

The First Reading is part of Moses' farewell speech to the Israelites. He exhorts them to commit themselves to the Lord by observing his commandments. Whereas previously these commandments were considered as being external to them, now they are presented as springing from within themselves. They are written in their hearts, and therefore are not far away from them or beyond their strength. Jesus reduced the commandments to two (Gospel).

The lawyer's question was meant to embarrass Jesus. But Jesus cleverly put the onus back on the lawyer. So the lawyer tries again: he seeks casuistically to know to whom the commandment 'love your neighbor' applies. Basically what Jesus says to him is: our neighbor is anyone, regardless of class, color, race, or creed, who needs our help.



A Workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 20th, 10:00 a.m. at Morning Star Pregnancy Center (2204 24th St, Gulfport, 228-864-4221). Morning Star is just north of St. James Catholic Church on Cowan Road. For more information, contact Margaret Miller (coordinator) at 228-217-4742, mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org or www.walkingwithmoms.com.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Wednesday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



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. July 16th). 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, July 16th 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 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 July 18 - 22, 2022.

If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Jamie Lloyd at 713-818-6071. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



Evening of Intercession - Intercessory prayer is going between the Lord and the person you are praying for, asking the Lord to show them his mercy and blessings.

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, July 27th from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** Please bring your Rosary with you. I look forward to seeing you there.

Deacon Jim



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Susan Garlotte, cousin of Ron (Aline) Balius of this parish, who passed away June 30th.
Emma Favorito, sister of Angelina Ward of this parish, who passed away July 3rd.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 11
Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34—11:1	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Julia Mansfield Bell
TUESDAY	JULY 12
Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY	JULY 13
Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ron Fournier
8:15 a.m.	Marian and Alfred Sullivan
THURSDAY	JULY 14
Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Wronko
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Verdalee Catchot
FRIDAY	JULY 15
Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Joicelyn Mayfield
SATURDAY	JULY 16
Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21	
8:15 a.m.	Deceased Knights of Columbus
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
SUNDAY	JULY 17
Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Carol Gordon
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Ann Tootle

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,527.56
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....	\$6,008.00
Poor Collection.....	\$3,353.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, 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, Dale Dorcik, 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, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Joyce Reynolds, 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, Ashley Vickers and Janette Williams.

The Blessed Sacrament: A Matchless Mystical Medicine



I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament.....There you will find romance, glory, humor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth.

- J. R. R. Tolkien

What riches, glory, and grace we possess in the treasury of our Catholic faith! How good God is to us, who are so weak and so very much in need of His mercy and His love!

We have been given a priceless gift, a matchless mystical medicine. Yet it is not a thing but a Person: Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He has promised to remain with us until the end of the world, in order to exhaust every effort in guiding us to heaven, in securing our true peace and our only happiness.

Discovering the True Reality

If we have been baptized into the Catholic faith as infants and have spent our Sundays attending Mass, perhaps we have missed what many converts are so ecstatic about. We are prone to a certain "house-blindness," going through the motions of the Faith without bothering to scratch the surface. But for those who are brave enough to venture farther than surface-skimming, an entirely new chapter of their lives begins to unfold when the true reality before us is realized: The same Jesus we read about in the Bible, hear about in the readings of Mass, and watch movies about (if they are trendy enough) is the very same Jesus we receive and adore in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Stop for a moment and spend some time thinking about what this really means. I adore Jesus' Body in the Sacred Host? At Mass I consume His Sacred Body? I drink His Blood? I receive His Soul into my soul? Somehow I receive His Divinity?

Could this be possible? How could He deign to be so intimate with me, a poor sinner?

An excerpt from the *Manual for Eucharistic Adoration*.



To sign up for a holy hour or to become a substitute, scan the QR code or visit stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup.

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.

The computer will now find you a substitute and let you know when one has been secured.

Call 228-282-0984 for any questions on logging in or using the website.



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The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed through Sunday, July 31st for inventory and will reopen on Tuesday, August 2nd.



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.

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.

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 b) The unity of the Church

(Continued from last week)

The Supreme Pontiff, Pius XII, taught that the faithful are nourished and strengthened by the very same banquet and likewise are united among themselves by an ineffable bond to the Head of the Mystical Body. Therefore, the sacrament of the Eucharist stands out as the image of the unity of the Church and nurtures that unity by imparting the heavenly increase of grace, so that we might also draw the Spirit of Christ and that charity might be increased in us more fully.

If the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross is offered in Mass in sacramental signs, if the Body of Christ is eaten there, by which the Church is built up in unity, if finally through the Eucharist we have eternal life, it is clearly understood that the Eucharist is likewise the heart and center of the Church – in the words of Paul VI. Or, according to the words of the Second Vatican Council, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the entire Christian life. What is affirmed of the universal Church is also affirmed of all the particular Churches, when the Eucharist is celebrated in them in communion with the Chair of Peter and of all the Bishops, or when the celebration itself requires the bishops to be joined in such communion.

(Continued next week)

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 Denis J. Harlow, July 1, 2010
Reverend Francis J. Scott, July 19, 2007
Reverend Msgr. Gregory M. Johnson, July 20, 2004
Reverend Joseph Tung Duc Nguyen, July 25, 2002

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



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of William Ray