

## SCRIPTURE NOTE

Here Mark begins to tell us the kind of things Jesus did in proclaiming the kingdom.

Deuteronomy presents Moses as the ideal prophet (First Reading). The prophet can never speak on his own authority, but speaks on behalf of God. The Jews believed that God would raise up in the last days a prophet like Moses. The early Christians regarded Jesus as the awaited prophet. His teaching was given with authority and confirmed by miracles, the sign that God was with him. In today's Gospel we see how Jesus spoke with authority, and how the ordinary people recognized this.



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**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend.

Godparents who are not registered /active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.



**You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction** on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



**You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion** on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Bernard McGinley**, a longtime parishioner of this parish, who passed away January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Sr. Eileen Lowney and Deacon Greg Miller**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 1</b>
Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Jurich, Pitalo, & Wade Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2</b>
Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40	
6:30 a.m.	All Poor Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention - RG
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 3</b>
Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Parents of Dennis Belson
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 4</b>
Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ken Foreman
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Michael Joseph Gatschet
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 5</b>
Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Family of Sandra Grey
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Kathleen Shirer
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 6</b>
Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
	Mr. Gregory Hebert
	Russ, Carley & Brittany Jordan
	Int. Ms. Loraine Schneider
	4:00 p.m.
	Mr. André Kaufman
	Albert Sr. & Eunice Misko
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 7</b>
Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
9:00 a.m.	Mr. William "Bill" Gryder, IV
11:30 a.m.	Spec Int. for Families & Married Couples
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Rita Allen, Beckett Bassenger, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Virginia Bigelow, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, 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, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Serenity Higgins, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Melissa James, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Lee Molbert, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Eunice Tamdah, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch, Janette Williams and Thane Williams.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

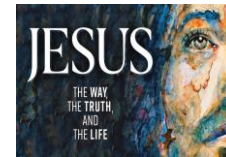
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## Religious Education News

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**Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
**Confirmation Class: 4:00 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.**

**Feb 4:** RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room  
**Feb 7:** Elementary Youth Religious Education Class (No Edge/Lifeteen)



Jeff Cavins/Edward Sri: **Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life:** For a great Lenten experience, join us online Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for the Ascension Press study of Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this encounter with

Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on Him as you come to know and love Him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way. To register and more info or to receive recorded session to view later, contact: [wanda.biblestudies@gmail.com](mailto:wanda.biblestudies@gmail.com)



**Parishioner Registration:** When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass. It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.



**A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.**

If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.



**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.**

## What can you do with the Parish App?

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Or text App to 88202

**Altar Society Members for next week**  
**Mary Ann Bounds and Lois Ravera**

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Jan 31-Feb 6:** Catholic Schools Week  
**Feb 4:** Children's Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK3, K, 2, 3, 4  
**Feb 5:** Children's Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK4, 1, 5, 6

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Jan 31-Feb 6:** Catholic Schools Week  
**Feb 4:** Junior Ring Mass, 9:40 a.m.

**St Alphonsus Mission**  
Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit  
March 20-24, 2021  
Theme: Lenten Scrutinies

- **Saturday, March 20**
  - 3pm - Confessions
  - 4pm – Mass
- **Sunday, March 21 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)**
  - 7:30am, 9am, 11:30am & 5:30pm – Masses
- **Monday, March 22**
  - 8:15am - Weekday Mass
  - 9am – Bible Study
  - 6pm – Mission Night 1 (Adoration with Healing of the Heart Meditation)
    - Theme: Woman at the Well
- **Tuesday, March 23**
  - 8:15am - Weekday Mass
  - 9am – Bible Study
  - 6pm- Mission Night 2 (Healing Mass)
    - Theme: Man Born Blind
- **Wednesday, March 24**
  - 8:15am - Weekday Mass
  - 9am – Bible Study
  - 6pm- Mission Night 3 (Empowerment Night)
    - Theme: Raising of Lazarus

## REFLECTION

### Speaking with authority

Ideally words should always be preceded by deeds. When people who have done something begin to speak, people listen. Their words carry enormous weight. They have real authority. The weakness of a lot of words arises from the fact that they are not preceded, or accompanied, or even followed by words. At the root of innumerable wrongs in our world is the discrepancy between word and deed. It is the weakness of Churches, parties, and individuals. It gives people and institutions split personalities. Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practice with our lives.



**A Special Parish Prayer Book** is located on the south side of the Vestibule of the Church (front entrance). Anyone desiring prayers for any intention is requested to enter their intention on the Parish Prayer Book and they will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful at all weekend Masses.