

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Titles and privileges, palaces and guards, banquets and benefits, servants and fine living, are all things earthly folks associate with kings and royalty. These have no place in Christ. To understand the kingdom of Christ and what it means to have Christ as our king, one must be willing and able to understand transformation, engagement and empowerment. To live in the kingship of Christ, we have to live deeply and contemplatively; allowing God to change not only how we act, but how we feel, think, and see. It is not an easy journey or one that is always welcomed. Sometimes, it is easier and safer to live as if Christ were our earthly king. It's a more black and white world. But the kingdom of Christ exists in a world of gray where the hungry, thirsty, those who are strangers, naked, ill, and imprisoned find a welcome home. It is a kingdom that doesn't always make sense, where the last are first and the weakest are most strong. World economics and secular philosophy doesn't like this kind of king. Maybe that is why they crucified him the first time and continue to. Whatever we do to the least of God's children, we do to God. Do you really want to inherit the kingdom? ©LPi

SCRIPTURE NOTE

In Matthew's scene of the Last Judgement, Christ is portrayed as a stern King and Judge. But this image shouldn't be over-emphasized. Ezekiel (First Reading) has a gentler image – that of a good shepherd who, while caring for all the sheep in his flock, shows particular care for the weak and wounded ones. This was the image Christ himself used to describe his person and his mission. And his followers show that they truly belong to his kingdom by their service of 'the little ones'. Paul says that at the end of time Christ will triumph over all evil, the last evil being death.



Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving Day and a most appropriate way to offer Thanks to God is to begin the day by attending Mass. **On Thursday morning we offer two Masses – 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** Please consider making one of these Masses your Thanksgiving to God before joining your family for the traditional meal later in the day. For those of you who will be traveling over the Thanksgiving period, we wish you a safe journey and a safe return home. Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday.



A table will be set up in front of the Altar at the 9:00 a.m. Mass for anyone wishing to bring a food item to be blessed that you will be sharing at your Thanksgiving Dinner.



The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th.



Parishioners in need of assistance after Hurricane Zeta -- especially any elderly or disabled parishioners -- St. Alphonsus would like to help with clean up, or other specific needs if possible.

Please call Ruth McPhearson at 228-324-3449. We hope to learn the types of needs our parishioners have, and then assemble a response team and/or work crews depending on the need.

If you are interested in volunteering to help fellow parishioners with clean up, please call 228-324-3449 as well!

Louisiana Hurricane Relief Update: Due to the impact of Hurricane Zeta locally, the work crews travelling to Abbeville, LA postponed their trip to the first weekend in December instead. If you can, please consider joining this effort by participating or donating! For more information call 228-324-3449. Thank you!



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Peggy Necaie, wife of Edward Necaie of this parish, who passed away November 15th.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 23
Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 24
Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11	
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Ron Fournier
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 25
Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 26
Sirach 50:22-24; 1Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
9:00 a.m.	Poor Souls
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 27
Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Jene Pierre
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 28
Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Ryan Odom
	Poor Souls
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Hunter Grantham
SUNDAY	November 29
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37	
7:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Judy Soares
11:30 a.m.	Int. Rev. Tomasz Golab
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$6,518.62
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$1,105.00
 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, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Cheryl Megie, Bernie McGinley, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Nancy Riedinger, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Eunice Tamdah, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesst, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch, Harry Williams, Janette Williams and Thane Williams.

Altar Society Members for next week
Sue Garlotte and Norma Williams

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.

Nov 26: No RCIA
Nov 29: No Youth Religious Education Class



Come visit the Bookstore and Gift Shop for your Advent needs: Advent Wreaths, Candles, Nativity sets, decorative Christmas articles for the home and religious Christmas gifts for your family and friends.

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.



The Knights of Columbus at St. Michael in Biloxi invites you to a Shrimp Spaghetti Lunch on Sunday, November 29th with curbside pickup beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Parish Life Center. Plates are \$7.00 each and include shrimp spaghetti, salad and bread.

All proceeds will be given to their St. Vincent de Paul.



Parishioners of St. Alphonsus invite you to join them in praying a public rosary on Saturday, December 5th at 11:00 a.m. at the Villa Maria on Washington Avenue.



You are invited to join us each Thursday in the Chapel for the Gethsemane Hour of Adoration and Devotional Prayer to the Precious Blood of Jesus from 11:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.



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REFLECTION

The greatest evil in the world

Mother Teresa said: "Many today are starving for ordinary bread. But there is another kind of hunger – the hunger to be wanted, to be loved, to be recognized. Nakedness too is not just the want of clothes, but also about loss of dignity, purity, and self-respect. And homelessness is not just want of a house; there is the homelessness of being rejected, of being unwanted in a throwaway society. The biggest disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted and uncared for. The greatest evil in the world is lack of love, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbor." Lord, warm our cold hearts with your grace, so that we your disciples may produce the fruits of love.



Radio Maria - a Catholic Radio right here in Ocean Springs! You can listen to it on your radio at FM 88.1; livestream it on your computer at radiomaria.us; download the free app onto your smartphone; or by calling 1-712-832-8065.

There are many good programs from inspirational Catholic speakers, programs about history, prayer, care giving, finding a job, Marian apparitions, conversion stories, and many others! Plus there is great music. Let us be grateful to God for this sublime gift to us, for His mercies endure forever! Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 23-27: No School – Thanksgiving Holidays

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Nov 23-27: No School – Thanksgiving Holidays

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this storybook understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical. Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too. How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself. Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom? ©LPi

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All St. Alphonsus Parishioners