

The First Reading and the Gospel are hospitality stories. Hospitality was an esteemed virtue in the ancient world. It is still a highly regarded and very necessary virtue.

In the First Reading we see how, when three strangers (Jesus and two heavenly companions) suddenly appeared to Abraham, he reacted with instinctive hospitality, and how Jesus rewarded his hospitality.

This sets the scene for Martha and Mary who welcome Jesus to their home. We see the contrast between Martha's activity and Mary's quiet devotion to the Lord. It's not that what Martha does is unimportant. It's just that Mary has chosen something even more important. Her priority is to listen to the word of Jesus.

The story of Martha and Mary can be seen as a parable in action. Whereas the parable of the Good Samaritan stressed the importance of action, or practical love, in the life of a disciple, this story stresses the importance of contemplation. Both are necessary, and have to be integrated into the life of a Christian. Martha is the patron saint of waiters and waitresses.



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) this coming week (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.



A Walking with Mom's Workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 20th, 10:00 a.m. at Morning Star Pregnancy Center (1450 North Street, Gulfport 39507, 228-864-4221). Morning Star is north of St.

James Catholic Church just off Cowan Road. For more information, contact Margaret Miller, coordinator Walking with Mom's in Need, at 228-217-4742 or mrmliller@biloxidiocese.org.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

July 20: Final Registration, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

JULY 18

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42

6:30 a.m.

Ms. Mollie Davidson

8:15 a.m.

Ms. Stephanie Reid

TUESDAY

JULY 19

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50

6:30 a.m.

Ms. Gail Clark

8:15 a.m.

Mr. Eric Marcussen

WEDNESDAY

JULY 20

Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9

6:30 a.m.

Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick

8:15 a.m.

Int. Ms. Courtney Severino

THURSDAY

JULY 21

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17

6:30 a.m.

Ms. Gloria Groue Davis

8:15 a.m.

Special Intention

FRIDAY

JULY 22

Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18

6:30 a.m.

Mr. Joe Garrard

8:15 a.m.

Int. Mr. Steve Karp

SATURDAY

JULY 23

Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30

8:15 a.m.

Mr. Joseph Holden

4:00 p.m.

Mr. George Sonnier

SUNDAY

JULY 24

Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

7:30 a.m.

Ms. Jackie Endt

9:00 a.m.

Mr. Edwin Catchot, Sr.

11:30 a.m.

Congregation

5:30 p.m.

In Thanksgiving for the Supreme Court's

Ruling in Dobbs -V- Jackson Women's Health Organization

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,403.25

Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,290.00

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.

An Intimate Presence



It is something far beyond our comprehension, but it is true. Not only are we able to receive Jesus in Holy Communion at each Mass as baptized Catholics in the state of grace, but we also have Him available in another very intimate way. He remains with us so that we may come to Him and gaze upon Him, "Face to Face", in the most Blessed Sacrament, solemnly exposed for Adoration.

St. Paul wrote about the transforming power of gazing upon Our Lord: "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into His likeness from one degree of glory to another" (2 Cor 3:18). To spend time with Him is to become more like Him. We may find it difficult to believe that God has a vested interest in us, but He certainly does! He loves us so much that He died for us. Yet after His resurrection and His glorious ascension to the right hand of the Father, He did not want to leave us as orphans. He has gone before us to prepare a place for us.

Even so, He desires at the same time to be intimately present to us. He desires to show us that He is interested in every detail of our lives. How does He do this? He waits for a visit from us wherever He is present in the Holy Sacrament throughout the world.

An excerpt from "Manual for Eucharistic Adoration"



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Gloria in Excelsis, a community wide Chorale Society open to all, will begin their Sixth Season on August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. The hour-and-a-half, weekly rehearsals are held at Sacred Heart Academy on the campus of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) Cathedral - 870

Howard Avenue in Biloxi. There is no membership fee required. The Chorale presents annually an Advent, Christmas, Holy Week and Patriotic Concert and will also feature a special presentation of Gabriel Faure's "Requiem" this fall. For more information, Contact: Terry D. Maddox - Artistic Director at 251 406-1454 or terrydalemaddox@gmail.com



You are invited to join the Bible Study Classes that Sacred Heart in D'Iberville will be having in the near future either on-site or via ZOOM. No attendance requirements. No cost. Recordings will be available if you miss a class or want to review/share class with others.

Wanda Freeland will be teaching the classes and she may be contacted at wanda.biblestudies@gmail.com for more information or to register.

The classes being offered are:

EPIC (Steve Weidenkopf/Dr Alan Schreck): What happened to The Church after Jesus? The EPIC series does not just list the popes, the people, the places and events over 2000 years AD but is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform and devotion and how we fit into this story. Thursdays, August 4 - December 29, 2022. On-site from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and/or on ZOOM at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline (Jeff Cavins): The Bible is a library of books. This study divides the Bible into 12 color-coded time periods and arranges key people, places, and events in Sacred Scripture into chronological order to better see the Big Picture. Mondays, September 12, 2022 - February 27, 2023. On-site from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and/or on ZOOM from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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 c) The Eucharist and Mission

(Continued from last week)

Finally, in what sense can one speak of the Eucharist as the origin of mission? That it is the origin of mission can hardly be defended if the Eucharist is understood to be some sort of propaganda by which an effort is made merely to keep people Christian. If that were the case, both the Eucharist and the concept of mission itself would be destroyed. If it is truly well understood, we are better able to accept the Eucharist as the mystical center of Christianity where, according to His mysterious design, God perpetually steps outside Himself and leads us into His arms. For the Eucharist is the fulfillment of the prophetic word spoken on the first day of the week of Jesus' passion: "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself (Jn 12:32).

That the Eucharist truly be a mission - much more than a propagation for some reason or a preaching concerning some particular community - and that it proceed from God and lead back to Him, it must draw its origin from a higher source, which would pertain neither to human schemes nor to means arising from them. Thence it must arise from a higher and more profound foundation than that which is proclamation or the technical art of persuasion: "The Christian is not the result of persuasion but of power," in the very attractive words of St. Ignatius of Antioch (Rm 3:3).

(Continued next week)

**Altar Society Members for next week
Jamie Lloyd and Terry O'Connor**