

**LIVE THE LITURGY**  
Inspiration for the week

There is something very sacred about silence. Silence connects us. It is where the heartbeat of all of creation — and its life blood and source — are embraced and where oneness is experienced. When in the presence of an environment that is silent, the worries, tribulations, struggles, and challenges of life seem to fade away, and we can experience a peaceful whisper. We can call that whisper God. Through the practice of contemplative prayer, we can find our way to that inner place of silence even in the midst of great distraction, busyness, and noise. The silence becomes one with us and grounds us. When we become friends with silence, friends with God, we can hear the gentle whisper of God's voice saying, "Come, stay here. Trust me and you will not fall."

**SCRIPTURE NOTE**

As Matthew relates it, the incident described in today's Gospel is clearly symbolic. The boat represents the Church; the disciples are beaten by the winds and the waves of persecution. Jesus is not with them physically; he is in heaven, praying to the Father. However, in the hour of need he comes to them, and with his presence calms their fears and brings them peace. The incident of Peter sinking and being saved by Jesus is probably a reference to Peter's failure during the Passion, and his restoration after the resurrection. The writer would have known this, and almost certainly had it in mind when telling this story. In any case, Peter represents the typical disciple, caught between faith and doubt. Jesus' rebuke, 'Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?' is directed at us, who often start out courageously only to lose heart when faced with a crisis. The prophet Elijah adopted a very militant, even bloodthirsty, approach in his battle against idolatry. Now on the run for his life, he takes refuge in a cave where he is taught that God's ways are not man's ways. God's approach is as gentle as a breeze.



**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) this coming week (August 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>). 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: Loretta Foster**, sister of Mercedes Bosarge of this parish, who passed away July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Annie Morgan**, aunt of Rita (Carl) Duvernay of this parish, who passed away August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Anna Mitchell**, mother of Michael (Virginia) Mitchell, Francis (Vicky) Mitchell, Pat (Patricia) Mitchell and Margaret Mitchell Migues of this parish, who passed away August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Jackie Endt**, wife of Henry Endt of this parish, who passed away August 4<sup>th</sup>.

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



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Celebration on the Matrimony of Kenneth and Kiley Miller**

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

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 10</b>
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 11</b>
Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Neely Powers
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 12</b>
Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Matthew 18:15-20	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ancestors of Belson Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 13</b>
Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Patrick Spears
8:15 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass for Prayers
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 14</b>
Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19:3-12	
6:30 a.m.	Albert and Joan Llado
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Chandra Nicholson
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 15</b>
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Dorothy Gates Collins
	Int. Ms. Lois Bolton
	Congregation
4:00 p.m.	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 16</b>
Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Romans 11:13-15,29-32; Matthew 15:21-28	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Bobby Beaugez
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Owen Green
11:30 a.m.	Freddie and Vera Lusk
5:30 p.m.	Mr. André Kaufman

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,537.82
Online Collection.....	\$1,450.00
Poor Collection.....	\$1,749.00
Online Poor Collection.....	\$ 155.00
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, Walter Bolton, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sarah Broussard, Ellen Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Eileen Burkhardt, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Nettie Cirlot, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Blake Donald, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Henry Endt, Fr. Bernie Farrell, Carmen Gaethe, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Melissa James, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Cheryl Megie, Bernie McGinley, Marie Meyers, Edna Migues, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Nancy Riedinger, Sarah Robinson, Jamie Sablich, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch and Thane Williams.

**ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL**



St. Alphonsus Elementary School is in need of a part-time after-school care person. This position would be an enjoyable one working with really sweet kids, and would be for 2-and-a-half hours after school (3:30 – 6:00 pm) each afternoon, Monday through Friday. If interested, please call the school at 875-5329.

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**Aug 11:** Robotics Interest Meeting, 3:05 p.m.  
**Aug 13:** School Pictures, 8:30 a.m. / Mass 9:40 a.m.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to 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 of each month. (i.e. August 15<sup>th</sup>).** 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!



**Attention Graduating Seniors:** There are two \$500 Scholarships available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Brian Sanderson at [bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com](mailto:bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com) to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: August 15, 2020**



**The deadline for New Wine applications has been extended to Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.**



**Men, could God be calling you to the diaconate?** If so, the Biloxi Diocese plans to begin a new Formation Class for the diaconate in 2021. Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted from 8:30-Noon on the following days: Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Clare, Waveland; Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart, Hattiesburg; and Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary, Gautier. For interested men who think you may have a calling, attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory with your wife. Please see your pastor, or call Deacon Mike Saxer, (228) 216-8060 or Deacon Mike Harris, (228) 342-1536.



**St. Peter Catholic Church in Bassfield is selling tickets for their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual 800 Club monthly drawing for \$50 each and will be available in the St. Alphonsus Rectory Office (during regular business hours).** All proceeds from this fundraiser are used to help the rejuvenation and up-keep of the parish facilities of St. Peter where Fr. Chinnappa Mark is pastor. The first Sunday of each month, beginning September 2020, four tickets will be drawn, \$500 for first ticket and \$100 for remaining three, and all winners are eligible to win again as the ticket will be put back in the 'barrel'. They thank you for your support.

**PRAYER / REFLECTION**

**Courage! Do not be afraid**

Like Peter we too have often set out confidently across the waters of life. However, as soon as the winds of trouble rise against us, and the waves of adversity begin to buffet us, we lose our nerve and begin to sink. Lord, when our faith falters, as it often does, may we hear your gentle voice saying to us, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.' In that moment, Lord, may your divine power uphold us, calm our fears, steady our nerves, and enable us to steer our little boat to a place of safety and peace, beyond the wind and the waves.

**Being Human is to Doubt**

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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