

Amos was a great champion of justice. He savagely assailed the oppression of the poor, as well as the judicial system which denied them any hope of obtaining justice. Our short reading is a good example. Here he depicts the greed of the wealthy, who can't wait for the holy days to be over so that they can get back to making money by dishonest practices. He condemns the separation of worship from the proper treatment of other people, especially the poor. The Bible doesn't always give us examples to be imitated. At times it gives us examples to be learned from painfully. The servant in Jesus' story is one of these, brought forward to teach Christians the wise use of money. Here Jesus stresses the impossibility of any compromise between God and Mammon. For Luke, to use money wisely is to give it to the poor, and thus ensure one's eternal salvation.



“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



The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding their annual “Friends of the Poor Walk” on Saturday, September 28th from 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Ocean Springs-Biloxi Bridge. Our St. Alphonsus Conference, along with other

Diocesan Conferences, will be walking/running again this year. We are asking fellow parishioners, families and friends to ask sponsors/donors to support the walk and/or come join us at the Bridge! If interested you can register and/or donate on line at www.fopwalk.org/event/2345 or you may call the rectory or ask a member for more information on registering. If you would like to donate only - you may drop your donation in the collection basket (marked “Walk for the Poor”) or bring to the rectory during normal business hours. SEE YOU AT THE BRIDGE!!



October is traditionally the month of the Rosary - so once again we are asking the Lectors at weekend Masses to show up early and lead the congregation in the recitation of the Rosary and this should start 20 minutes prior to Mass time.



Also during the month of October, the ushers are asked to do a head count of all in attendance at all weekend Masses (men, women and children). The Diocese requests all parishes to do this for the entire month of October.



The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 etc. years of marriage are welcome to attend.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and may be picked up during regular business hours. The deadline for registration by mail is October 14th. Registration by phone, fax or email is not accepted.



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of David Seymour, son of Joyleen Seymour of this parish, who passed away September 11th.

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



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of The Collins Family

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

6:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:15 am Mr. Cosme Esquibel

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21

6:30 am Mathilde and Fernand Latour

8:15 am Mr. Ron Fournier

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

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

8:15 am Mr. Anthony Goretski

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22

6:30 am Ms. Joan Ryan

8:15 am Mr. Samuel Soliman

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45

8:15 am Int. Wilson / Karp Family

4:00 pm Ms. Oral Mae Senseney

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

7:30 am Mr. Matt Pitalo

9:00 am Ms. Sylvia Marie Cronin

11:30 am Congregation

5:30 pm Ms. Marion Bedard

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,729.35

Children's Collection.....\$ 21.00

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, Vicki Carter, 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, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., 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.



The St. Alphonsus Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., after the Saturday Vigil Mass, and after all English Masses on Sunday.

Religious Education News

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Kindergarten – 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

6th – 8th Grade – Edge: Sunday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Sept 26: RCIA, Scripture, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

Sept 29: Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)

Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m.; Jesus and the End Times: A Catholic View of the Last Days by Dr. Brant Pitre. All are welcome.

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

Confirmation Class, 4:00-5:15 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

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).

RCIA – Over the next two weeks (September 26 and October 3) we will be considering the relationship among **Scripture and Tradition** so that we can understand how, what God has revealed, has come down to our own day. Hope to see you there! Thursday at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

Remember these classes are open to Non-Catholics and Catholics who desire to know more about our faith!



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):

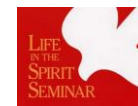
-Non-Catholic spouses of practicing Catholics,

-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. For more information you may contact Charles Walden at (985)285-2997 or Yvonne Husley at (228)697-3196.



A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held at Our Lady of the Gulf in Bay St. Louis on Saturday, October 5th beginning with Mass at 7:30 a.m. and continuing until 3:00 p.m. Do you want to receive a fresh outpouring of the

Holy Spirit? You can! The Fruit of the Holy Spirit is real! Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). God also has personal gifts for you: encouragement, leadership, writing, teaching, music, healing, etc. The Life in the Spirit Seminar is commonly used by Catholic groups in the context of a personal renewal in faith. It is an instrument for bringing people into a deeper experience of the work of the Holy Spirit. The Seminar offers the basic presentation of the Gospel and the teaching about what gifts the Lord gives to those who come to Him. For more information or to register call Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Office at 228-467-6509.



St. Elizabeth Seton invites all parishioners of St. Alphonsus to join them in creating a “Life Chain” on Sunday, October 6th from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Howard Shopping Plaza (Take 5 Oil Change, Big Lots, Pizza Hut...) near the service road along Hwy 90. They ask that you please arrive by 2:50 p.m. and bring your rosaries, lawn chairs, hat, sunglasses, drinks, and umbrella (prepare for rain or shine).

Altar Society Members for next week
Kay Brochard, Sue Garlotte and Norma Williams

ST. ALPHONUS SCHOOL

Sept 27: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 25: Homecoming Powder Puff Football Game, 6:30 p.m.
Homecoming Blackout Pep Rally, 7:30 p.m.

Sept 26: Homecoming Mass, 9:40 a.m.

Sept 28: Homecoming Dance, 8:00 p.m.

Safe Environment Notice: Every volunteer who works with minors and every employee of all parishes and Catholic schools of the Diocese of Biloxi must receive a copy of the *Policy of the Diocese of Biloxi Regarding Complaints of Abuse of Minors*. Copies of this policy are available from any pastor or principal. If any volunteer who serves with minors or any employee did not receive this policy, please contact your pastor or principal, or call 228-702-2126/27. A copy of the policy is also available to any interested person. In addition, a copy of the *Diocesan Code of Conduct Regarding Contact with Minors* and the *Diocesan Policy Concerning Supervision of Youth Trips and Other Youth Functions* are also available from your pastor or principal, or by calling 228-702-2126/27.

How to report a complaint of abuse: The clergy, religious, and laity who serve in the ministries of the Diocese of Biloxi are committed to making Church ministries safe for young people. Allegations of misconduct with minors are reported as the law requires and an internal investigation is conducted. A copy of the diocesan policy is available on the diocesan website (www.biloxidiocese.org) or by contacting your pastor. A complaint of misconduct should be reported directly to civil authorities. In addition, a complaint should be reported to the Diocese of Biloxi by calling the phone numbers on the diocesan website or by calling 228-702-2112 or to the State of Mississippi's Hot Line: 1-800-222-8000.



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.

The Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit

1. Charity 2. Joy 3. Peace 4. Patience

5. Kindness 6. Goodness 7. Generosity 8. Gentleness

9. Faithfulness 10. Modesty 11. Self – Control 12. Chastity

REFLECTION

Being with Christ

Jesus says: ‘Whoever is not with me is against me; and whoever does not gather with me scatters.’ I sometimes feel that my life is like scrubland, halfway between garden and desert. I sometimes feel that I live in a world of twilight, halfway between day and night. I sometimes feel like lukewarm water, halfway between hot and cold. I sometimes feel that I am in a state of indifference halfway between love and hate. I sometimes feel I am trudging along a safe little path halfway between good and evil. Lord, save me from the illusion that because I am not against you, I am therefore for you. Above all, save me from being neutral.