

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

In the time of Jesus, a Roman coin bore the image of Caesar and it was precisely this coin that was returned to the emperor in the form of tax. What bears God's image? Scripture tells us that human beings are made in the likeness and image of God. In truth, however, all of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image of God! Everything radiates Divine Presence and the spark and essence of God's very life exists in all things. God breathes the life of Himself into all things. If we have to give back to civil authorities what speaks to them, then what do we give back to God? While the answer is simple, the implications are profound. We are asked to give back to God our very selves! Ultimately, all creation is in the process of returning to God and is on a journey of finding its final truth and essence in Him. As we continue that journey, all we have, all we are, all we see, and all we are responsible for must be offered back to Him. God is the beginning and the end of all things. Do our lives reflect this Divine allegiance? ©LPi

SCRIPTURE NOTE

The question put to Jesus was a test question to see whether he would declare himself on the side of those who opposed paying taxes to the Romans (e.g. the Pharisees), or on the side of those who collaborated with the Romans (e.g. the Herodians). If he said Yes, he would lose the esteem of the people, and would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish cause and the Jewish religion. If he said No, he could be denounced as fomenting rebellion against Rome. In his answer Jesus recognizes that the State has a role, but its power is limited and does not supplant God.



We extend our congratulations to Peggy Closson. Peggy is this year's recipient of the "Lumen Christi" award which was presented to her at the 6:30 a.m. daily Mass on October 15th.

Each diocese nominates one candidate/couple as their recipient for this annual award which is presented to those who have been outstanding in their service to their parish.



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



2020 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION:

Due to COVID-19 we will not celebrate together at the Cathedral as usual, but, we definitely want to remember the special wedding anniversaries being celebrated in 2020. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 etc), please complete the form (available in the rectory office or by printing off the parish website under Forms & Applications) and mail it in by October 23, 2020. Couples will receive a certificate signed by Bishop Kihneman, a Renewal of Vows Ceremony that can be celebrated with family or friends and a commemorative program listing all the 2020 couples. Bishop Kihneman will also offer a Mass at the Cathedral for the celebrating couples.



Unite Our Nation, founded by the laity, is a non-political organization formed to help bring peace and prayer to local communities, and healing to our nation.

Unite Gulf Coast Mississippi will process (with Eucharist and Rosary) through downtown Ocean Springs next Sunday (October 25th) at 3:15 p.m. It will start and end in the St. Alphonsus parking lot. Please join us! It is a family friendly event. For more information, visit uniteournation.net.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Deacon Greg Miller

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 19
Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Mr. W.C. Brondum, Sr.
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 20
Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. George Wavra
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Marian Keane
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 21
Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Carmen Gaethe
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 22
Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 a.m.	Int. Louis and Irma Stiglet
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 23
Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Annelise Buch
8:15 a.m.	Int. Dr. Michael Finan
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 24
Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Candace Waits
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Bobby Beaugez
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 25
Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Camille B. Durkin
9:00 a.m.	Mr. William "Bill" Gryder, IV
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Marie Weidner
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$6,936.90
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$1,925.00
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, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sarah Broussard,

Ellen Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Eileen Burkhardt, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Blake Donald, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Henry Endt, 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 Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Nancy Riedinger, Jamie Sablich, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch and Thane Williams.

Pray for Vocations

Religious Education News

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Kindergarten – 5th Grade: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Confirmation Class: 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.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.

Oct 22: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Oct 25: Youth Religious Education Class (times above)

Safe Environment Notice: Every volunteer who works with minors and every employee of all parishes and Catholic schools of the Diocese of Biloxi must receive a copy of the *Policy of the Diocese of Biloxi Regarding Complaints of Abuse of Minors*. Copies of this policy are available from any pastor or principal. If any volunteer who serves with minors or any employee did not receive this policy, please contact your pastor or principal, or call 228-702-2126/27. A copy of the policy is also available to any interested person. In addition, a copy of the *Diocesan Code of Conduct Regarding Contact with Minors* and the *Diocesan Policy Concerning Supervision of Youth Trips and Other Youth Functions* are also available from your pastor or principal, or by calling 228-702-2126/27.

How to report a complaint of abuse: The clergy, religious, and laity who serve in the ministries of the Diocese of Biloxi are committed to making Church ministries safe for young people. Allegations of misconduct with minors are reported as the law requires and an internal investigation is conducted. A copy of the diocesan policy is available on the diocesan website (www.biloxidiocese.org) or by contacting your pastor. A complaint of misconduct should be reported directly to civil authorities. In addition, a complaint should be reported to the Diocese of Biloxi by calling the phone numbers on the diocesan website or by calling 228-702-2112 or to the State of Mississippi's Hot Line: 1-800-222-8000.

Prayer Before an Election: Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. –From *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

REFLECTION

Life and religion

Who can separate his faith from his actions, or his belief from his occupations? Who can spread his hours before him, saying: "This for God and this for myself; this for my soul and this other for my body?" He who wears his morality but as his best garment were better naked. Your daily life is your temple and your religion. Whenever you enter into it take with you your all. Take the plough and the forge and the mallet and the lute, the things you have fashioned in necessity or for delight. And take with you all men. And if you would know God...look about you and you will see him playing with your children.
0(Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*, William Heinemann)

Altar Society Members for next week
Sue Garlotte and Norma Williams

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 21: Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.
Oct 22: Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK3,K, 2, 3, 4
Oct 23: Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK4, 1, 5, 6
Nov 1: Saints Walk, after 5:30 p.m. Mass, Sidewalk outside of Church

St. Alphonsus Catholic School will be hosting its **Annual Night of Neon** on Friday, October 30th. To-go hamburgers will be served as well. To sign up for this year's race or to make a donation supporting the event, please visit www.stal.org/night-of-neon-2020-2/. Sponsorships are also available, including public relations benefits. To inquire about sponsorship opportunities you may email pto@stal.org.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 21: PTO Meeting, 8:00 a.m.
Oct 22: Mass, 9:40 a.m.; Jr High Soccer Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic High School is excited to launch the 2020-21 **LUCK OF THE IRISH RAFFLE** school fall fundraiser! The Luck of the Irish Raffle supports all of the athletic teams and student activities at St. Patrick. Tickets are \$20 each, and a lucky \$1,000 winner will be drawn each month throughout the school year. Each month, the winning ticket remains in the drawing, so those who purchase tickets have a chance to win up to \$10,000. The first drawing was October 16th but tickets may still be purchased online at stpatrickhighschool.net/irishraffle.



During the month of November, we offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones. You may use either the envelope that is in your monthly contribution package or use a blank envelope. 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.

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The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses. They are now set up to take credit cards.



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