

All three readings speak of faith. The First Reading is part of a dialogue between God and the prophet. Like others before him, Habakkuk is feeling the burden of office. He complains about the prevalence of injustice and God's failure to intervene. Then comes the divine response: in due time God will intervene to save those who trust in him. Meanwhile, the upright must remain steadfast in faith.

This brings us to the Gospel, where Jesus says that a grain of authentic faith can achieve great things. The saying about the uprooting of a tree is not to be taken in a literal sense. It is a vivid eastern mode of expression, which means that with faith what looks impossible can become possible. The parable of the unprofitable servant ('slave') would have shocked Jesus' hearers. A slave had no claim to either wages or thanks from his master, irrespective of how well he might have served him. At the time of Jesus, Judaism was dominated by the notion of merit – God 'owed' salvation to humans in return for keeping the Law. Jesus rejects this, and emphasizes God's sheer goodness. The disciples must humbly acknowledge that they are only servants.



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 Mass on Friday, October 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration.



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.



Walgreens will be offering Flu shots (senior dose or regular dose) in the KC Hall / Parish Life Center on 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.



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: Beverly Kovacevich, sister of Glenn Williams of this parish, who passed away September 28th.

Mary Edna King, sister-in-law of Shannon Fayard of this parish, who passed away October 1st.

We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

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 Peter Quinn, October 8, 2004
- Reverend James B. Taylor, October 17, 2004
- Monsignor Andrew L. Murray, October 20, 2009
- Monsignor Francis Quinn, October 22, 1990

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

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 7

Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37
6:30 am Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 am Ms. Linda Mayer

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42
6:30 am Mass of Thanksgiving
8:15 am Int. Ms. Jackie Endt

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9

Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4
6:30 am Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 am Mr. Lawrence Cole

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10

Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13
6:30 am Ms. Jean Pierre
8:15 am Mr. Collin Flint

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26
6:30 am Special Intention
8:15 am Mr. George Wavra

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12

Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28
8:15 am Mr. Rudolf Foerster
4:00 pm Ms. Esther Marsh

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19
7:30 am Ms. Robin Beaugez Polk
9:00 am Mr. William "Bill" Gryder, IV
11:30 am Congregation
5:30 pm Albert Sr. & Eunice Misko

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,295.93
Children's Collection.....\$ 66.75
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**The Flowers on the Altar
are in Memory Of
The Mayfield, Burkhardt & Seymour Families**



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.

Religious Education News

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Janie Sema 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonus.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.

Oct 10: RCIA, Magisterium, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Throughout the 2000 year history of the Church there are certain marks which have always characterized her existence. This week we will be considering the four Marks of the Church (The Magisterium).

Oct 13: 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.alphonus.hsyg) and on Facebook (St. Alphonus Youth Group).



Sacred Heart Parish in D'Iberville is celebrating their 93rd Bazaar this weekend beginning at 11:00 a.m. You are invited to join them for great food, games for the children, bounce houses, live music, cast net contests, a cornhole tournament, and silent auction. You will also be able to take a chance on a raffle – 1st \$5,000; 2nd 500 and 3rd \$100.



St. Elizabeth Seton invites all parishioners of St. Alphonus to join them in creating a "Life Chain" this 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).



The Finance Office of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi is looking for an accountant with minimum 2 year accounting degree or like kind experience. The position will work with accounts receivable, accounts payable and the general ledger of diocesan entities. Background working with payroll is also required. Please email your resume to tdilorenzo@biloxidiocese.org by October 9th.



Bishop Kihneman will celebrate a Red Mass for the Legal Community of the Diocese of Biloxi on Sunday, October 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Red Mass is a Mass celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for all members of the legal profession, regardless of religious affiliation: judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students, and government officials, marking the opening of the judicial year. All members of the legal community are invited.



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.



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.

ST. ALPHONUS SCHOOL

Oct 9: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.
Oct 10/11: Fall Break, No School

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 8: Senior Cap/Gown Fitting, Invitation Presentation, 8:30 a.m.
University of Mississippi Presentation, 3:05 p.m.
Oct 10: Mass, 9:40 a.m.



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.

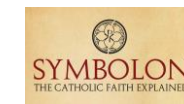


"The basic message God wants to convey by a covenant, then, can be simply stated: "I love you. I am committed to you. I swear that I will never forsake you. You are mine and I am yours. I am your father, and you are my family." How astonishing that the Creator has such love for his creatures!"
Scott Hahn, A Father Who Keeps His Promises

We have a Father in heaven that loves and pursues us relentlessly! And, His Only Son went to the point of dying on a cross for you and me so that we could be made one of His Family. Can we not show Him our love in return by making time to spend with Him in praise and adoration?
"Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him". --St. Teresa of Calcutta

The Two Commandments of Love

- 1. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**
- 2. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**



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REFLECTION

Towards the beautiful gate

I must be filled with joy if my feet are on the right road and my face set towards the gate which is called beautiful, though I may fall many times in the mire and often in the mist go astray. Far off, like a perfect pearl, one can see the City of God. It is so wonderful that it seems as if a child could reach it in a summer's day. And so a child could. But with me and such as me it is different. One can realize a thing in a single moment, but one loses it in the long hours that follow with leaden feet. We think in terms of eternity, but we move slowly through time. – Oscar Wilde