

The First Reading tells of the institution of seventy elders who were to assist Moses in ruling the people of Israel. They were endowed with the spirit of leadership and prophecy which was given to Moses. The main point of the reading is that God's choice is not a personal privilege to be guarded jealously, but a call to serve his people.

This leads into the Gospel because the apostles had to be reminded of this very truth. Jesus utters a grim warning against anyone who would hurt the 'little ones' who have faith in him. He talks about hell and compares it to Gehenna, a ravine near Jerusalem, which was a dump where offal and refuse was burned.

Even though the practical points contained in the Gospel were originally addressed to the leaders in the community, they have relevance for all disciples of Jesus. Jesus' command to receive the little ones (the insignificant members of the community) underlines the inclusiveness of the kingdom. The warning about the danger of giving scandal would be heard by Mark's readers as applying to them also. The directions for dealing with temptation are not meant to be taken literally. They forcefully make the point that sin is to be avoided at all costs.



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 many orders producing their own permutations of the Liturgy of the Hours and older Roman Breviary.

--Divine Office Catholic Encyclopedia



October is traditionally the month of the Rosary - so once again we are asking the Lectors at weekend Masses to show up early and lead the congregation in the recitation of the Rosary and this should start 20 minutes prior to Mass time.



During the month of October, the ushers will do a head count of all in attendance at all weekend Masses (men, women and children). The Diocese requests all parishes to do this for the entire month of October.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, October 1st beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, October 2nd 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.



**The Flowers on the Altar
are in Honor of
St. Alphonsus Parishioners**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. R.J. Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Rev. Alfred L. Camp
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Gene Williams
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Hunter Grantham
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 29
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 30
Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12	
6:30 a.m.	Msgr. Gregory Kennedy
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Elena Diaz Broussard
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 1
Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Lee Molbert
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 2
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Matthew 18:1-5, 10	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	George and JoAnn Wavra
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 3
Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-12	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. William Johnson, Jr.
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Dorothy Chedville
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Deborah Chalifoux

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,946.04
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$1,900.00
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, 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, Peggy Cox, Pat Cronin, Lisa Cabbage, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Wendy Decker, Oscar DeMauro, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra 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 Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Terése Nicovich, 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, 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 - 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonusus.org

Edge (6th – 8th Grade): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Life Teen (9th – 12th Gr): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Contact Patience Clasen at pclasen@osstalphonusus.org

Confirmation (11th 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

Sept 30: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Oct 3: Faith Formation Classes for all Youth Programs (times listed above)

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@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 7th 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.**



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.



If you appreciate the ease of online banking and bill pay, you will be happy to know that you can easily offer a regular tithe with support to the Church through Direct Debit through our bank, Hancock Whitney (forms may be printed off on our website under "Forms and Applications" or by calling the Rectory Office) or by making one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website by clicking the "Online Donation" box. Stop worrying about weekly envelopes – you can turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you would like. Have questions? Call the Rectory Office during regular business hours and we will be happy to help you in any way.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Nell Stanton, a member of our parish family, who passed away September 17th.

Laura Meaut, a member of our parish family, who passed away September 18th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

REFLECTION

Children

Jesus warned those who would lead the little ones astray, but he blessed those who care for them. One of the most touching things about children is their openness. But this same openness leaves them extremely vulnerable. They may not say much but they feel everything. They are like crocuses which appear in the open in February – frail, delicate, beautiful creatures – innocents abroad in an unpredictable climate. If they are embraced by the sun, they will bloom to their full potential. But if they are assailed by hail, they will die a premature death. Love is to a child what sunshine is to a flower.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 1: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 28: 7th Grade Boys Retreat

Sept 29: 7th Grade Girls Retreat / PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.

Sept 30: Mass, 9:40 a.m.



The Chapel check-in kiosk has been installed. There is no need to sign in using paper and pen.

If you are committed to an hour, your name will be displayed on the check-in IPAD for that hour. Click your name, upon arriving, to sign in for your hour. You may also sign out by clicking your name again, upon leaving the Chapel. Checking out is not required, but is helpful for tracking purposes.

If you are visiting the Chapel at a time other than your scheduled hour, sign in as a guest.

If you are visiting the Chapel and are not committed to an hour, sign in as a guest. You will be asked to enter your first and last name and whether or not you are interested in making an adoration commitment or serving as a substitute.

This new check-in system helps to track commitments that are being kept regularly and commitments that are not being met.

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

"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*)

282. How is Christ present in the Eucharist?

CCC 1373-1375; 1413

Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist in a unique and incomparable way. He is present in a true, real and substantial way, with his Body and his Blood, with his Soul and his Divinity. In the Eucharist, therefore, there is present in a sacramental way, that is, under the Eucharistic species of bread and wine, Christ whole and entire, God and Man.

Altar Society Members for next week

Mary Ann Bounds, Barbara Fournier and Lois Ravera