

The First Reading relates the call of Elisha. By throwing his cloak over him Elijah was symbolizing the transfer of power. We see how total was the response of Elisha. In slaughtering the oxen and burning the plough, he was precluding a return to his old way of life. Jesus demanded a similar response from those who would follow him.

In the Gospel we begin a new section of Luke's Gospel (9:51-18:14): Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Luke portrays Jesus as one who knows his destiny and accepts it from God. But he is not interested in telling us the actual route Jesus followed. Instead, he tells us about incidents that happened along the way.

In the first passage we see the hostility Jesus encountered from the inhabitants of a Samaritan village, and his refusal to retaliate as James and John suggested. This is followed by the stories of three would-be followers of Jesus. Jesus tells them that total commitment is demanded of a disciple. The choices are not between good and evil, but between the good and the best.



Bishop Kihneman and St. Alphonsus Parish cordially invites you to join us in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Fr. Mike on Thursday, June 30th. The evening will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church at 6:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the KC Hall. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, July 1st beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, July 2nd 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.



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Gerald "Jerry" Seymour, brother of Elba Smolcich and uncle of Arnie (Shelley) Seymour of this parish, who passed away June 15th.

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



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Bob Boney, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Bryleigh Brochard, Jeffrey Brochard,

Kay Brochard, Roland and 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, 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 Necaie, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Lisa Patterson, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Jan Roberts, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

Pray For Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 27
Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Anne Krebs Mansfield
TUESDAY	JUNE 28
Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary McPhearson
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 29
Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Charles "Mickey" Michael McGee
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
THURSDAY	JUNE 30
Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	Conversion of Sinners
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Juanita Ruiz
FRIDAY	JULY 1
Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13	
6:30 a.m.	Salvation of Souls
8:15 a.m.	Deceased Members of St. Alphonsus SVDP
SATURDAY	JULY 2
Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Congregation
SUNDAY	JULY 3
Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Douglas E. Fountain
9:00 a.m.	Int. Louis and Irma Stiglet
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Elena Broussard
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Angela Styczenski

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,307.61
Diocesan Priest Supplemental Collection.....	\$2,082.95
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$1,980.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



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HURRICANE PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.

Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.

We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Save and pray frequently)



A HOLY HOUR *JESUS WAITS FOR US HERE WITH DIVINE LONGING*

Adore and visit Jesus, abandoned and forsaken by men in His Sacrament of Love. Man has time for everything except for visits to His Lord and God, WHO IS WAITING AND LONGING FOR US in the Blessed Sacrament. The streets and places of entertainment are filled with people; the House of God is deserted. Men flee from it; they are afraid of it. Ah! Poor Jesus! Did you expect so much indifference from those You have redeemed, from Your friends, from Your children, from me?

Sympathize with Jesus Who is betrayed, insulted, mocked, and crucified far more ignominiously in His Sacrament of Love than He was in the Garden of Olives, in Jerusalem, and on Calvary. Those whom He has the most honored, loved, and enriched with His gifts and graces are the very ones who offend Him the most by their indifference. Offer up for this intention all that you have suffered during the day or week that Jesus may be loved and adored by all. Because we ourselves are unable to atone for so much wrong, we unite ourselves to the infinite merits of our Savior Jesus.

Receive His Divine Blood as it mystically flows from His Holy Wounds, and offer it to the Father in perfect atonement for the sins of the world. -St. Peter Julian Eymard

To sign up for a holy hour and/or become a substitute, scan the QR code:



"The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him."

-Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

You may also view the adoration schedule or sign up for a weekly adoration hour by visiting stalphonsus.weadorehim.com. If you know you cannot make your hour, please request a substitute on the website.

1. Log in to your adoration account at stalphonsus.weadorehim.com
2. Click on 'My Dashboard'
3. Scroll down until you see 'My Commitments'
4. Click the yellow highlighted box that says, 'Request Substitute'
5. A text box will pop up asking you to confirm your sub request. Click on the green 'Request Substitute' box to confirm.
6. Click 'Okay' to complete.

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Altar Society Members for next week

**Mary Ann Bounds, Barbara Fournier
Mary Alice Kanode, Lois Ravera**



The Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life Ministry is proud to announce our very own Pro Life Billboard license plates. The sale of these plates will help support the Pro Life Ministry. You may purchase the plate by downloading an application on the Diocesan Website at biloxidiocese.org. or from the church office during regular business hours. Complete, sign and mail the application along with your check to the address on the application form. The State of Mississippi will begin printing our plate once we reach the goal of 300 license plates. For additional information call June Bounds at 228-547-4404 or Karen Roads at 228-297-7704.



Fr. Henry McInerney is planning a group trip to Ireland for summer 2023, probably early to mid-June.

It will be limited to capacity of 1 tour bus (50 people at most). It will be for 11 days and the price will be all inclusive, (double occupancy), will include round trip airfare, all hotels, breakfast each morning, most evening dinners, all admission costs to places of interest, tour bus with driver/guide for duration of tour. PRICE WILL NOT INCLUDE: single occupancy (available if needed) lunches & souvenirs, travel insurance, tips/gratuity to driver/guide. Cost is estimated around \$4500 per person, flying from Gulfport into Dublin and returning out of Shannon. If you are interested in this trip, please call Our Lady of Fatima Parish Office between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday (228) 388-3887 and leave your name, phone number and e-mail address for updates.



A Prayer to Cast Out Generational Spirits of Gun Violence:

Heavenly Father, we need your help. Our nation is wracked with gun violence, homicide and death. Innocent people are dying. Our children, whom You and we love so dearly, are at risk and many have tragically died. We pray that You would lift any curses and cast out any generational spirits of death, murder and gun violence, and any related evil spirits. We forgive all our ancestors for the effects of their sins on us and our children. We confess and renounce our own sins. Forgive especially the sins of hatred, violence and murder. We renounce Satan and every evil power affecting this nation and our loved ones. We pray that You would restore the peace and tranquility of this land so that we might be one nation under God, united in love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commentary on the Doctrine Of the Most Holy Eucharist

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

III. The Eucharistic Banquet: Communion a) Incorporated into Christ

(Continued from last week)

If Christ is present in the Eucharist under the forms of food and drink, there is little doubt that He wills to give the maximum gift of Himself to men. Since the mystery of the Incarnation is continued in the Eucharist, through the Eucharist men are especially joined to Christ and He Himself dwells most intimately in them: "For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood, remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:55-56). In a most marvelous fashion, we are made sharers of the divine nature.

The Council of Trent teaches that Christ willed that we receive the Eucharist as the spiritual food of our souls and likewise as the antidote by which we are freed from daily faults and preserved from mortal sins (Ecumenical Council of Trent, Session XIII, chapter 2: DS 1638). The Eucharist strengthens our spiritual life while it joins us to Christ, and it safeguards us from sins because spiritual delight and infused charity are increased in those living for Christ, protecting them from being overcome by the allurements of sin. (Continued next week)