

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again. ©LPi

SCRIPTURE NOTE

The question in today's Gospel is not forgiveness (dealt with later), but the sin of one member of the community. Every effort is to be made to bring the erring person to repentance: first in private, then before a few, finally before the whole community. If he is still unrepentant, he must be excommunicated. The decision of the Church will be honored by God, since God inspired them in making that decision. The harsh phrase 'treat him as a pagan or a tax collector' reflects the strict Jewish Christianity of Matthew's Church. The First Reading talks about the grave responsibility leaders of the community have to try to correct the erring.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.



A national and diocesan collection for the Holy Land will be collected next weekend (September 12/13).

This collection is normally taken up on Good Friday, but due to COVID19, was not able to. No special envelopes will be available for this collection, so please mark your donation for the Holy Land.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



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) the week of September 14th - 18th. 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.



Walgreens will be offering Flu shots in the KC Hall on Tuesday, September 15th from 9:00 - 11:00 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 Senior dose will be available.



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



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

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 7
1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	Jurich, Pitalo & Wade Family
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 8
Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Annie Morgan
8:15 a.m.	Louis and Irma Stiglet
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Turner Straight, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Matthew Hopkins
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 a.m.	Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42	
6:30 a.m.	Sarah and Joel Watts
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah Galle Foushee
	Int. Mr. Holt Foushee
	Msgr. Gregory Kennedy
4:00 p.m.	Kortman and Robson Families
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 13
Sirach 27:30—28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Dr. Randy Roth
9:00 a.m.	Mr. A.O. "Herman" Soares
11:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Ryan Odom
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,286.86
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,615.00
Catholic University Collection.....	\$ 355.00
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 Cirlet, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Blake Donald, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Henry Endt, 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, Edna Miguez, 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.

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

Religious Education News

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RCIA classes will begin Thursday, September 10th from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Please go to the link below to fill in/download/print registration form:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cn92HMQQ4P1Yd8Hj01KVvqGPrANy5mToVCsleBMHHik/edit>

All Religious Education classes will begin Sunday, September 13th Please go to the link below to fill in/download/print registration form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oLkTMmk2CqSBso5X_EtUBDwvf_Ka3FGJlaoxbZcExAE/edit
Kindergarten - 5th Grade: 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
6th - 8th Grade - Edge: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
9th - 12th Grade - Lifeteen: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

There will be a three level approach to Religious Education and RCIA classes this year.
Level 1: If possible, all classes will take place as normal.
Level 2: Classes will take place in small groups/mask/social distancing and provide an online streaming presence. (This is the one we will start the year off with)
Level 3: Classes will rely solely with an online streaming presence.

Parish Religious Education and RCIA COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic and is extremely contagious. As a result, in order to resume in person parish religious education and RCIA programs, social distancing and other essential safety measures have been established by St. Alphonsus Parish. The parish has put in place reasonable preventative measures and standards of behavior to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at in person parish religious education and RCIA activities. Students, RCIA participants, staff and volunteers must stay home for any one of the following criteria:

1. Positive test for COVID-19
2. Individual or any member of the household experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 whether they have a positive test or not
3. Known close contact (within the last 14 days) with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19. Close contact is defined as within 6 feet for a period of over 15 minutes.

Student and RCIA participant absences for the above reasons will be counted as excused.

If a religious education student develops symptoms or suspected symptoms of COVID-19, the parent/guardian will be contacted by parish staff and will make immediate preparations to have student picked up from school. In the event of a medical emergency, parish staff may call 9-1-1 and have student transported to a hospital or healthcare facility.

If a staff member, volunteer, religious education student, or RCIA participant suspects or knows they had COVID-19, and had symptoms, they may return to in person parish religious education or RCIA after:

1. 14 days past the onset of symptoms (or test if no symptoms)
2. Symptoms improve, and
3. Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

In the case of a staff member, volunteer, religious education student, or RCIA participant who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19. The individual may not return to in person parish religious education or RCIA until the individual has completed the same three step criteria listed above.

If the staff member, volunteer, religious education student, or RCIA participant has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to in person religious education or RCIA before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or receive two separate confirmation at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID via testing at an approved COVID-19 testing location.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 7: No School, Labor Day Holiday
Sept 9: Progress Reports (K-6)
Sept 10: Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK3, K, 2, 4
Sept 11: Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK4, 1, 3, 5, 6

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 7: No School, Labor Day Holiday
Sept 9: Senior/Junior College Financial Aid Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Sept 10: School Make-up Pictures 8:30 a.m. / Mass 9:40 a.m.



The deadline for New Wine applications has been extended to Wednesday, September 9th.



You are invited to watch or listen to Jeff Cavins (ascensionpress.com) Study of Revelation on Thursday's, September 10th - November 12th, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. To attend via PC audio/video or use any phone/iPad for audio only, contact wanda.biblestudies@gmail.com. You must register to receive the access codes and the script for the video presentation. Presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end of times." Hope you can join and invite your friends and family. If there is enough interest, will also begin the Bible Timeline in October. For more information, please contact Wanda Freeland at: Cell 228-355-0156; Home 875-3951; wfreeland@bellsouth.net.



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 19th at St. Clare, Waveland; Sept 26th at Sacred Heart, Hattiesburg; and Oct 3rd 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.

Our Little Future Citizens: Soon we can exercise our right to vote in the Presidential election. We may have different political opinions but as mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and grandparents we should all be united as one in the effort to protect life. This is the most important issue there is. Without life, nothing else matters!!

Don't let big business such as Planned Parenthood pull the wool over your eyes any longer. As for their "rabbit ads," I find them highly offensive to women.

Babies are being killed by the millions while still in their mother's womb through the crime of abortion. The earliest form of child abuse is abortion and the most deadly. We should all be outraged by this heinous crime - and it is a crime of the worst magnitude. The blood of these innocent ones cry out for our help.

Please search your hearts, your consciences and your faith and vote for our little future citizens.
Vote for Life. -Ruth Weber Davenport Iowa

REFLECTION

Harden not your heart

'O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.' From a spiritual point of view, hardness of heart is one of the worst things that can happen to anyone. To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to maim oneself. A hard heart can't feel, can't respond, can't love. A hard heart can't experience joy. A hard heart is a closed heart. A hard heart is a barren heart. A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing. A soft heart can receive and can respond. It can be saddened but it can also be delightously happy. Softened by the rain of God's grace, and warmed by the sun of his love, the human heart can be turned from a desert into a garden.

Pray for Vocations