

Genesis has two accounts of the institution of marriage. The first (1:26-28) sees marriage as a means of procreation. The second (2:18-24) – our First Reading – sees marriage as meeting the human need for companionship and equality. On the basis of Deuteronomy 24:1-4, the Pharisees allowed a husband to divorce his wife because of ‘an indecency in her’. Appealing to Genesis 1:27; 2:24, Jesus stressed the unity created by marriage, which would forbid breaking the marriage bond, so that remarriage after a divorce would constitute adultery. Jesus leaves no doubt as to what the ideal marriage ought to be. But this doesn’t mean he wasn’t aware of, and sympathetic towards, the problems that can arise in living out that ideal. The Gospel also shows Jesus’ love for the little ones, and tells us that we must receive the kingdom the way children receive a gift. From today until the Thirty-Third Sunday inclusive, the Second Reading is taken from the Letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews presents Christ as the Perfect Priest.



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS: The Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Biloxi will have their annual Convocation during the week of October 18th. In gratitude for their unselfish service to the people of our Diocese we invite our parishioners to join us, next week-end, in compiling a Spiritual Prayer Bouquet to be given to the clergy at their respective Convocations. We will take a few minutes at the end of each Mass to fill out special prayer forms. A representative from our committee will give parishioners further information and guide them through the process. During this difficult time in salvation history, let us encourage our Priests and Deacons to embrace their unique calling with courage and JOY! And show them our gratitude for their "YES, LORD!" by lifting them up in PRAYER! Thank you! God bless you!
Committee of Prayer Warriors for Our Shepherds.



Calling all volunteers for our parish festival! We are excited to announce we will host a family-friendly Parish Festival Saturday, November 6th here at St. Alphonsus. We have partnered with Downtown Cart Rentals and will be raffling off a golf cart on Sunday, November 7th. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Proceeds from the raffle and festival will support the ministries of St. Alphonsus Parish. We invite all of our parishioners to take a book of raffle tickets to sell. Please contact Patience Clasen (pclasen@osstalphonus.org) for ways you can volunteer to help make this year's festival and cart raffle a success.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 4
Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Elvin Asher Family
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 5
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Hung Nguyen
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jocelyn Mayfield
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 6
Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Yvonne Viquerie & Family
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 7
Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Roland Trebotich
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Arthur Bousquet
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 8
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Charles “Mickey” Michael McGee
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Roland J. Hymel, Jr.
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 9
Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory Protection of the Unborn
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Frank Schneider
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 10
Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Ruth Woods
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Anthony Goretski
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Patrick Gordon
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$10,667.81
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 1,975.00
Hurricane Ida Relief Collection.....	\$ 3,019.10

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 Cubbage, 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 Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Edward Necaize, 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, Eunice Tamdah, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Ashley Vickers, 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@osstalphonus.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@osstalphonus.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@osstalphonus.org

Oct 7: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Oct 10: No Faith Formation Classes – Fall Break
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Explaining The Faith...
Parish Hall Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, October 6th 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 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. **Deadline to register is October 15th.**



OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. October 16th). The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



An anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, October 16th at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Ocean Springs invites you to come and check their Blue Boat Specials! Children, women and men clothes all \$1.00! They are open Monday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. They are located at 2200A Bienville Blvd. For more information, call 228-334-5222.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of All Married Couples

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

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 4: Blessing of the Pets, 2:00 p.m.
Oct 6: Children’s Mass 8:15 a.m.
Oct 7/8: Fall Break, No School

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 7: Mass, 9:40 a.m.



The Chapel check-in kiosk has been installed. 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. This past week we had 159 adorers signed up and 255 visits recorded! 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.

To view/sign up/change the schedule, visit the website at: stalphonus.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*)

283. What is the meaning of transubstantiation?
CCC 1376-1377; 1413

Transubstantiation means the change of the whole substance of bread into the substance of the Body of Christ and of the whole substance of wine into the substance of his Blood. This change is brought about in the eucharistic prayer through the efficacy of the word of Christ and by the action of the Holy Spirit. However, the outward characteristics of bread and wine, that is the ‘eucharistic species’, remain unaltered.

REFLECTION

Youth and age

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind. Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair, these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your hope, as old as your despair. So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from man, from the infinite, so long are you young. When the heart is covered with the snow of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then I am grown old indeed, and may you, Lord, have mercy on my soul. – General Douglas MacArthur

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS