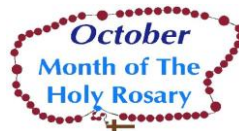


Wisdom teaches us how to live rightly, and enables us to use the things of this world in a way that will help us achieve the end for which God put us on earth. Wisdom, therefore, should be prized even more than gold (First Reading).

The Gospel is a discipleship story. The Jews believed that the prosperity of the rich was a sign of God's blessing. But Jesus presents wealth as a stumbling block to the kingdom. Love of material possessions and comforts is one of the chief obstacles in the way of discipleship. Those who trust in themselves and their possessions can never be saved. Salvation is always God's achievement.

When Jesus says, "Sell what you have..." he doesn't mean that a disciple must be destitute. The life of the poor, with its hardship and suffering, is not set forth in Mark's Gospel as an ideal for the Christian disciple. But neither is the desire for possessions and the accumulation of wealth.



October is the month of the Rosary. As we pray the rosary before each mass, please consider praying the rosary at home as a family once a day even if it is just you and your spouse. It is a great way to spend time together

and build family unity. Remember as a great priest once said "A Family that Prays Together Stays Together".

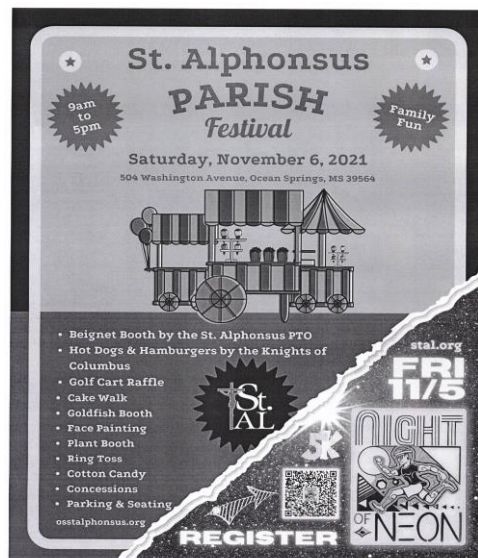


PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS:

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 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 this weekend 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 11
Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Connie Pecot
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 12
Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Betty Dunahoo
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Monica Goretski
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 13
Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Aaron Asher
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 14
Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Judy Maestri
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 15
Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Peter Francis Kowalewski
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Rose Gospodinovich
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 16
Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Elizabeth Byrd
4:00 p.m.	Mr. John Roesch, Sr.
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 17
Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlus E. Chapman
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Annie Wnukowski
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Lynn K. Creel
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$13,205.18
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 2,185.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 3,105.40

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 Migues, Iva Misko, Donna Necaise, Leonard Necaise, Edward Necaise, Terese 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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Winona "Nony" Raether, aunt of Ann Miller of this parish, who passed away September 30th in Prairieville, Louisiana.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.

FAITH FORMATION

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 14: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

Oct 17: Faith Formation Classes – Times Listed Above

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. **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.



An Altar Server Training will be held on Monday, October 18th at 6:00 p.m. Training will include setting up the Altar, lighting the candles, receiving the gifts, ringing the bells and after communion processes. All altar servers, or anyone wishing to become an altar server, is asked to please attend this training.



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**



The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses. They are now set up to take credit cards.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

- Reverend Peter Quinn, October 8, 2004
- Reverend James B. Taylor, October 17, 2004
- Monsignor Andrew L. Murray, October 20, 2009
- Monsignor Francis Quinn, October 22, 1990
- Most Rev. Roger P. Morin, October 31, 2019



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Toney & Margie Terretta

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 13: Report Cards

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

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 11: Fall Holiday, No School

Oct 12: Parent Meeting Junior High Girls Basketball, 6:00 p.m.

Oct 13: Men's Basketball Coach/Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Oct 14: Mass, 9:40 a.m. / Fall Drama Production, 7:00 p.m.

Oct 16: Fall Drama Production, 7:00 p.m.

Oct 17: Fall Drama Production, 3:00 p.m.



We had 159 adorers registered with 248 visits to the Chapel in the past 7 days.

Encountering the Lord in Adoration - Which of the

following people actually encountered Jesus when they came to their Church and sat before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration? The young boy who stopped in on his way home from school just to say "hello" to Jesus. The man who slipped into the back of the church and repented over and over again for the way he had sinned against the Lord. The teenager who said the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be three times. The woman who said four rosaries, one for each set of mysteries. The married couple who spent a full hour gazing at Jesus together. The priest who did nothing but ask Jesus for guidance and wisdom as he tried to lead his parish. If you answered "all of the above," then you're right. Any time that we go out of our way to visit Jesus, we will be blessed. Of course, not all of these kinds of visits are the same, and they don't all yield the same results. After all, we're talking about a relationship, there are degrees of intimacy. If we simply sit before the Lord for an hour, then we will be blessed. We will feel good about what we have done, and we will leave our time with him feeling strengthened. Yet this approach to adoration has its limits. By preparing ourselves to meet the Lord and by having some knowledge of how the Holy Spirit works, we can increase our chances of receiving more from the Lord and of being changed more into His likeness.

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*)

284. Does the breaking of the bread divide Christ?
CCC 1377

The breaking of the bread does not divide Christ. He is present whole and entire in each of their parts.

REFLECTION

Entering the kingdom of love

Jesus saw that the rich young man had great potential, so he invited him to enter the world of sharing. But he wasn't up to it – riches got in the way. As he went away a sadness descended on him, the sadness that descends on us when we choose to live for ourselves. Even though Jesus was sad to see him go, nevertheless, he let him go. There's no point in forcing people to make sacrifices. If you take things from people, they are impoverished; but if you can get them to give them up, they are enriched. People are essentially good, but this goodness has to be awakened and called forth, if they are to enter the kingdom of love.

**Altar Society Members for next week
Judi Anderson, Theresa Stuart and Aline Balius**