




The First Reading is part of Solomon's prayer for wisdom. God, the Creator of the universe, is all-wise. In contrast, human beings are ignorant. However, God does not leave us in our ignorance, but bestows the gift of wisdom on all who humbly seek it. Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem (Gospel). He knew that suffering, rejection and death awaited him at the end of that journey. But it seems that some Galileans regarded it as a victory march of the Messiah. In no uncertain terms Jesus disillusioned them. Knowing that his disciples would have to face a similar challenge, Jesus spoke about the cost of discipleship. He didn't literally mean hating one's father and mother. The word 'hate' is a Semitic expression. 'Love less' would be nearer to what Jesus had in mind. He was telling his disciples that they must be ready if needs be to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between him and their own relatives. The two short parables make the point that discipleship is a serious calling. It could mean persecution and even death. In this, as in any other spheres of life (such as business and politics), one shouldn't walk into it blindly. One must calculate the cost before setting out.


 **“One day a rather worldly friend asked him (St. Francis): ‘Father what do you do during those long hours before the Blessed Sacrament?’ ‘My son in return I ask you what does the poor man do at the rich man’s door, the sick man in presence of his physician, the thirsty man at a limpid stream? What they do, I do before the Eucharistic God. I pray. I adore. I love.’”** **The Life of St. Francis of Assisi**, Nesta de Robeck May we, too, take time often to pray, adore, and love Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.


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

 **You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle** (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Monday, September 9th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Villa Maria. All are invited.

 **An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**

 **A Wednesday Morning Study Group** will begin on Wednesday, September 18th 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 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/donate on line at www.fopwalk.org 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!!**

 **Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Helen Goff**, mother-in-law of Alice (Charlie) Goff and grandmother of Shelley (Arnie) Seymour of this parish, who passed away August 28th. **William “Bill” Gryder, IV**, husband of Micha Gryder of this parish, who passed away August 29th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.


**Altar Society Members for next week
Janell Alliston, Deni Helms and Pat Zuber**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11	
6:30 am	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 am	Artemio and Rosario Soliman
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19	
6:30 am	Special Intention
8:15 am	Mr. Dennis Belson
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26	
6:30 am	Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 am	Special Intention BN
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38	
6:30 am	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 am	Mr. Richard Siemeck
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 13
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42	
6:30 am	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 am	Mr. & Mrs. Neely Powers
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 14
Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11	
8:15 am	Mr. Leo Noble
4:00 pm	Ms. Marlyn Reaux
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 15
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1-12-17; Luke 15:1-32	
7:30 am	Mr. Carlus E. Chapman
9:00 am	Mr. A.O. “Herman” Soares
11:30 am	Mr. Patrick Williams
5:30 pm	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$11,473.71
Poor Collection.....	\$ 3,629.00
Children’s Collection.....	\$ 74.00
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 Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, 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.



**The Flowers on the Altar
are in Memory of
Steve Castleman and Judy Fremin**

Religious Education News

Chris Molino 228-860-8884; cmolino@osstalphonusus.org
Janie Sema 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonusus.org

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 12: [RCIA](#), Journey of Faith, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Sept 15: [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



“Come and See” (John 1:39) It’s not too late to join. On Thursday, September 12th at 6:00PM we are offering instructional classes on the faith, worship, and life of the Catholic Church. The classes are held in Parish Hall Meeting Room and are open to anyone whether Catholics or non-Catholics. For additional information please contact Deacon Jim at 228-297-5212 or Chris Milano at 228-860-8884. This week we will look at **Salvation History** from Adam and Eve to today so that we can see how we share in God's plan of salvation. See your there!

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).



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.



Rejuvenate Your Workspace With Prayer:

The busy days of fall are here. We need to take the time to make sure our offices are a sacred space. By doing so we can intentionally bless all those whose names and lives we touch (literally) through our workspace and fingertips: at the door, at our computer, over

the phone, or through our writing. It’s time to rededicate our work space to be an extension of prayer for each and every one with whom we come in contact, in every moment of every day.

There are several great prayers available in the [myParish app](#) for those times you feel moved to offer a specific prayer for one of your parishioners or co-workers. The prayers also come in handy when praying in a large group, each person has access to the same wording and all can actively participate. There is a nice little prayer service from [Catholic News Agency](#) with blessings for an office, shop or factory.

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](tel:88202), or by visiting myparishapp.com. May it lead you to an experience of our faith, just a fingertip away. Catholic life every day.

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 Patrick McDermott, September 17, 2017
Reverend Nicholas Filipich, September 17, 2001

Pray for Vocations

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 11: Progress Reports
Sept 13: Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 10: Grandparent’s Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.
Sept 11: Junior/Senior College Financial Aid Night, 6:00 p.m.
Sept 12: Mass Cross Country Ring Ceremony, 9:40 a.m.
Sept 14: ACT



Anyone wishing to contribute to the August 7th 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. For more information you may contact Charles Walden at (985)285-2997 or Yvonne Husley at (228)697-3196.



The St James ProLife Billboard Initiative wishes to thank the parishioners of St Alphonsus for their generosity in donating (as of last week) \$5697.04 in support of the ProLife billboards. We now have six billboards along the Mississippi Gulf Coast! Please keep the unborn in your prayers & God bless you all."



Holy Land tour with Fr. Joe Diletusso

May 23 – June 5, 2020: Cost \$5099 per person plus mandatory insurance. Includes round-trip flights from New Orleans to Tel Aviv, first class Hotel Accommodations, 26 meals and more. 14 days of a unique itinerary to Jerusalem, Garden of Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Mount Tabor, Sea of Galilee and Capernaum. For the first time travel south through the Sinai desert and stay in Eilat. See King Solomon copper mines, visit the famous underwater marine observatory, home of the coral reefs. Deposit of \$100.00 is due immediately and only 35 Seats are available. Contact Heidi Clark at 228- 388-4429 or heiditravel@cablone.net

The Four Cardinal Virtues

1. Prudence 2. Justice 3. Fortitude 4. Temperance

REFLECTION

Beatitudes

Blessed are those who realize that they cannot live on bread alone but need the word of God too: they will be fully nourished.
Blessed are those who, when they have sinned, follow the example of the prodigal son, and come back home to seek reconciliation: they will cause heaven to ring with joy.
Blessed are those who stop to attend to a wounded neighbor, pouring in the oil of compassion and the wine of hope: they are the Good Samaritans of today.
Blessed are those who remove the plank from their own eyes before telling their brother to remove the splinter from his: their efforts at reforming others will bear fruit.
And blessed are those who, having put their hand to the plough, refuse to look back: they will be found worthy of the Kingdom.