

**The First Reading talks about the just one who serves the cause of righteousness, and suffers for it at the hands of the wicked.** The 'righteous' are those who hold on to their faith in God and obey his commandments. This passage has been seen in Christian tradition as anticipating the hospitality suffered by Jesus, the suffering just one *par excellence*. Our reading forms a unified theme with the Gospel and with the reading from James.

In the Gospel we have the second prediction of the Passion: once again the disciples do not understand. Instead, motivated by selfish ambition, they get involved in an argument as to which of them is the greatest. This kind of ambition is condemned by Jesus and by James (Second Reading).

It is not ambition itself that is condemned, but false ambition. False ambition involves a desire to rule others. It creates conflict and division, and is very damaging to the unity of the community. True ambition, on the other hand, is the desire to serve others. The best and purest kind of service is that which is rendered to the little ones, that is, to the most insignificant persons in the community.



**You are invited to join in praying the Liturgy of the Hours** before the 8:15 a.m. Mass (Monday – Thursday) beginning at 7:45 a.m. in the Church. The Liturgy of the Hours (often referred to as the Breviary)

is the book of daily prayer of the Roman Catholic Church. It is the psalms, scripture passages, and hymns with spiritual writings given in a four week volume to be prayed at different hours of the day. It is mandatory for priest and religious, but can also be prayed by lay persons.

The Liturgy of the Hours is a collection of prayers, contained in four volumes totaling about 8,000 pages, arranged in a gathering of scripture passages, canticles, hymns, writings from the works of historic Church persons such as the Fathers, and prayers. The selections are arranged for special times of the day and are related to the calendar of the Church year. The traditional terms of "hours," familiar in the daily breviary, namely, matins, lauds, terce, sext, none, vespers and compline, have been replaced with simpler terms under the headings: Office of readings, morning prayer, daytime prayers, evening prayer, and night prayer.

The Liturgy of the Hours, like many other forms of the canonical hours, consists primarily of psalms supplemented by hymns, readings, and other prayers and antiphons prayed at fixed prayer times. Together with the Mass, it constitutes the official public prayer life of the Church. The recitation of the Divine Office also forms the basis of prayer within Christian monasticism, with may orders producing their own permutations of the Liturgy of the Hours and older Roman Breviary.

--Divine Office Catholic Encyclopedia



**Saint Pio's feast day is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Apply at the website below and follow the conditions necessary to become a spiritual child of Saint Pio! Be reminded in Saint Pio's own words, "I shall stand at the gates of Paradise until all my spiritual children have entered". To sign up, go to [www.stpiodevotionsg.com/spiritualchildform](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.svdpusa.org)) is a national and international, nonprofit, Catholic lay organization who offers a variety of programs and services. 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](http://www.fopwalk.org), call the Rectory at 228- 875-5419 or ask any member of the SVDP St Alphonsus Conference.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b> Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	<b>SEPTEMBER 20</b> Mr. Carlton Latour Ms. Camille B. Durkin
<b>TUESDAY</b> Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	<b>SEPTEMBER 21</b> Ms. Geraldine Landry Mr. Eddie Hire
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	<b>SEPTEMBER 22</b> Ms. Kathy Dietrick McCanna Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b> Ann and Cecil Wolf Int. Mr. Joseph "Bubba" Toche
<b>FRIDAY</b> Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b> Mr. Shaun Blake Special Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 8:15 a.m.	<b>SEPTEMBER 25</b> Ms. Marie Weidner
<b>SUNDAY</b> Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>SEPTEMBER 26</b> Mr. Rodney Goff Mr. Henry Endt, Sr. Int. Ms. Marley Severino Congregation Mr. David Mohler

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,318.91  
Catholic University Collection.....\$ 481.27  
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, Mercedes Bosarge, Shelle 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, Sändra Grantham, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Betty Horton, Catherine Jackson, Melissa James, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, Dianne Kuljis, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Melissa Menard, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Ncaise, Leonard Ncaise, Edward Ncaise, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odum, 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, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Ashley Vickers, Charlotte Williams, and Thane Williams.

## FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Classes have begun. If you have not registered your child/children, please contact the appropriate contact person listed below:

**Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Contact Jane Sema at [jsema@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org)

**Edge (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)  
**Life Teen (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Gr):** Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)  
Contact Patience Clasen at [pclasen@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:pclasen@osstalphonusus.org)

**Confirmation (11<sup>th</sup> Gr):** Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)  
**RCIA:** Thursday, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room  
Contact Chris Molino at [cmolino@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:cmolino@osstalphonusus.org)

**Sept 21: Book Study** (Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream). Held at Sue Mihal's house, 9:00 a.m.  
For more information, please call Sue at 601-573-0020.

**Sept 23: RCIA,** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

**Sept 26: Faith Formation Classes for all Youth Programs** (times listed above)

Fellowship and dinner will be offered each Sunday for those students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Anyone interested in sponsoring the meal or if you have additional questions, please reach out to Patience Clasen @ [pclasen@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:pclasen@osstalphonusus.org).

**Adult Study Class,** 10:15 a.m., Explaining The Faith...

Parish Hall Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.



**The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Nativity BVM Cathedral.** Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 etc. years of marriage are welcome to attend. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and may be picked up during regular business hours. The deadline for registration is October 15th.



**If you have a loved one who is homebound and can no longer come to Mass or is sick and temporarily homebound – please call the Rectory with the information.**

## REFLECTION

### The rewards of the just

God's inspiration is at work in everyone. However, there are people in whom divine inspiration seems to have no effect; people who commit crimes cold-bloodedly, and who never rejoice at the sight of the true and the beautiful. Even though they may seem to prosper, their punishment is assured even in this world. The anxieties and fears that assail them make their prosperity a bitterness to them. As for the just, even though their passage through life is often dogged by misfortune, the inward satisfaction of obeying divine inspiration gives them great strength, and is sufficient reward for them.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of all Catechist and in Memory of Deacon Greg Miller**



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

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Sept 19:** Student Mass, 5:30 p.m.

**Sept 24:** Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Sept 20:** Progress Reports

**Sept 22:** College Admission/Financial Aid Night (Jr/Sr) 6-8pm

**Sept 23:** Mass, 9:40 a.m.

**Sept 26:** Softball Meeting, 3:00 p.m.



**Currently, we have 156 adorers signed up, covering 108 hours.** If your hour falls during the 6:30 am or the 8:15 am daily mass, please attend mass. If you committed to an hour and are not going, please make this a priority and start going. If you decide you can't keep this commitment, please remove yourself from the schedule. People are signing up and looking for an open hour or an hour with only 1 other person already committed. It is deceiving when several people are signed up for the same hour but only 1, or perhaps, none are going. We are trying very hard to become a perpetual chapel and need everyone to do their part. It may take time to figure out which hour works best for you and that is alright. Just make sure to switch your hour on the website so we can keep it as up to date as possible.

### The following hours need coverage in the Chapel:

**Sunday (17 hours):** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 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 (7 hours):** 1, 2, 3, 4 a.m.; 5, 10, 11:00 p.m.

**Wednesday (6 hours):** 12, 1, 2, 4, 6:00 a.m.; 11:00 p.m.

**Thursday (5 hours):** 1, 2, 3, 6:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.

**Friday (10 hours):** 3, 4, 6, 10:00 a.m.; 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:00 p.m.

**Saturday (15 hours):** 12, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10:00 a.m.  
1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11:00 p.m.

To view/sign up/change the schedule, visit the website at:

[stalphonusus.weadorehim.com/signup](http://stalphonusus.weadorehim.com/signup)

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

## The Sacrament of the Eucharist

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

**281. In what way does the Church participate in the Eucharistic sacrifice?**

CCC 1368-1372; 1414

In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, their suffering, their prayers, their work, are united to those of Christ. In as much as it is a sacrifice, the Eucharist is likewise offered for all the faithful, living and dead, in reparation for the sins of all and to obtain spiritual and temporal benefits from God. The Church in heaven is also united to the offering of Christ.

**Parish Website:** To view a copy of the weekly Church bulletin on our website just type in "St. Alphonsus Parish Ocean Springs, MS 39564". It will contain a copy of the weekly Church bulletin.