

The First Reading is part of a vision of the prophet Daniel concerning the end of time. It is remarkable because it contains the earliest statement of belief in the resurrection of the dead, and the first mention in the Bible of ‘everlasting life’.

In the Gospel we have part of Mark’s Eschatological Discourse (13:1-37). Mark’s account is colored by what has already happened, for example, the persecution of the disciples in synagogues and before governors and kings. He believed that the *parousia* was imminent – a belief common among the early Christians.

The precise time of the end is known only to God. Therefore, the disciples must not allow themselves to be misled by claims or speculations that the end is near but must maintain a constant watchfulness. The purpose of the Lord’s glorious coming will not be to execute judgement but to gather his elect.

While we cannot share Mark’s view that the end is near, we do share his faith in God’s victory in Christ. And, for each of us, the *parousia* will be our meeting with the Son of Man when we pass out of this life into eternal life.



THANKS to everyone who supported the ministries of St. Alphonsus Parish. We sold just under 1500 raffle tickets! Katy Houghton was the winner of the Golf Cart Raffle. Congratulations Katy!!



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. The nominating committee has submitted the following names for consideration as Altar Society Officers and will be voted on at this meeting. They are: President – Rose Skelton; Vice President – Jamie Lloyd; Secretary – Aline Balius and Treasurer – Elaine O’Brien.



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.

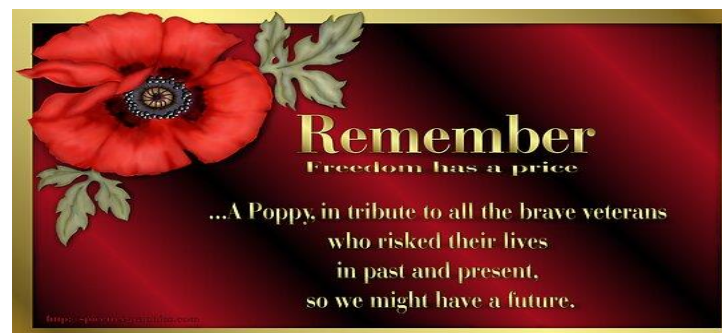


Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Betty Dugan, aunt of Glenda Hill of this parish, who passed away November 6th.

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



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of All Veterans



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 15
1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. James (Jimmie) Spell
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 16
2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10;	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 17
2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 18
1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44	
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Aaron Asher
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 19
1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48	
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Anthony Goretski
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 20
1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
	Poor Souls
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Nony Raether
	Ms. Elsie Webber
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 21
Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Joiceyn Mayfield
9:00 a.m.	Int. Mr. Alden Karp
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Poor Souls

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$11,308.85
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....	\$ 5,100.00
Monthly Poor Collection.....	\$ 3,705.02

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, 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 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., 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

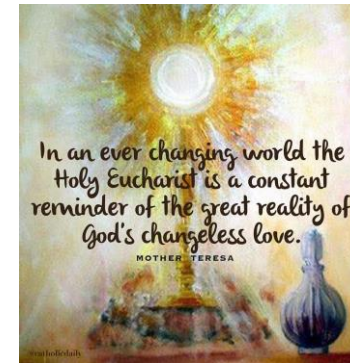
Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonusus.org

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

Nov 18: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

Nov 21: No Faith Formation Class
No Adult Study Class.



With Opened Eyes

To those who have never sat before the Lord in this way, Eucharistic adoration can seem like a waste of time. And yet to those who have tasted the goodness of the Lord, adoration has the power to move us closer to Jesus.

Think about Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman described in John 4. At the very beginning of their conversation, Jesus told her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water” (John 4:10). In a similar manner, Eucharistic Adoration is not about our giving Jesus a drink by giving up our time to be with Him as much as it is about our coming to Jesus asking Him for a drink. It’s about presenting our needs to the Lord and asking Him to fill us up with heavenly grace and heavenly power and heavenly wisdom. It’s about receiving all that we need to live in Him and for Him in this world.

The more we fix our eyes on Jesus, the more we will appreciate how much He goes out of His way to reach us. When we come and meet Him in adoration, He shows us - just as He showed the Samaritan woman - that He wants to be our Lord, our Savior, and our friend. As our eyes are opened, we will take His advice and ask Him for a drink of His living water. And we will never be the same again.

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

Please be sure to close the monstrance doors upon leaving the chapel if there is no one to relieve you. The Blessed Sacrament should never be left exposed and unattended. Upon closing the doors, recite:

*O Sacrament Most Holy
O Sacrament Divine
All Praise and all Thanksgiving
Be Every Moment Thine*

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

PRAYER / REFLECTION

Prayer of trust

Preserve me God, I take refuge in you. My happiness lies in you alone. You are my portion and my cup, you yourself are my prize I keep you ever in my sight, even at night you direct my heart. With you at my right hand, I shall stand firm. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. *From Psalm 15*

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 17: Progress Reports / Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.

Nov 19: Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m. / PreK Thanksgiving Prog

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Nov 14: Open House, 2:00 pm / Swim Team Banquet, 6:30 pm

Nov 15: Senior Invitation Orders / Varsity Football Banquet 6pm

Nov 18: PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m. / Mass, 9:40 a.m.



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.



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.



The Irish Priests Reunion will be celebrated at Most Holy Trinity in Pass Christian (9062 Kiln DeLisle Rd) on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Bishop Paul Dempsey of Achonry, Ireland, will be here in Mississippi with us during the reunion and will be the main celebrant at the Mass honoring all deceased Irish priests. All priests, religious, deacons, and laity are invited to attend and a lovely reception and meal will be provided after.



The Ocean Springs St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store thanks those generous parishioners who’ve donated. They have ended the year well and your generosity has enabled them to help over three-dozen people in-need during the first 6 months. Your kind donations continue to enable them to do more. Besides shopping, they would like to invite you to donate your talents and time. The holidays are just around the corner and they run specials during the holidays. They now have dollar bins and have also added new Restoration Sleep mattresses and box springs. They invite you to come shop and volunteer with them. To volunteer call Sally at (228) 334-5222.



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.

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

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

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

292. What are the fruits of Holy Communion?
CCC 1391-1397; 1416

Holy Communion increases our union with Christ and with his Church. It preserves and renews the life of grace received at Baptism and Confirmation and makes us grow in love for our neighbor. It strengthens us in charity, wipes away venial sins and preserves us from mortal sin in the future.