

**Jeremiah indicts the official leaders for neglecting their duties towards the people (First Reading).** They must shoulder the blame for the misfortune that has befallen the people. But God will not let his people languish. He himself will assume the mantle of leadership, and entrust the flock to good and faithful shepherds.

This ties in neatly with the Gospel. Jeremiah's promise is fulfilled in Jesus. We see Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in action. Firstly, we see his care for the Twelve, who have just returned from their missionary work and need a break. Secondly, we see his care for the ordinary people, whom he teaches at length. What a contrast there is between him and the official leaders of his time. Little wonder that the people flocked to him. In Jesus we see the divine compassion in action.



**The Lord Is My Help** needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) this coming week (July 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>).

If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Norma Williams at 875-2636. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



**Altar Server Training:** As we continue to open the Church, we are bringing back all ministries. An Altar Server Training is scheduled in the Church on July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. both nights. All altar servers or anyone who wishes to become an altar server (must have already made First Holy Communion) must attend both classes.



**CURSILLO DRAWDOWN IS BACK ON!!!** This is their only fundraiser and they need your help to make it a success. The DRAWDOWN and SILENT AUCTION event will take place at Sacred Heart in Pascagoula at 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2021. There will be 30 drawings of \$100 with the final draw at \$5000.00. Name never goes out of the drawing, so there are many chances to win! Tickets are \$50 each. Please contact Gay Camagong for tickets at (228)424-7722.



**The Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries** will take place on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage or more in 2021 are welcome to attend. Registration Forms are available in the Rectory Office during regular business hours. Deadline for registration is October 15, 2021.



**Congratulations to Gavriella Persing** – She was the recipients of this year's **Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund Award** given by the Knights of Columbus and Henry and Jean Nielsen (Chris' parents).

This scholarship is given each year to graduating high school seniors in memory of Chris Nielsen – a young KC member who died while in the Air Force.



**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.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Gerard (Gerry) McInerney,** brother of Fr. Henry McInerney, who passed in O'Callaghan's Mills Ireland.

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

**Altar Society Members for next week  
Jamie Lloyd, Terry O'Connor & Norma Williams**



**The Flowers on the Altar are in  
Memory of Sr. Eileen Lowney**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 19</b>
Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. R.J. Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Mr. William Johnson, Jr.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 20</b>
Exodus 14:21—15:1; Matthew 12:46-50	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Sullivan
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Courtney Severino
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 21</b>
Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Althea Thibodeaux
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 22</b>
Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Dolores Estrada
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Steve Karp
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 23</b>
Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23	
6:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Lee Molbert
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 24</b>
Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Robert Holt Foushee
	Int. Ms. Deborah G. Foushee
	Int. Ms. Margaret W. Foushee
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Roland Trebotich
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 25</b>
2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Sam Mavar, Jr.
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Brad Conner
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Audrey Hood

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,610.22
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,420.00
Peter's Pence Collection.....	\$1,033.50
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



**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, Bryleigh Brochard,

Elena 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, 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, Melissa Menard, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaise, Leonard Necaise, Edward Necaise, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Roger Parker, Amy Petitjean, Leona & Chuck Petitjean, Richard Potash, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Jan Roberts, 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, Rose M. Vail, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch, Charlotte & Gene Williams, Jessie Williams, and Thane Williams.



**Our parish is answering the call to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.** We currently have 90 hours covered, leaving 78 hours open for adorers.

Thank you to the parishioners who have committed to a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Please try your best to make your hour. If you find that the hour you signed up for isn't working, kindly change it on the We Adore Him website. If you are signed up and not going, please remove your name from the schedule to give others the opportunity to take that hour. If you find that you are requesting a substitute frequently, please consider changing your hour.

The We Adore Him website is very user friendly. Go to: [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup) to create an account. Here you can view the entire schedule, make a weekly commitment, make a one-time commitment, request a sub and select your preferred notification method and reminders. Using this system will create a seamless process and is highly encouraged. Questions or concerns may be directed to Jenny Gordon @228-282-0984.

*"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."* ~St. John Paul II

### What is Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration?

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is when a parish sets aside a small room, or chapel that is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with permanent exposition of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament for the purpose of silent, uninterrupted adoration.

### What do I do during my Holy Hour of Adoration?

There are four kinds of prayer most appropriate in the presence of the Eucharist. Spend 15 minutes on each step:

#### 1. Recognize the Presence of God

Enter into His holy Presence with awe and love. A good way to begin is to pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* slowly, fervently and mindfully.

#### 2. Thanksgiving

Praise and thank the Lord. Worship Him. Read and pray psalms of praise and thanksgiving, such as *Psalms 16, 33, 34, 47, 92, 95, 100 and 150*. It is good to then pause and sit before Our Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, open to His love.

#### 3. Reparation

Repent of and express sorrow for your sins and those of the whole world. You can offer reparation through prayers such as the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*. *"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

#### 4. Petition

Ask for your own deeper conversion and personal needs, as well as for those around you and the whole world. Remember also to pray for the Souls in Purgatory. If you can, pray the *Rosary*. Our Blessed Mother stands always at the side of her Son, ready to assist her children.

Always end your visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with thanksgiving.



**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](http://radiomaria.us); download the free app onto your smartphone; or by calling 1-631-359-8743.

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)

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

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

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.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**July 23:** Back to School Bash, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



**St. Alphonsus School is in the process of constructing an Adoration Chapel in the school in honor of Deacon Gregory Miller.** They hope to have the chapel completed by August 3<sup>rd</sup> so that students

can have Jesus physically present in the school to enhance their prayer life and strengthen their faith. For more information, see the flyer at each of the exits. Donations are being accepted and the Miller family has generously offered to match any donation up to \$2500 until July 16th. Please consider giving to this blessed cause.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**July 23:** Back to School Reception, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



**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.**



**Mass for Family and Friends:** You can have Masses offered for the Intention of family and friends as well as for the deceased. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.

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

47. After a while, Jesus said to me, **Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world.**

48. **I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory.**

### PRAYER / REFLECTION

#### Sheep without a shepherd

Lord, look upon us and take pity on us, for at times we too are like sheep. Save us from a blind following of the herd. Help us to listen to your voice, to trust you and to follow you, even if it means leaving the crowd and walking a lonely path. Lead us from fear to trust, from error to truth, from hate to love, from war to peace, from despair to hope, and from death to life. Amen.