

The First Reading tells how on being cured of leprosy Naaman acknowledges Jesus as the supreme and only God. However, when he tries to express his gratitude to Elisha, the prophet refuses to accept it, because it would suggest that the cure was due to him rather than to God. As commander of the Syrian army, Naaman was a Gentile.

This story prepares us for the Gospel account of the cure of ten lepers by Jesus, and of how only one of them, a foreigner (a Samaritan), came back to thank him. The stranger puts the Jews to shame. His reaction anticipates the glad reception of the Good News by the Samaritans in Acts 8:1-25.



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.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Monday, October 14th, 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, October 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



Walgreens will be offering Flu shots (senior dose or regular dose) in the KC Hall / Parish Life Center this coming Thursday (October 17th) beginning at 9:00 a.m. on a first come / first serve basis – no preregistration is required. No cash will be accepted, so please bring your insurance card or Medicare card with you.



All are invited to come join us as we Pray for the Sick on Friday, October 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. This will be an hour of

Adoration, Rosary, Prayer and Music. Confession will be available if needed.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS: Please come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday in October. (i.e. October 19th). The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



An Anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, October 19th at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) during the week of October 21st - 25th. If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Norma Williams at 875-2636. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Roy Davis, husband of Euta Ryan Davis of this parish, who passed away October 2nd.

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 Mary Edna King

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 14

Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
6:30 am Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 am Ms. Lucille “Lou” Young

TUESDAY OCTOBER 15

Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
6:30 am Mr. Peter Kowalewski
8:15 am Ms. Vickie Cole

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16

Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46
6:30 am Special Intention
8:15 am Mr. & Mrs. Neely Powers

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17

Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
6:30 am Khay Do Ngoan Nguyen Family
8:15 am Mr. Richard Siemeck

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18

2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9
6:30 am Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 am Special Intention

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12
8:15 am Rev. Alfred L. Camp
4:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Shirod (Mae) Miller, Sr.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2; Luke 18:1-8
7:30 am Mr. James Starnes, Sr.
9:00 am Congregation
11:30 am The Collins Family
5:30 pm Ms. Susan “Sue” Cone

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$12,791.74
Children’s Collection.....\$ 50.05
Poor Collection.....\$ 4,379.48
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, Walter Bolton, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, 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, 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, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Sylvia Spratley, Nell Stanton, Ron Stump, Eunice Tamdah, Mary Terry, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, and Thane Williams.

Altar Society Members for next week
Judi Anderson, Theresa Stuart & Mark Aultman

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.

Oct 17: RCIA, Creed, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Every Sunday at Mass we say the Nicene Creed, but have you ever wondered where the term creed came from or why we have one? It is not too late to start coming. We look forward to seeing you there to learn more about the creed and the highest mystery of our faith!

Oct 20: 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. Alphonusus Youth Group).



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, October 20th 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.



The Secular Franciscan Order cordially invites you to their “Come See Celebration”. If you are interested in learning more about St. Francis and developing a closer relationship to our Lord Jesus Christ, then you are invited to join them on Sunday, October 20th at St. Mary’s Church in Gautier beginning with Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by a presentation and light refreshments. For more information, call Mitzi Feo at 228-217-9929.



The Ladies Guild at St. Joseph Church (12290 Depew Rd, Gulfport) invites you to their Annual Craft and Baked Goods Extravaganza on Saturday, October 26th from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 27th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Ladies ACTS Retreat: Ladies, please consider treating yourself and spending a weekend with us for an encounter with the Holy Spirit November 7th – 10th. Cost is \$125.00 and covers food, lodging and transportation. Sponsored by Fatima church. God is calling you to spend some time with Him. It will change your life! Call Chantelle Peters 228-860-6764, Marion Cunningham 601-716-4040 or Renee Klein 228-990-6983.



You are invited to join Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center in Hattiesburg for a two-day event. Don’t miss the chance to study Scripture with one of the Church’s most renowned biblical scholars today and learn how to read the Bible from the heart of the Church. Friday, November 8th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 9th from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon. This event is sponsored by St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and Eagle Catholic. No registration is required and a free will offering will be collected. For more information go to: stpaulcenter.com/Hattiesburg; email – office@stpaulcenter.com or call 740-264-9535.



The next Ladies’ Cursillo will be held December 5th – 8th at Dedeaux. Anyone interested in attending or requesting information should call Nancy Letort at 228-383-4824.

Pray for Vocations

ST. ALPHONUS SCHOOL

Oct 15: PTO Meeting, 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Oct 16: Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.; Report Cards
Oct 18: Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Fun on the Front Lawn 3:30-6:00 pm

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 14: Fall Holiday, No School
Oct 15: Senior Invitation Orders, 11:45 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
Oct 17: Adoration, 9:40 a.m.; Flu Shots, 3:05 p.m.



During the month of November, we offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones. Envelopes are available either in your monthly contribution package or at the exits of the Church. Please include the names of your loved ones along with your contribution and return it prior to November 1st if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.



“Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.” – James 4:8
Can’t say it any simpler than this. You are not alone on the journey...God wants to be near you and He is with you. Make time to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament.
“Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”. --St. Teresa of Calcutta

UPCOMING TRAVELS

You are invited to join Fr. Mike Austin and Ms. Paula Spears for Christmas at the Biltmore Estates in Asheville, North Carolina December 2 – 6, 2019. The cost is \$1,545 per person (based on 2 per room) with round trip airfare out of Gulfport. For more information, call Paula at 228-697-7814 or Biltmorechristmas@gmail.com.

The Gulf Pine Catholic invites you on an 11 day Italian Renaissance & Oberammergau Pilgrimage with Fr. Tommy Conway departing September 9, 2020 out of New Orleans for only \$5,498. For more information, contact Terry Dickson at 228-702-2126 or tdickson@biloxidiocese.org.

Austria & Germany featuring the Passion Play of Oberammergau with Fr. Mike Austin September 15 – 25, 2020
Includes roundtrip airfare from New Orleans. \$4,600 per person based on two per room. Email: Oberplay2020@gmail.com or call Fr. Mike Austin at 228-452-4686 or Paula Spears at 228-697-7814.



The St. Alphonus 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. Come visit and see what we have. Consider giving Catholic gifts for birthdays, holidays and any occasion.



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.

REFLECTION

Gratitude

Once there was a young man who had never thought of donating blood. But then his father got very ill and was hospitalized. One day the son was sitting by his father’s bedside as he was getting a blood transfusion. As he watched the blood flowing into his father’s veins, he suddenly realized that someone had donated the blood that was now keeping his father alive. Straightaway he made up his mind to become a donor, and he was as good as his word. Many are willing to avail of the generosity of others, but few are willing to give something back. This is why gratitude is so important. It makes us want to give something back.