic spouses of practicing Catholics,
  - Catholics who have been away from the church for a while,
  - Those without a current church/religion who are "searching" for a new one or a more meaningful faith experience,
  - Or those taking instruction in the Catholic faith, Arise is for you.
- Applications can be found on the Biloxi Cursillo website at [www.biloxicursillo.org](http://www.biloxicursillo.org). For more information you may contact Charles Walden at (985)285-2997 or Yvonne Husley at (228)697-3196.

## The Three Theological Virtues

1. Faith
2. Hope
3. Charity

### PRAYER / REFLECTION

#### Guests at his table

Lord, we thank you for having us as guests at the banquet of the Eucharist. Here we have listened to your word and eaten the food of eternal life. May we go forth from here nourished, honored, blessed, humbled yet exalted. May we be so sure of our worth before you that the honors of this world will never ensnare us. And in your goodness grant us a place at the heavenly banquet. Amen.