

Today, as we resume the reading of Mark's Gospel, we meet a controversy over ritual cleanness.

All three readings tie in with one another. In the First Reading Moses urges the people to be faithful to God's Law, without adding to it or subtracting from it. It is not a burden to be endured, but a source of life and wisdom. The Gospel shows what happened in practice. To the Law of God (given through Moses) they added their own traditions, which came to be regarded as equally authoritative and binding. Worse, they got in the way of God's Law.

Mark is making clear to Gentile Christians that being followers of Christ does not involve them in the observance of Jewish practices.

The Second Reading (the first of five from the Letter of St. James) shows the essential link between faith and love. Nothing could be more practical than this. Nowhere is the way to sanctity so clearly indicated.



The Chapel will be CLOSED to complete the renovations on Monday, August 30th and Tuesday, August 31st. Adoration will take place in the Church beginning Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. (closed in the morning due to a funeral) until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Adoration will resume in the Chapel at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31st. Please make every attempt to attend your regular hour. If you cannot make your regular hour, request a substitute on the website (stalphonsus.weadorehim.com) or find one on your own. The Blessed Sacrament (when exposed) should never be left unattended. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jenny Gordon at 228-282-0984.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, September 1st 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.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, September 3rd beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, September 4th 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.



Walgreens will be offering Flu shots (senior dose or regular dose) and also the Pfizer Vaccine in the KC Hall on Friday, September 10th from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

The Flu shots will be on a first come / first serve basis – no preregistration is required. If you wish to receive the Pfizer Vaccine – please call the rectory office at 228-875-5419 to register. No cash will be accepted, so if you will be receiving the flu shot, please bring your insurance card or Medicare card with you. There will not be a charge for the Pfizer Vaccine.



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 September 13th – 17th.

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: Gene Williams. Husband of Charlotte Williams of this parish, who passed away August 23rd.

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

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MONDAY | AUGUST 30 |
| 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Ella and Simon Gilbert |
| 8:15 a.m. | Elvin Asher Family |
| TUESDAY | AUGUST 31 |
| 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Int. For Our Country |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mr. Matthew Hopkins |
| WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 1 |
| Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr. |
| 8:15 a.m. | Int. Ms. Yvonne Viquerie and Family |
| THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 2 |
| Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Mr. Dick Porterfield |
| 8:15 a.m. | Int. Mr. Robert A. Sema |
| FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 3 |
| Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | All Souls in Purgatory Protection of the Unborn |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mr. David Harris |
| SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 4 |
| Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 | |
| 8:15 a.m. | The Pitalo Family The Jordan Family |
| 4:00 p.m. | Ms. Ligaya Camagong |
| SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 5 |
| Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Congregation |
| 9:00 a.m. | Ms. Joyce Langlinais |
| 11:30 a.m. | Mr. Roland Trebotich |
| 5:30 p.m. | Ms. Anne Davis |

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$7,920.81
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,240.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, C.L. Ates, Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Bob Boney, Abby Bosarge, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois,

Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Elena Broussard, Don Burchette, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Pat Cronin, Lisa Cabbage, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Wendy Decker, Oscar DeMauro, Jeannine Dionne, 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, Judy and 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 Odom, Roger Parker, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Jan Roberts, Margaret Rucinski, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Kerry Senseney, 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 Williams, and Thane Williams.

FAITH FORMATION



Have you been thinking lately about becoming a Catholic? Do you just simply want to know more about the Catholic faith? Were you baptized Catholic but are not in full communion with the Church through First Eucharist and Confirmation? Do you want to convert to Catholicism from another church? If you answered YES to any of these questions, then St. Alphonsus Catholic Church invites you to join our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Classes for RCIA will meet on Thursday's from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Christopher Molino at cmolino@osstalphonsus.org.



After each of the Masses this weekend (August 28/29), we will have Registration for Faith Formation in the Parish Hall.

All classes will begin after Labor Day.

Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Edge (6th – 8th Grade): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Life Teen (9th – 12th Grade): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Confirmation (11th Grade): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Fellowship and dinner will be offered each Sunday for those students in 6th – 12th grade. Anyone interested in sponsoring the meal or if you have additional questions, please reach out to Patience Clasen @ pclasen@osstalphonsus.org.

An Adult Study Group will begin in the Parish Hall Meeting Room on Sunday, September 12th from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
DVD by Father Chris Alar, EXPLAINING THE FAITH...

A Book Study (Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream) will be held at Sue Mihal's house beginning Tuesday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m. A Salad Luncheon, for those interested in the Book Study, will be held on Tuesday, September 14th at 11:30 a.m. For more information, please call Sue at 601-573-0020.



Our parish is answering the call to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Currently, we have 152 adorers signed up, covering 107 hours. This is amazing BUT we still need a minimum of 70 adorers to become a perpetual chapel. We can do this! The hardest part is making that initial commitment, but once you do, you will be drawn to Him and yearn to be with Him more and more. The graces and blessings bestowed on you will be abundant. For those of you who have committed to an hour and are experiencing His peace, I encourage you to share your feelings with your family and friends. We are called to evangelize and bring people to the feet of Jesus!

The following hours need coverage in the Chapel:

Sunday (17 hours): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11:00 a.m.
 12, 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11:00 p.m.
Monday (7 hours): 12, 1, 2, 3, 4:00 a.m.; 2, 11:00 p.m.
Tuesday (8 hours): 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9:00 a.m.; 10, 11:00 p.m.
Wednesday (7 hours): 12, 1, 2, 4, 6:00 a.m.; 2, 11:00 p.m.
Thursday (5 hours): 1, 2, 3, 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Friday (10 hours): 3, 4, 6, 9:00 a.m.; 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:00 p.m.
Saturday (16 hours): 12, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10:00 a.m.
 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11:00 p.m.

To view the schedule and sign up, visit:

stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup

“Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” ~ Jesus

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Aug 31: Virtual PTO

Sept 3: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 31: Jr. Class Ring Orders / Yearbook–Sr Baby Photos Due

Sept 1: PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.

Sept 2: Mass, 9:40 a.m.



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 Feast Day of St. Pio is September 23rd. You are invited to enjoy the prayers and protection of St. Pio when you become a Spiritual Child of St. Pio. To sign up, go to www.stpiodevotionsg.com/spiritualchildform.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), a nonprofit organization that helps those living in poverty, will sponsor the Annual Friends of the Poor Walk/Run on Saturday, September 25th to benefit those in our community that need help with rental assistance and most utilities.

Registration will begin at 8.00AM and the “Walk” will begin at 9.00AM with the Boy Scouts of Troop 211 leading the way....

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (www.svdpusa.org) is a national and international, nonprofit, Catholic lay organization who offers a variety of programs and services, including home visits, housing assistance, disaster relief, education and mentoring, food pantries, dining halls, clothing, assistance with transportation, prescription medication, and rent and utility costs. Over the past year, SVdP provided over \$3.4 billion in tangible and in-kind services to those in need, and helped more than 5.4 million people regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

All proceeds and donations from the event will directly benefit the people in the Ocean Springs/Jackson County area served by our St. Alphonsus Conference of SVdP. Anyone interested in learning more, wishing to participate on line, or would like to make a donation, can visit www.fopwalk.org, call the Rectory at 228- 875-5419 or ask any member of the SVDP St Alphonsus Conference.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Marguerite Norman

Altar Society Members for next week

Mary Ann Bounds, Barbara Fournier & Lois Ravera

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

(Articles taken from the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

277. How is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist carried out?
 CCC 1345-1355; 1408

The Eucharist unfolds in two great parts which together form one, single act of worship. The Liturgy of the Word involves proclaiming and listening to the Word of God. The Liturgy of the Eucharist includes the presentation of the bread and wine, the prayer or the anaphora containing the words of consecration, and communion.