

**Prayer forms the subject of the First Reading and the Gospel.** Prayer is a favorite theme of Luke. In the First Reading we see Abraham interceding with God on behalf of Sodom, a city full of evil. Troubled by the idea of the innocent being punished along with the guilty, he begins to bargain with God. The story highlights the importance of intercessory prayer, and reveals a lot about the mercy of God.

This prepares us for the Gospel which shows Jesus at prayer and contains the Lord's Prayer. Luke's version is shorter than Matthew's, which is believed to be closer to the original version. Jesus urges the disciples to go on asking for what they need with persistence and confidence.



**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 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 pm.** Please bring your Rosary with you. I look forward to seeing you there. -- Deacon Jim



**A message from Will Haislmaier, Youth Minister:**

We are in the process of remodeling and decorating the Youth Office. For those of you unaware, the Youth Office (located next to the Mount Carmel Room) will be designated for the purpose of Youth Ministry and Evangelization. It is my intention that with this space our youth will feel that St. Alphonsus has a place for them where they can feel at home and seek out our Lord with friends and family.

However, since this project has begun, we need your help. The Youth Room is currently without furniture or decorations. We are currently accepting donations to help furnish and decorate the youth space. Our goal is to be fully operational by the beginning of September. I thank you for all your prayers and support and any donation is deeply appreciated. God Bless You my brothers and sisters and I look forward to serving you!



**Are you looking for school uniform shorts, shirts or khaki pants?**

The St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store (2200A Bienville Blvd., Ocean Springs) has a great selection. They are open Monday thru Friday 10:00am - 6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am - 3:00pm. Mondays and Wednesdays all clothes half price!!



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of John Mangin, father of Kathy Mangin of this parish, who passed away July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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**The Flowers on the Altar are In Thanksgiving for the Supreme Court's Ruling in Dobbs-v-Jackson Women's Health Organization**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

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| <b>MONDAY</b>  | <b>JULY 25</b>                            |
| 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28                   |   |
| 6:30 a.m.  | Mr. Theo Laborde                          |
| 8:15 a.m.  | Special Intention                         |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>JULY 26</b>                            |
| Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43                      |   |
| 6:30 a.m.  | Mass of Thanksgiving For Answered Prayers |
| 8:15 a.m.  | Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.                       |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | <b>JULY 27</b>                            |
| Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46                  |   |
| 6:30 a.m.  | Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.               |
| 8:15 a.m.  | Int. Ms. Genevieve Gatschet-Odom          |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>JULY 28</b>                            |
| Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53                        |   |
| 6:30 a.m.  | Mr. Vic Daugherty                         |
| 8:15 a.m.  | Special Intention                         |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>  | <b>JULY 29</b>                            |
| Jeremiah 26:1-9; John 11:19-27                           |   |
| 6:30 a.m.  | Ms. Monica Goretski                       |
| 8:15 a.m.  | Mr. Jerry Purdy                           |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>JULY 30</b>                            |
| Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12                   |   |
| 8:15 a.m.  | Ms. Anita Grace White                     |
| 4:00 p.m.  | Ms. Susie Jurich                          |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>  | <b>JULY 31</b>                            |
| Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21 |   |
| 7:30 a.m.  | Mr. Douglas E. Fountain                   |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Mr. John Nicklason                        |
| 11:30 a.m.   | Congregation                              |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Mr. Bob Myers                             |

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$7,825.75  
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,175.00  
 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 Necaise, Terese 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 Mystery Revealed**

He who knew us before time began, who loves us and willed us into being, and who will be waiting for us at the moment of our last breath, is the same One looking upon us from the Sacred Host. Let's take a look at some passages from Sacred Scripture in order to unpack this mystery further.

**The Eucharist Foreshadowed** - The wondrous gift of the Eucharist, given by God to man through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is hidden in shadow yet also explicitly shown in the Sacred Scriptures. If we take a journey to discover the origins of this gift, we find it throughout the Bible. It is foreshadowed in the Old Testament, with hints of what was to come. And it is fulfilled in the New Testament, where the mystery is unveiled.

From Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac to the Institution of the Passover, from the manna in the desert to the ark of the covenant, we see God gradually revealing Himself to man-until the fullness of time, when He sends His only-begotten Son into the world.

Our overview of the Eucharist in Scripture helps us see that it is in truth Christ's marvelous gift of Himself to us. Once we come to embrace more fully the reality that the Eucharist is truly Our Lord-His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity-we can begin to understand why this Blessed Sacrament is worthy to be adored.

An excerpt from the Manual for Eucharistic Adoration.



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2. Click on 'My Dashboard'
3. Scroll down until you see 'My Commitments'
4. Click the yellow highlighted box that says, 'Request Substitute'
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6. Click 'Okay' to complete.

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**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](http://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.

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**July 26:** Volleyball Parent Meeting, 5:45 p.m.

**July 29:** Band Family Night, 5:00 p.m.

**July 30:** Robotics Blood Drive, Cafeteria, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

For instance, the form and way by which St. Thérèse of Lisieux stands out as patroness of the missions helps us understand how missionary activity can be conceived. For she never went to any mission nor did she engage in any direct mission work, but she had understood the heart of the Church to be love. Likewise, she had already recognized that neither could the Apostles have proclaimed the Gospel nor the martyrs so fully poured forth their blood had not their hearts already been on fire. She sensed all of this to be that love that went beyond times and places. She had seen that a little nun behind the grille of the Carmelite community in a town of a French province could be everywhere, inasmuch as from her love she would live with Christ in the heart of the Church. The difficulties of missionary activity during these last twenty years should not be attributed to the fact that we had thought only about external matters, but that we had forgotten that this whole endeavor is continually nurtured from a deeper source. This "quasi-center," which Thérèse simply calls "heart and love," is the Eucharist.

(Continued next week)