

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Do you consider yourself spiritually mature and awake? We can become a little presumptuous in the Christian life and even put a little too much stock in God's mercy. We foolishly believe that in the end, God is going to give everyone a passing grade and all will be well. Therefore, until that time comes, I can remain mediocre in my faith disciplines and put aside the effort needed to go from okay to excellent. We can be accomplished procrastinators! The meeting of God face-to-face either when we die or when Christ comes again, whichever comes first, is not going to be as casual as we may think. There is no earthly meeting in our experience that can even compare to what it will be like to meet God. To say that we are going to be caught up in awe is an understatement. But, there is something even more significant than that to consider: If we haven't learned how to be attentive, recognize, and long for the holy of holies in this life, what makes us think we are going to recognize and desire it in the next? Pray for the wisdom to act prudently. ©LPi

## SCRIPTURE NOTE

The First Reading eulogizes wisdom. We see this wisdom exemplified in the five wise bridesmaids in the Gospel parable.

Whereas Paul expects the second coming of Christ to happen soon, Matthew has accepted that the parousia may be delayed. The point of the parable is this: since the disciples do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming, they must be prepared so that when he comes they can enter his kingdom. To be prepared means to be a doer rather than a mere hearer of the word.



**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 this weekend are postponing their trip. At this time, they plan to travel during 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!



**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.**



**Mr. John Hardwick**, the sales representative from Diocesan (the providers of our weekly bulletin), will be contacting all business who presently have ads on our bulletin. Due to COVID 19, he will be doing by phone instead of personally visiting. For more information or if you are interested in purchasing an ad, you may contact him by calling 1-800-633-1122.

We thank all those business owners who presently support us in this way and in doing so make the bulletin available at no cost to the parish. Please support these parishioners and businesses.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Kathleen Shirer**, sister of Liz (Dick) Eckert of this parish family, who passed away October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Raymond Michel**, a member of our parish family, who passed away October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

## Pray for Vocations

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b> Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	<b>NOVEMBER 9</b> Poor Souls Mr. Alfred Seymour
<b>TUESDAY</b> Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10 6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	<b>NOVEMBER 10</b> Mathilde and Fernand Latour Poor Souls
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19 6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	<b>NOVEMBER 11</b> Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr. Poor Souls
<b>THURSDAY</b> Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25 6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	<b>NOVEMBER 12</b> Poor Souls Ms. Linda Mayer
<b>FRIDAY</b> 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37 6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	<b>NOVEMBER 13</b> Poor Souls Int. Ms. Margaret W. Foushee
<b>SATURDAY</b> 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8 8:15 a.m.	<b>NOVEMBER 14</b> Int. Ms. Deborah Galle Foushee Int. Mr. Holt Foushee Poor Souls
<b>SUNDAY</b> Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Matt 25:14-30 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>November 15</b> Mr. James (Jimmie) Spell Poor Souls Congregation Int. Mr. Gregory Mansfield

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$10,449.94
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 1,240.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 3,704.00

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 Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Nancy Riedinger, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Jolayne Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne 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

**Chris Molino 228-860-8884; cmolino@osstalphonsus.org**  
**Rachel Weatherford 228-327-6183; youth@osstalphonsus.org**  
**Janie Sema 228-217-1392; jsema@osstalphonsus.org**

**Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
**Confirmation Class: 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.;**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Edge: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Lifeteen: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Nov 12:** RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room  
**Nov 15:** Youth Religious Education Class (times above)



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

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments In Our Midst

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello. We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone. At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God.  
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Are You on the Parish App yet?

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**The Flowers on the Altar  
are in Memory of  
Deceased Altar Society Members**

## 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 Vincenzo D. DiLalla, November 2, 1990  
Reverend Patrick Martin, November 16, 1991  
Reverend Michael Leane, November 23, 1987  
Reverend Noel Fannon, November 19, 2019  
Reverend Antone Lynch, November 20, 2019

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Nov 12:** Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK3,K, 2, 3, 4  
**Nov 13:** Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK4, 1, 5, 6

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Nov 8:** Open House, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
**Nov 12:** Mass, 9:40 a.m.: Swim Banquet, 6:00 p.m.  
**Nov 14:** Robotics Blood Drive, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



**Saint Stanislaus Open House:** Potential students and families are invited to an open house on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. You will have the opportunity to attend academic and special interest sessions, meet faculty, administrators, and current students; learn more about academic programs and student life, and tour the campus. To register, go to: [www.ststan.com/openhouse](http://www.ststan.com/openhouse). St. Stanislaus is a Catholic All-Boys Boarding School serving young men in Grades 7-12.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed. ©LPi

## REFLECTION

### Waiting for his coming

The foolish have no oil in their lamps. They burn themselves out through a life of self-seeking and dedication to worldly cares and vanities. They do not even think of the Lord, much less wait for his coming. The wise, on the other hand, have oil in their lamps. They are detached from themselves and from the cares of the world, and are full of charity. They are waiting for the Lord, and desire nothing else but his coming. Let us keep our minds alight with faith, our souls alight with hope, and our hearts alight with love, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

