

The First Reading tells of the call and commissioning of the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet and was overwhelmed by the sheer burden of it. He stands out as a lonely figure whose mission seemed to have failed. He is the supreme example, until Jesus, of the triumph of failure.

The Gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's reading. We see the reaction to the homily Jesus gave in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people can't believe that the words of Isaiah could apply to him, the humble son of Joseph. On hearing that the benefits they have rejected will be offered to the Gentiles, the people rise up in fury and attempt to do away with Jesus. This foreshadows the ultimate fate of Jesus: but his hour has not yet come. St. Paul has been speaking of gifts and charisms. But here (Second Reading) he stresses the supreme importance of love. Without love all these gifts are useless.



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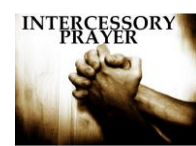
You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, February 4th beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, February 5th 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.



Thursday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of throats will take place after all Masses next weekend (February 5th and 6th).



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 9th from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.**

I look forward to seeing you there.
Deacon Jim

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JANUARY 31
2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Rachel Bellman
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 1
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mark 5:21-43	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah G. Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Alice Cole
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 2
Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jack Pickich
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 3
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Holt
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Noah Thibodeaux
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 4
Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Celeste Williams
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 5
1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family
	The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Mr. André Kaufman
	Eunice and Albert Misko, Sr.
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 6
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Joicelyn Mayfield
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Neil Gryder
	Mr. William "Bill" Gryder, IV
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Juanita Balderas

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$7,978.25
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,545.00
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, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Gordon Gaethe, 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, Johnny Mitchell, 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.

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

Feb 3: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

Feb 6: Faith Formation Classes, Times Listed Above
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
All are welcome to attend.



Thank you to all who participated in the 40 Hour Devotion for the Unborn. 70 adorers visited the chapel to pray for the protection of the unborn, many spending several hours praying. Thank you for your dedication to our Lord and this most important cause. Stay tuned for our next 40 Hour Devotion!

The chapel has several daytime hours that are available (no adorers) to you for silent prayer with our Lord. They are:

Mondays: Noon-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm.

Tuesdays: 11am-Noon, 2-3pm.

Wednesdays: 10-11am.

Fridays: 8-9am, 10-11am, 11-Noon, 2-3pm.

To sign up, visit: stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup.

When visiting the chapel, please **SIGN IN** using the IPAD. If it is your regular hour, tap on your name once. If your name is not already there, touch 'GUEST' and type in your name. **SIGN OUT** by tapping your name once.

"Eternal Son of the living God. Whom I here acknowledge really present! I adore Thee with all the powers of my soul. Prostrate with the Angels in the most profound reverence, I love Thee, O my Saviour, Whom I now behold on the throne of Thy love!"

~St. Basil the Great



Love's Legacy:

The Story of Father Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)

You are invited to hear a presentation on the heroic virtue of a remarkable figure in American history. Trailblazer and leader in the American Catholic Church, Fr. Tolton was born into slavery, was ordained in Rome, and led a parish in Chicago. How do you overcome hate? For Fr. Tolton, it was by living in love. The story of **The Venerable Father Augustus Tolton** serves as heartfelt inspiration for all.

The lecturer is Dr. Tim Weldon, Professor of Philosophy at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. An Author of essays and books, he has also been a frequent guest on radio programs and podcasts. He tells the story of Fr. Tolton in a way only a Franciscan scholar can.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community Center

720 East Beach Blvd, Long Beach

Thursday, February 24th.

Social Hour with Dr. Weldon from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.; Lecture 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835 or religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week

Jan 30: Student Mass, 9:00 a.m. / Open House

Feb 4: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.



St. Alphonsus School will have an Open House immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday (January 30th). Refreshments and on-site registration will be available.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week

Enrollment Open for 2022-2023 School Year

Feb 2: PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.

Feb 3: Mass / Junior Ring Ceremony, 9:40 a.m.



Principal Openings for the 2022 – 2023 School Year: Resurrection Catholic Elementary School, Pascagoula (application accepted through February 11) and Our Lady Academy, Bay St. Louis (application accepted through February 18).

Candidates must be an active member of the Catholic faith, in good standing with Catholic Church, and have a Master of Education 486 Administrative Certification or Ability to Obtain Certification. For a complete application, go to: www.biloxidiocese.org and forward with resume and license to: Dr. Rhonda Clark, Superintendent of Education, rclark@biloxidiocese.org, 1790 Poppo Ferry Road, Biloxi 39532; 228-702-2130.



A Boy's Retreat will be held at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center (14595 Vidalia Rd, Pass Christian) on March 4th-6th for all 9th – 12th grade Boys. The cost is \$60.00. For more information

or to register, please contact Desmond Hoda at 228-493-8817 or dwhdc2@gmail.com

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

What Christ would do at the Last Supper – Jesus Christ instituted the sacrifice of the New and Eternal Covenant, ratified in His blood on the Cross – the memorial of His death and resurrection which He left to the Church: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes" (1 Cor 11:26). When Christ instituted the Eucharist, He handed over His very self to His own, so that they might eat His Body and drink His Blood, concerning which the Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI in his Encyclical Letter *Deus Caritas Est* (no. 13) so clearly taught. The Sacrifice carried out in sacramental form was then shortly thereafter offered as an oblation on the Cross: that is to say, Christ immolated Himself in a bloody fashion and rose on the third day.

REFLECTION

A loving person

Jesus fulfilled the ideal of love Paul speaks about. He was never in a hurry, and was always kindness itself. He never envied anybody, and never boasted about himself. He was never snobbish, or rude, or selfish. He did not take offence easily, nor did he keep on talking about the wrong things other people did. He preferred to remember the good things and to rejoice in them. He was tough – he could face anything. And he never lost trust in God, or in people. He never lost hope; he never gave in. He never stopped loving.

Altar Society Members for next week

Mary Ann Bounds, Barbara Fournier,

Mary Alice Kanode, Lois Ravera



The Flowers on the Altar

are in Memory of

Dot, Bill, William G. & Evelyn Collins