

For this and the following two Sundays we will be reading from Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain' which parallels Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount'.

The First Reading is a little bit of wisdom poetry. It contrasts the wicked who trust in human beings and the righteous who trust in God. The former are compared to a barren desert shrub; the latter to a fruitful tree planted beside a flowing river. This prepares us for the Gospel, where Jesus declares the poor blessed. The poor are the 'little ones' who have no one to trust in but God.

The beatitudes echo the program Jesus announced in the synagogue at Nazareth. Whereas Matthew has nine Beatitudes, Luke has only four, with, however, four corresponding 'woes'.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	FEBRUARY 14
James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 15
James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Glen Skelton
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 16
James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory Protection of the Unborn
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 17
James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Charles "Mickey" Michael McGee
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 18
James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34—9:1	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Eileen Burkhardt
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 19
James 3:1-10; Mark 9:2-13	
8:15 a.m.	Deceased Knights of Columbus
	4:00 p.m.
	Int. Mr. Raymond Skillestad
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 20
1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Int. Sr. Juliana Gapasin
11:30 a.m.	Dr. Michael Shanahan, MD
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Richard Durkin, Sr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$11,301.19
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....	\$ 5,550.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 4,125.00

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, Margaret Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, 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.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Menendez & Tubb Family

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

Feb 17: **RCIA**, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Feb 20: **Faith Formation Classes**, Times Listed Above
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
All are welcome to attend.



Adoration of the Holy Eucharist is central to the growth of our Catholic Faith. In order to nurture this growth, we need a place of reverential silence and meditation where we can truly focus our attention on Our Lord Jesus Christ. And listen, with our minds and hearts as to what He wishes to say to us.

Please help us to achieve this experience by maintaining silence in our Adoration Chapel. If you wish to converse with a friend, please step outside the Chapel. Also, we ask that you help us to keep our Chapel clean and clutter free. Please do not bring food or drink into the Chapel. And, if you borrow any books, pamphlets or holy cards from the book shelf, please return them to the shelf when you are through. The pamphlets and/or holy cards and rosaries should be placed in the baskets provided. Please do not tape any cards, pamphlets or posters etc. to the walls or windows, or leave them lying around on the window sills. A clutter free environment is less distracting, and more conducive to quiet contemplation of Our Lord. Thank you for your cooperation!

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: stalphonusus.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.

Commentary on the Doctrine of the Most Holy Eucharist

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

3. Believe that you may understand

We profess one and the same sacrifice because what is celebrated in the Mass is what was offered on the Cross. The Epistle to the Hebrews teaches that the oblation of Christ on the Cross is the sole perfect and absolute expiation of sins. When, however, the sacrifice of expiation is offered in the Mass, it is one and the same sacrifice; otherwise, that which would be done in the Mass would be something other than that which was offered on the Cross and would not be called the self-same perfect oblation. How the same sacrifice offered two thousand years ago could be represented in the celebration of the Mass creates a great difficulty which, however, can be well explained according to the doctrine handed on in the Epistle to the Hebrews. Christ immolating Himself on the altar of the Cross expiated the sins of all by that one perfect and complete sacrifice. But His oblation was also accepted by the Father, who raised His Son from the dead, so that His own oblation would remain glorious forever in the heavens. The priest of the old law likewise once a year used to enter into the Holy of Holies to offer another's blood. Taking up this matter, the Epistle to the Hebrews teaches that Christ entered into the heavenly tabernacle (Heb 9:22) where the single oblation of His Body remains by which we are all saved (Heb 7:23-25). Continued next week.

School Subsidy Policy

Registration for the 2022/2023 School Year Going on Now

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School. In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.
3. The family MUST attend weekend Mass with the Parish Family at St. Alphonsus.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Feb 13: Student Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Feb 16: Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.

Feb 18: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

St. Alphonsus School is looking to hire a PK1 Teacher. If you have childcare experience and would be interested, please contact the school at 875-5329.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Feb 16: 9th Grade Retreat; Jr. High Girls Bsktball Awards Banquet, 6pm

Feb 17: PTO Meeting, 8:15 am; Make-Up School Pictures, 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:40 a.m.



Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in your infinite goodness. Divine Mercy Novena and sung Chaplet beginning Saturday, February 26th. More details to follow.



Anyone interested in purchasing a Barricade Advertisement Sponsorship is asked to please contact Rodney Fountain at rodney@fountaincpa.com. The multicolor banner will be attached to a barricade and displayed at church and school events that require barricades. The cost is \$500 per barricade with double sided signage and will be displayed for a twelve month period. Funds will be used to purchase the banner and remaining funds will be used towards the Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund which is given to qualified high school seniors each year.

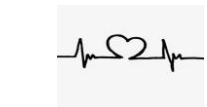


The Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Ministry is hosting a morning of Fraternity, Breakfast, Prayer and Music at Our Lady of the Gulf (228 S Beach Blvd, Bay St. Louis) This event will be held on Saturday, February 19th from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. and is FREE. All denominations are welcome.

The Diocese of Biloxi is sponsoring an ongoing vocation initiative entitled "CALLED BY NAME". This special program invites young men and women to consider a vocation as a priest, religious sister, or brother. At the heart of this program is the belief that all of us share a common calling through Holy Baptism, to which we are invited to respond in a variety of ways, such as marriage, the single life, the consecrated life, the diaconate, and the priesthood. The "Called By Name" process focuses on the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life.

If you or someone you know is interested, we ask that you please fill out a Response Card located in the Vestibule of the Church. For more information, call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 228-806-3416.

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.



LOVE LIFE

**From the womb to the tomb
Pennies for Life**

For Valentines Day, St Alphonsus parish is collecting Pennies for Life! Participants are asked to donate one penny for each year of their lives in thanksgiving to God for the life He has given them. (any coin denomination or folding money is also accepted) The proceeds collected will be given to Catholic Charities of South Mississippi which supports local pregnancy centers that provide counseling and assistance to women in need.

Donations will be accepted through Monday, February 14th and may be placed in the large container with the red heart balloon either at the entrance to the Church or in the bookstore.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Monday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16th 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. February 19th).

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, February 19th 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.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus will have a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, February 25th from 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the KC Hall. Plates will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and desert. The cost is \$8.00 a plate. Dine-in and take-out will be available.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Stephen Viquerie, nephew of Mocky van Thiel of this parish, who passed away February 2nd in New Orleans, LA.

Elena Broussard, wife of Paul Broussard, who passed away February 4th. **Julia "Judy" Salinas**, mother of Laurie (Don) Eaton of this parish, who passed away February 6th.

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

Altar Society Members for next week

Judi Anderson, Aline Balias, Theresa Stuart