

On the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, we think of the end and of judgement. The apocalyptic vision from the Book of Daniel sets the tone (First Reading). It talks about the coming of 'a son of man', a title for the future redeemer. It is not clear that Jesus referred to himself as 'Son of Man' in this apocalyptic sense, but the early Christians certainly did.

Basing itself on this same text from Daniel, Revelation looks to Jesus' coming at the end of time, when he will take full possession of his kingdom (Second Reading).

The Gospel, where the Lectionary once again shifts to John, contains a section from the Passion narrative: Jesus is being interrogated by Pilate. The issue here is the nature of Jesus' kingship.



Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving Day and a most appropriate way to offer Thanks to God is to begin the day by attending Mass. **On Thursday morning we offer two Masses – 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** Please consider making one of these Masses your Thanksgiving to God before joining your family for the traditional meal later in the day. For those of you who will be traveling over the Thanksgiving period, we wish you a safe journey and a safe return home. Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday.



A table will be set up in front of the Altar at the 9:00 a.m. Mass for anyone wishing to bring a food item to be blessed that you will be sharing at your Thanksgiving Dinner.



The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th.



John Hardwick with Diocesan (our bulletin provider) will be contacting all businesses and/or individuals who presently have ads in our bulletin regarding the renewal of your advertisement for the coming year.

If you would like to consider advertising in our weekly bulletin, you may contact John at jhardwick@diocesan.com or by calling 512-422-3949.

We thank all those business owners and/or parishioners who presently support us in this way and in doing so make the bulletin available at no cost to the parish. Please support these parishioners and businesses.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, December 3rd beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, December 4th 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 Knights of Columbus will begin serving breakfast again on Sunday, December 5th from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.



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.

To view a copy of the weekly Church bulletin on our parish website just type in "St. Alphonsus Parish Ocean Springs, MS 39564".

**Altar Society Members for next week
Jamie Lloyd, Terry O'Connor, Norma Williams**



**The Flowers on the Altar are in
Memory of Johnny Norman**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 22
Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4	
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
8:15 a.m.	Freddie and Vera Lusk
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 23
Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11;	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 24
Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Elizabeth Byrd
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 25
Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19	
7:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Eduard van Thiel
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 26
Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33	
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 27
Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Charles "Mickey" Michael McGee
	Poor Souls
4:00 p.m.	Int. All Priest and Deacons
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 28
Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Ruth Woods
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Johnny Norman

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,046.25
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,100.00
 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, 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., Jerry Schneider, 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 25: No RCIA
Nov 28: No Faith Formation Class
No Adult Study Class.



What are You Thankful For?

There are so many things that we can say that we are thankful for: food, shelter, water, family, friends, employment, etc. Do we ever sit down in prayer and tell God that we are thankful for Him, for His Son, for His mother, Mary? Do we sit down in prayer to tell Him thank you for all of the blessings we have received? Do we ever take the time to sit in front of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Blessed Sacrament to say thank you for the ultimate sacrifice He made for us? This Thanksgiving week, come and visit our chapel and spend some time in thanksgiving with our Lord.

Please remember to sign in upon arriving at the chapel, whether it is for your weekly hour or if you are just visiting. Sign out by tapping on your name before leaving.

If you are leaving the chapel and no one is there to relieve you, close the monstrance doors while reciting:

*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 stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup

Through adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the Gospel. Anyone who prays to the Savior draws the whole world with him and raises it to God. Those who stand before the Lord are therefore fulfilling an eminent service. They are presenting to Christ all those who do not know him or are far from him: they keep watch in his presence on their behalf. – Pope John Paul II

REFLECTION

The kingdom of Jesus

Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world.' Jesus does not rule as earthly kings rule. He has no palace, no throne, no crown, no army. Yet we give him an allegiance and a loyalty, which we would not give to any other person or institution on earth. Alone and unarmed he stood before Pilate. Pilate, had thousands of soldiers to call upon. Jesus had no soldier to call upon. Yet Jesus was incomparably the greater of the two. Jesus is the hope of the human race. He rules, not by force, but by love. Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come, and may you remember me on that day.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 22-26: No School – Thanksgiving Break

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Nov 22-26: No School – Thanksgiving Break



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.



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.

--Divine Office Catholic Encyclopedia

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

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

294. Why is the Eucharist a "pledge of future glory"?
 CCC 1402-1405

The Eucharist is a pledge of future glory because it fills us with every grace and heavenly blessing. It fortifies us for our pilgrimage in this life and makes us long for eternal life. It unites us already to Christ seated at the right hand of the Father, to the Church in heaven and to the Blessed Virgin and all the saints.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS