

The First Reading tells of the first battle the Israelites fought after their deliverance from Egypt. Their victory resulted, not from their own efforts alone, but from the power of God mediated through the intercession of Moses.

In the parable of the unjust judge (Gospel), Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray continually and never to lose heart. The judge is approached by a widow – she represents the powerless ones. It is presumed that she has right on her side. But the judge is not interested in the rights of a penniless widow. However, when she persists in her plea, he finally relents, but only to get rid of her.

The message is intended for the disciples who are faced with suffering and persecution. If an amoral judge can be moved by the persistent pleading of a widow, how much more will God see justice done for his faithful ones who cry out to him continually. The only question is: will they be found capable of confident and persevering prayer, or will they throw the towel in and abandon the faith, just because their prayer isn't answered immediately?



“In past generations, when our culture was still Christian, still built around the rhythms of the liturgical year and the values of the gospel, society itself provided a continual flow of reminders about how much God is committed to us, how much our life means in his eyes, how unconditionally, passionately, and personally we are loved by the Lord. But now our secularized culture has succeeded in extracting the message of Jesus from public discourse and everyday life. Instead, we are bombarded by information about new products, new exercise programs, new entertainment, alarming and sensual tragedies, and political squabbles.

In order to live in tune with the deeper truths, the truths that fill our inner life with joy no matter what’s happening on the outside, we must learn to remember the Word of God and all he has revealed to us. We must learn to make the Lord our hiding place, and let his grace be the motor of our lives.”

--Fr. John Barunek, **A Quiet Place, How Daily Prayer Can Change Your Life**
Find Jesus in quiet adoration before The Blessed Sacrament. Allow Him to love you and teach you that He is your hiding place, He is the true peace and true joy.

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



Fr. Mark Chinnappa’s superior from Divine Mercy Province of HGN will be here next weekend to speak to you about the need for financial help for the education of those individuals in the Seminary in Southern India. We ask you to welcome him and help in any way possible.



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 coming week (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.



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 month of November.



Friday, November 1st, is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Vigil Mass will be on Thursday, October 31st at 6:00 p.m. On Friday our Masses will be at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. (school children will attend), and 6:00 p.m. **The Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, November 1st in observance of All Saints Day.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 21

Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21

6:30 am Mr. Carlton Latour

8:15 am The Juraszek Family

TUESDAY OCTOBER 22

Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38

6:30 am Mr. Dick Porterfield

8:15 am Mr. Ron Fournier

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23

Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48

6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick

8:15 am Ms. Alice Mae Vogt

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24

Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Mr. Mark Melchert

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25

Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Int. Holy Spirit

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26

Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9

8:15 am Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.

4:00 pm Mr. Bobby Beaugez

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

7:30 am Mr. Jesse Dobbins, II

9:00 am Ms. Sylvia Marie Cronin

11:30 am Mr. John Magiros

5:30 pm Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$ 8,661.23

Children’s Collection.....\$ 33.60

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., Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Sylvia Spratley, Nell Stanton, Ron Stump, Eunice Tamdah, Mary Terry, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Larry Tuzei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, and Thane Williams.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Shirod (Mae) Miller, Sr.

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 - Lifeteen: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Oct 24: RCIA, Trinity, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

In the Apostles Creed we notice that our faith in the Church is intimately related to our faith in the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. The two must always go together. The discussion this week will be on The Holy Spirit and the Church. Come join us and learn about the third person of the Holy Trinity.

Oct 27: 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 Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus will begin rehearsals for its 67th year on Monday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. at MGCCC Jeff Davis Campus and continue through December 1st. New singers are welcome and no audition is required.

The 2019 Christmas season performances are scheduled for Friday, December 6th at Nativity BVM Cathedra, Saturday, December 7th at Holy Family Catholic Church in Pass Christian and Sunday, December 8th at the Gulf Coast Community College in Gautier.

For more information, please contact Dr. Ed Cake, Chairman of the Board of Directors, at 228-324-9292 or email: ed.cake@yahoo.com.



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.



Love and Mercy - Faustina: In the 1930s, our Lord revealed to an unknown religious sister a message for our times. To an age marked by conflict, despair, lack of respect for human life and dignity, and in need of His forgiveness and merciful love, He said, “Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy” (*Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, 300).

Now this incredible true story of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy will be told *one night only* in more than 700 movie theaters across the United States on October 28th (The Grand in D’Iberville, 7:00 p.m.). The docudrama follows the incredible call of St. Faustina to religious life and the healing effects of this message on countless people around the world.



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Anne Beaugez, sister of Moe (Denita) Beaugez and Janet Munger and sister-in-law of Olive Beaugez-Burch of this parish, who passed away October 11th.

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

ST. ALPHONUS SCHOOL

Oct 25: Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Trunk or Treat 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Oct 27: Saints Walk, 5th grade, 5:30 p.m. Mass

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 22: Men’s Soccer Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Oct 23: March for Life Signups for Juniors/Seniors, 7:45 - 8:10 a.m.

Oct 24: Mass, 9:40 a.m.

Oct 25: March for Life Signups - Freshmen/Sophomores, 7:45 – 8:10 am
Yearbook Senior Ads / Baby Pictures Due
Students for Life Movie Night 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Oct 26: ACT, 8:00 a.m.; Junior High Dance/Parent Social 6:00-8:00 pm



Mr. John Hardwick, the sales representative from Diocesan (the providers of our weekly bulletin), will be at the rectory the week of October 28th – 31st. He will be contacting all those businesses who presently have ads in our bulletin, and if you wish to purchase an ad, you may contact him by calling the rectory during this time. We thank all those business owners who presently support us in this way and in doing so make the bulletin available at no cost to the parish. Please support these parishioners and businesses.



Catholic Charities of South Mississippi is hiring a Warehouse Assistant to work at the Catholic Charities Food Bank in Gulfport. All interested candidates are asked to submit a resume to Jennifer Keegan at 1450 North Street, Gulfport, MS 39507 or jkeegan@biloxidiocese.org by November 1, 2019. For additional information, please call 228-822-0836.



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.



St. Alphonusus is happy to provide contribution envelopes for our Parishioners who would like to use them. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to, or if you are receiving envelopes and would like to discontinue receiving them, please email (stals@cableone.net) or call the office (875-5419) and we will make the necessary adjustments to the mailing list.



A Special Parish Prayer Book is located on the south side of the Vestibule of the Church (front entrance). Anyone desiring prayers for any intention is requested to enter their intention on the Parish Prayer Book and they will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful at all weekend Masses.

REFLECTION

Prayer

I am neither a man of letters nor of science, but I humbly claim to be a man of prayer. It is prayer that has saved my life. Without it I would have lost my reason long ago. If I did not lose my peace of soul, in the midst of my many trials, it is because of the peace that came to me through prayer. One can live several days without food, but not without prayer. Prayer is the key to each morning, and the lock to each evening. It is a sacred alliance between God and us. Let everyone try this experience, and they will find that daily prayer will add something new to their lives, something which cannot be found elsewhere. (*Mahatma Gandhi*)

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