





**The First Reading contains a message of hope for God's people at one of the lowest moments in their history.** Jerusalem lay in ruins. The city's plight reflected that of the nation as a whole. Israel, once God's bride, was now like a widow bereft of children. However, her husband, God, has not forgotten her. There will be a new wedding feast, and God and his people will be like newlyweds again. This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, who replaced the old order with the new. This is symbolized by the changing of water into wine. (Gospel). The miracle of Cana links this Sunday with the feast of the Epiphany and with Jesus' Baptism – all are epiphanies of his glory. John depicts Mary as involved at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and again at the end of it when she is present at the foot of the Cross. Mary is thus associated with the whole of his ministry. But her role must always be seen in relation to that of her Son.

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 **The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**

 **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) the week of January 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> (closed January 17). 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.

 **An Altar Society Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

**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 Patrick Tierney, January 9, 1991  
Reverend Peter F. Mockler, January 30, 2014  
Bishop Joseph L. Howze, January 9, 2019  
Reverend John Izral, January 20, 2020

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

 **The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Randy Trahan**


 **The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Deacon Jim & Toni Gunkel**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK


<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 17</b>
1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Wayne Shepherd
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 18</b>
1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Anita Grace White
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Charles "Mickey" Michael McGee
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 19</b>
1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Rose Gospodinovich
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 20</b>
1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Aaron Asher
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 21</b>
1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Eileen Burkhardt
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Charlie Brenke
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 22</b>
2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Ramona Bousqueto
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Winona "Nony" Raether
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 23</b>
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Mike Gospodinovich
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Stiglet
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Wayne Mansfield

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,938.75  
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$5,615.00  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

 **Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Bob Boney, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Bryleigh Brochard, Jeffrey Brochard, Kay Brochard, Elena Broussard, Margaret Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Peggy Cox, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Sean Halat, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Melissa Menard, Iva Misko, Edward Necaize, Susan Newman, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Joyce Reynolds, Jan Roberts, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

If someone in your family is in need of prayer, please contact the parish office to have their name placed on the list. We will keep the name on for at least two months unless otherwise notified.

 **A Special Parish Prayer Book** is located on the south side of the Vestibule of the Church (front entrance). Anyone desiring prayers for any intention is requested to enter their intention on the Parish Prayer Book and they will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful at all weekend Masses.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Contact Jane Sema at [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org)

**Edge (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)  
**Life Teen (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Gr):** Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)  
Contact Patience Clasen at [pclasen@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:pclasen@osstalphonsus.org)


**Confirmation (11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cmolino@osstalphonsus.org)


**Jan 20:** RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room  
**Jan 23:** Faith Formation Classes, Times Listed Above  
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room  
All are welcome to attend.




## MARCH FOR LIFE 40 HOUR DEVOTION

The 2022 March for Life Rally is scheduled for Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in Washington D.C. To prayerfully support this event, we will begin a 40 hour devotion in our Chapel beginning and ending with Holy Mass. The devotion will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and conclude at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. To sign up for an hour go to: [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com), sign up on the board in the Vestibule of the Church or contact Jenny Gordon @ 228-282-0984 or Beth McMackin @ 228-324-4188.

 **St. Michael Parish, Biloxi is looking for a responsible Administrative Assistant** to perform a variety of administrative and clerical tasks. Duties include providing support to the Pastor, Deacons, and Church committees as well as preparing the weekly church bulletin, communicating online with church members, updating and maintaining membership databases, scheduling volunteer ministries, maintaining the church calendar, website and social media presence as well as maintaining QuickBooks. Candidates should be organized, able to complete work based on deadlines, work independently, have excellent written/verbal communication, and able to handle sensitive/confidential information. If you have previous experience as a secretary/administrative assistant and would like to work 18-22 hours per week, please apply at their website: [www.stmichaelchurchbiloxi.com/job-announcements](http://www.stmichaelchurchbiloxi.com/job-announcements).

 **Watch Your Inboxes!** Scam emails are on the rise. Please be extremely cautious when opening emails that appear to be from Fr. Mike or anyone on the parish staff. We will NEVER ask you to purchase gift cards or any other items on our behalf via email. Another way to tell if the email is legitimate is to look at the email address ([stalparishos@gmail.com](mailto:stalparishos@gmail.com)). And remember – when in doubt, you are always able to call the parish office to double check.

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**Parish Website:** To view a copy of the weekly Church bulletin on our website just type in "St. Alphonsus Parish Ocean Springs, MS 39564". It will contain a copy of the weekly Church bulletin.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Jan 17:** No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
**Jan 19:** Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.  
**Jan 21:** Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.



St. Alphonsus School will have an Open House immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments and on-site registration will be available.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Jan 17:** No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
**Jan 20:** Mass, 9:40 a.m.; Golf Tryouts, 4:00 p.m.



## EVENING OF INTERCESSION

What is Intercession (Intercessory Prayer)? Intercessory prayer is going between the Lord and the person you are praying for, asking the Lord to show them his mercy and blessings. Some intercessors refer to this as "standing in the gap" for someone else. In scripture there are many examples of intercession like Moses when he offered to take God's wrath when the Israelites worshipped the golden calf. I invite you to come and be a part of this night of intercession even if you have never heard about intercessory prayer before. We will meet in the Church on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there.  
Deacon Jim

**Commentary on the Doctrine Of the Most Holy Eucharist**  
(Articles taken from the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

**1. The Sacrificial Meaning of Christ's Words**

*The blood of the new covenant* – When Jesus Christ took up the third chalice, following the Jewish rite of the blessing of the chalice, He established it as the chalice of His blood to be poured out on the Cross. This is the blood of Jesus Himself consecrating the new covenant, succeeding and substituting for that blood by which Moses had ratified the old covenant (Ex 24:1-8). Jeremiah had before prophesied concerning the new covenant: "The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah..." (Jer 31:31-34).

**REFLECTION**  
**Water into wine**  
Jesus brought the wine of God's love into the world. Everywhere he went the old was made new. For the couple at Cana he changed water into wine. For the widow of Nain he changed tears into joy. For Zacchaeus he changed selfishness into love. For the thief on Calvary he changed despair into hope. And on Easter morning he changed death into life. Lord, be present with us today and throughout our lives. And when through human weakness the wine of love is found wanting, touch our hearts and strengthen our wills, so that we may taste the wine of unselfish love.