

**In Mark 4:1-34 we have a collection of parables, most of which deal with the growth of seed.** They serve as a commentary on what has been happening in Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom. The prophet Ezekiel foretold that God would take a twig from the top of the cedar and plant it in Zion (First Reading). Under God's protective power that twig would grow into a great cedar. Thus Ezekiel dreamed that God would transplant the exiled people of Israel back to the land of their fathers. He glimpsed a future son of David whose kingdom would be universal. The promise is fulfilled in Jesus who ushers in the kingdom of God. The parables of the seed that grows by itself and the mustard seed were meant to encourage the early Church which was worried about the slow growth of the kingdom. They were telling the disciples to be patient, to trust, and not to expect instant results. Through the power of God, from small and insignificant beginnings the kingdom will grow into something great.

**Eucharistic Adoration** **We have begun using We Adore Him scheduling software for our Adoration Chapel.** If you have already committed to an hour, your name is in the system. If you have not committed to an hour and wish to, you may do so by going to [www.stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup](http://www.stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup) to view the schedule, update or create your profile, and add contact information and preferences. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jenny Gordon at 228-282-0984.



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



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. June 19<sup>th</sup>).** The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Rita Allen, Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Bob Boney, Abby Bosarge, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Elena Broussard, Neal Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Pat Cronin, Lisa Cabbage, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Oscar DeMauro, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Anne Hindmarch, Ron and Mary Jo Hoogstra, Betty Horton, Melissa James, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Melissa Menard, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Edward Necaize, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Amy Petitjean, Leona & Chuck Petitjean, Richard Potash, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch, Charlotte & Gene Williams, Jessie Williams, and Thane Williams.

**Altar Society Members for next week  
Judi Anderson, Aline Balius, & Theresa Stuart**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 14</b>
2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Elvin Asher Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 15</b>
2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Kenny Wagner
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 16</b>
2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Joseph Balius
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 17</b>
2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Eileen Burkhardt
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Mark Whitney
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 18</b>
2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Sullivan
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Hunter Grantham
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 19</b>
2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. George P. Ladd Int. Mr. Robert Holt Foushee Int. Ms. Deborah G. Foushee Int. Ms. Margaret W. Foushee
	4:00 p.m. Mr. Frank Schneider
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 20</b>
Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Elena Diaz Broussard
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Neil Gryder Mr. William "Bill" Gryder, IV Congregation
	11:30 a.m. Mr. David Mohler
	5:30 p.m.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$10,877.69
Weekly / Monthly Online Collection.....	\$ 5,305.00
Monthly Poor Collection.....	\$ 2,926.68
Online Monthly Poor Collection.....	\$ 805.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Samuel "Bugs" Mavar, Jr.,** brother of Olivia Sliman and son-in-law of Glenn Williams of this parish, who passed away June 5<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

### 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 Msgr. John M. Scanlon, June 16, 1995  
Very Reverend Patrick E. Hayes, June 26, 2007



The Diocese of Biloxi has selected Gabriel Software as the database platform that all parishes, missions, and diocesan offices migrate to as the standardized database platform.

After a survey was completed by each parish, one thing Dave Wyrwich, Director of the Office of Stewardship and Development, noticed was that the parishes within the diocese were using many different platforms for managing and utilizing data. Because some were outdated or cumbersome to use, when COVID came and we were unable to gather in person for Mass, our ability as a Church to connect with people and to continue the mission of the Church was severely hindered. This move to Gabriel Software will greatly enhance our ability to gather, manage, and utilize our databases in a much more secure fashion and allow us to provide better communications for both our parish and our parishioners. Before it is our turn here at St. Alphonsus, we would like to update our database so that when we do changeover – all the information will be correct and up-to-date. We are asking that each family please fill out a new registration form. Registration forms are available in the pews, the Vestibule of the Church or on our parish website under forms and applications. Once the form is completed, you may drop it in the collection basket, mail or drop off to the rectory, or email it to: [stalparishos@gmail.com](mailto:stalparishos@gmail.com). We have a short time frame in which to complete this task. All parishes will have this new software by July 20, 2021. We thank you in advance for your help in being able to get this huge task completed in time.



St. Vincent DePaul recently opened its Ocean Springs Thrift Store, located behind CVS Pharmacy on the corner of Hwy. 90 and Bechtel. St. Vincent's Thrift Store was established by volunteers from St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church with volunteers from several different churches and denominations assisting in the operation. Proceeds from the Thrift Store go to help those in need; with an ultimate goal of housing for the homeless, without regard to Church affiliation. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED, MEN AND WOMEN. If you feel, volunteering for this very worthwhile cause, is your calling; please contact Sally Grueling @ 228-215-1610 or Rob Grueling @ 228-215-6261. The SVDP Thrift Store is open Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We appreciate your support.



**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.**



**Bethesda Free Clinic is currently serving patients' needs via a telemedicine system and scheduled appointments along with walk-in care when space allows.** Anyone needing prescription refills or other basic needs can call the Clinic at 228-818-9191. If no one is available, you may leave your name and number and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

**Divine Mercy In My Soul  
The Diary of the Servant of God  
Sister M. Faustina Kowalska**

**1320 At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion.... (60)+ J.M.J.**

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Registration for the 2021/2022 School Year Going on Now**

### \*\*School Subsidy Policy\*\*

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School.

In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.
3. The family MUST attend weekend Mass with the Parish Family at St. Alphonsus.

### HURRICANE PRAYER

**O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.**

**Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.**

**We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**(Save and pray frequently)**

**Father's Day Collection:** As over the past few years, a special second collection has been scheduled on the weekend of Father's Day to supplement the pension given to diocesan Priests of retirement age. This collection is important to our retired Priests.

Priests of the Diocese of Biloxi who do not belong to religious orders are provided with a modest pension in their golden years by an endowment to which parishes pay a yearly assessment. In addition, Priests who are seniors receive a small pension supplement from the Catholic Sharing Appeal. The Diocese has opted to have a special collection for our retired Priests on Father's Day. The proceeds of this Father's Day collection will be used to increase the Diocese's pension supplement. *Isn't there already a collection for retired Priests?* There are two annual special collections that are sometimes confused with one another, and neither one meets the specific need of providing diocesan Priests with an adequate pension/retirement.

The first is the collection to support retired religious. "Religious" refers to women (sisters, nuns) and men (brothers and some Priests) who belong to religious communities such as Dominicans, Benedictines, Franciscans, etc. Diocesan Priests are distinct from religious Priests and do not benefit from this collection.

The other yearly second collection mentioned above is for "aged and infirm Priests." The amount collected is used by parishes to offset insurance costs/medical expenses of ailing and elderly Priests, but does not provide for a pension or a retired Priest's day-to-day expenses. This year Father's Day falls on the weekend of June 19-20. As we honor fathers, please consider a generous gift to assure a worthy pension/retirement for your spiritual father. May your generosity and the grateful prayers of our Priests be a source of abundant blessings for you and your loved ones.



**The Flowers on the Altar  
are in Honor of the Marriage of  
Kathleen McMackin and Stewart Inman**