

In biblical times widows were among the poorest of the poor. The widow in the First Reading was a non-Jew, and she had a son to support. She was down to her last handful of meal and drop of olive oil. After that she and her child must starve. Yet, by sharing it with the prophet, she has a never ending supply of flour and oil. She represents those people, who, despite poverty and oppression, place all their trust in God. In the Gospel, Jesus' denunciation of the public display of the Scribes provides a background for an example of genuine religious behavior on the part of a widow. Her example of true piety contrasts sharply with the counterfeit piety of the Scribes. The widow let go of every shred of security, and committed herself wholly to God. The story is as much about trust in God as about generosity. The widow's generosity results from her trust in God.



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) during the coming week (November 8th - 12th).

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.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Friday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



You are invited to join us after the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday (November 14th) for coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall. This would be a great time for fellowship.



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



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. November 20th). 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, November 20th 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.

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

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 Vincenzo D. DiLalla – November 2, 1990
Reverend Patrick Martin – November 16, 1991
Reverend Michael Leane – November 23, 1987
Reverend Noel Fannon – November 19, 2019
Reverend Antone Lynch – November 20, 2019



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Deacon Jesus Arellano On His Birthday

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MONDAY | NOVEMBER 8 |
| Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Mathilde and Fernand Latour |
| 8:15 a.m. | Poor Souls |
| TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 9 |
| Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22; | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Poor Souls |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mr. Alfred Seymour |
| WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 10 |
| Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick |
| 8:15 a.m. | Poor Souls |
| THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 11 |
| Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Luke 17:20-25 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Ms. M. Annette Galle Johnson |
| 8:15 a.m. | Poor Souls |
| FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 12 |
| Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Mr. Dick Porterfield |
| 8:15 a.m. | Poor Souls |
| SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 13 |
| Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8 | |
| 8:15 a.m. | The Pitalo Family |
| | The Jordan Family |
| | Poor Souls |
| 4:00 p.m. | Ms. Patricia Cruso |
| SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 14 |
| Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Poor Souls |
| 9:00 a.m. | Mr. William Johnson, Jr. |
| 11:30 a.m. | Ms. Marlene Ladner |
| 5:30 p.m. | Congregation |

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,012.22
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,320.00
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, Julie P. Bond, Bob Boney, 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, Oscar DeMauro, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Margret Hebert, 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 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., Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers, and Thane Williams.

FAITH FORMATION

Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonsus.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@osstalphonsus.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@osstalphonsus.org

Nov 11: **RCIA,** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Nov 14: **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.



Building the Kingdom of God

I pray that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:10)

Like every parent, our Heavenly Father has the perfect happiness of every human being in the forefront of His mind. Today, as happy as He is that we have come and spent time in Jesus' presence, He also gives us a taste of His sadness. If we look at Jesus long enough and closely enough, we can see Him weeping over all the pain and suffering in the world. We can see Him mourning over all the sin. We can see Him weeping over those that reject Him or who have never heard of Him.

The pain that we see in the broken heart of Jesus moves us to take up His call. Adoration before Jesus moves us to say: "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8). It convinces us that our life with Jesus is about personal holiness and about being His light to everyone we meet.

The Holy Spirit wants to use our time of adoration to open our eyes to the needs of the poor, to the despair of the uneducated, to the loneliness of the unevangelized, and to the suffering and fears of the ill, the forgotten, and the homeless. The Spirit wants us to love Jesus so much that we feel compelled to serve Him.

(Excerpt taken from *Encountering Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration* by The Word Among Us)

"Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."

~St. Teresa of Calcutta

To sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration visit our website stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup



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.

REFLECTION

Giving

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. There are those who give little of the much which they have, and they give it for recognition, and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome. And there are those who have little and give it all. These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty. Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes he smiles upon the earth. *—Kahlil Gibran*

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 11: Flag Retirement Ceremony, 9:00 a.m.
Nov 12: Children's Mass with Bishop Kihneman, 8:15 a.m.
Nov 14: Student Mass, 7:30 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Nov 9: 5th Grade Visit Day
Nov 10: 6th Grade Visit Day / Parent Disney Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Nov 11: Mass, 9:40 a.m.
Nov 12: Students for Life Movie Night, 7:00 p.m.
Nov 14: Open House, 2:00 p.m.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus will raffle off a Henry "Golden Boy" Lever Action Rifle 22 Caliber S/L/LR on Sunday, December 19th. Tickets are \$10 each. For more information or to purchase a ticket, please call Chuck Nannery at 875-0267.

Saint. Stanislaus will hold an Open House on Tuesday, November 16th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Saint. Stanislaus is a Catholic, all boys boarding and day school serving young men in grades 7 through 12. They invite parents and other interested parties to learn more about a Saint Stanislaus education. Students and parents can tour the campus and learn about academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities at this event. Visit their website (www.ststan.com/openhouse) for more information or to register.



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The Sacrament of the Eucharist

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

290. When must one receive Holy Communion?
CCC 1389

The Church recommends that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, receive Holy Communion whenever they participate at Holy Mass. However, the Church obliges them to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season.

291. What is required to receive Holy Communion?
CCC 1385-1389; 1415

To receive Holy Communion one must be fully incorporated into the Catholic Church and be in the state of grace, that is, not conscious of being in mortal sin. Anyone who is conscious of having committed a grave sin must first receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before going to Communion. Also important for those receiving Holy Communion are a spirit of recollection and prayer, observance of the fast prescribed by the Church, and an appropriate disposition of the body (gestures and dress) as a sign of respect for Christ.