

A biblical prophet is someone who has received a divine call to speak God's word to his people (First Reading). Even though the Word of God could be a hard word, it was a word of love because it meant that God had not abandoned his people. God's spokesman had to be prepared for opposition and rejection. It was so for the Old Testament prophets, and for Jesus himself.

At the close of his Galilean ministry Jesus is rejected by the people of his home town, who can't bring themselves to believe in the greatness of someone who is one of themselves. Consequently, his power is ineffective there. Their rejection of him is an anticipation of his rejection by the Jewish nation as a whole. Christians today should not grow discouraged by lack of belief. Paul's experience of weakness ('a thorn in the flesh') taught him humility, and allowed him to experience God's power in a way that might not otherwise have been possible. The words 'My grace is sufficient for you', are spoken to us too, and should be a great consolation to us in our struggles.

 **The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.**

 **A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, July 7th 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 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.

 **The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed through July 9th for inventory.**

 **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) the week of July 19th – 23rd.

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.

 **Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Ruth Kraft Woods**, mother of Ruth (Richard) McPhearson of this parish, who passed away June 22nd.
William "Billy" Gianelloni, brother of Penny Gianelloni of this parish, who passed away June 28th in Harvey, Louisiana. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

Altar Society Members for next week
Janell Alliston, Deni Helms and Pat Zuber

 **The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Those Who Protect Our Country**

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 5
Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Tommy Noble
TUESDAY	JULY 6
Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 a.m.	Patsy and Joe Fountain
WEDNESDAY	JULY 7
Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Aaron Asher
THURSDAY	JULY 8
Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carl Clark
8:15 a.m.	MC and Juan Peters
FRIDAY	JULY 9
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Richard Durkin
SATURDAY	JULY 10
Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Johnny and Janette Williams
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ruth Boney
SUNDAY	JULY 11
Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
9:00 a.m.	Int. Ms. Kenya Itzel Ramos
11:30 a.m.	Int. Liz and Dick Eckert
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$6,885.77
Weekly Online Collection.....\$1,805.00
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, 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, 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, Melissa Menard, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odum, 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.



We are now using **WE ADORE HIM** scheduling software for our Adoration Chapel. If you have not committed to an hour, please go to stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup.

If you have committed to an hour on the sign up board, your name may be in the system. Go to stalphonsus.weadorehim.com, click LOG IN, type your NAME and click FORGOT PASSWORD and follow the instructions. If you have any problems, questions or concerns, contact Jenny Gordon for assistance at 228-282-0984.

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.



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. 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. 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.



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 3rd 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.



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.

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

1572 I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice. My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant. I claim veneration for My mercy from every creature, but above all from you, since it is to you that I have given the most profound understanding of this mystery.

REFLECTION

Disturb us, O Lord

Disturb us, O Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves; when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little; when we have arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore. Stir us, O Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture more seas, where storms shall show your mastery, where losing sight of land we shall find the stars. In the name of him who pushed back the horizons of our hopes and invited the brave to follow him. Amen.
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