

The First Reading presents a vision of all peoples coming to Jerusalem to share in the blessings God has conferred on Israel. This prepares us for the universalist note (typical of Luke) which we find in the Gospel. God wills that all people should be saved. People will come from all over the world to share in the messianic kingdom, and the Jews will have no advantage over the Gentiles. Jesus refuses to get into the numbers game, or to speculate about matters that are best left to the wisdom and mercy of God. The main thing is: the kingdom is present and the door open. But the door is not so wide that people can saunter casually in at their own convenience; it is a narrow opening through which they must thrust themselves with determination. Besides, the door will not be open indefinitely.

The Message was originally intended for the Jews, but Luke now intends it as a warning to the disciples of Jesus. There were those who thought they could enter the kingdom simply because they had a superficial acquaintance with the Master, but whose commitment was limited to words. There are those who even did evil, and who still expected to get in. It's a warning against presumption. Salvation depends on the favor of God and the honest struggle to follow his ways.



Get Involved Make a Difference TIME-TALENT-TREASURE: You are very generous with your Treasure – how about a little of your time? Just about one hour a month to help keep our house (St. Alphonsus Church) clean and beautiful. No heavy work. The Altar Society needs you, male or female. If interested or for more information, please call Rose Skelton at 228-697-2892.



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. You are invited 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, August 24th from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 pm. Please bring your Rosary with you.



The Knights of Columbus will begin serving breakfast the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month beginning September 11th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the KC Hall. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice. You are invited to come and enjoy the great food and fellowship.



In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday – October 2, 2022. To learn more, contact Margaret Miller, coordinator Walking with Mom's in Need, at 228-217-4742 or mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org.

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



The Flowers on the Altar
are in Memory of
**Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ryan
and Ms. Betty Lou Callegarie**

Pray For Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 22
2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Anthony Belson
TUESDAY	AUGUST 23
2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26	
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Danny Seymour
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 24
Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
THURSDAY	AUGUST 25
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Monica Goretski
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Julia Mejia
FRIDAY	AUGUST 26
1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13	
6:30 a.m.	Clarence L. & Edna D. Smith
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
SATURDAY	AUGUST 27
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Yvonne Viquerie
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
SUNDAY	AUGUST 28
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Church Families
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Neil Gryder Mr. Bill Gryder Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Int. Dr. Alice Xenachis
5:30 p.m.	

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,665.73
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,055.00
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, Billy Cruthirds, 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, Jack Kelly, 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, 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

FAITH FORMATION



Are you Searching for a Relationship with God? Do you just simply want to know more about the Catholic way of life? Are you interested in becoming a Catholic Christian? Were you baptized Catholic but are not in full communion with the Church through First Eucharist and Confirmation? Do you want to convert to Catholicism from another church? If you answered YES to any of these questions, then St. Alphonsus Catholic Church invites you to join our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Classes for RCIA will meet on Thursday's from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Rob or Christina Malloch at 872-6938 or the Parish Office at 875-5419.



Registration for St. Alphonsus Elementary Youth, Kindergarten through Fifth Grades, begins this weekend (August 20/21). Registration Forms are on our parish website at osstalphonusus.org or a printed copy is available at each exit of the Church. Printed copies may be dropped off at the Church Office Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. or in the bookstore mailbox after office hours. It is our mission, as a parish, to insure everyone receiving a Sacrament is prepared for that Sacrament. The parish, with the parents, share the responsibility of preparing our youth for First Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation. The parish has ministries to help each individual be prepared for each Sacrament, but we need the parents to ensure that their children participate in youth ministries from Kindergarten through the twelfth grades each Sunday. This year's classes begin September 11, 2022 and go through to May 21, 2023. All parents are asked to attend a parent meeting on the first day of class, Sunday, September 11th. Elementary parents will meet during the elementary children's class time at 10:15 – 11:15 in the Parish Hall.

If you have any questions regarding the Elementary Youth Ministry, you may contact Janie Sema at 228-217-1392 or email jsema@osstalphonusus.org.



September 11th after the 5:30 p.m. Mass St. Alphonsus Youth Ministry will begin with its first event for the year. This night will be a moment for the families and the youth of St. Alphonsus to enjoy some food, fellowship and games! This will also be an opportunity to learn additional information about St. Alphonsus Youth Ministry, Life Teen, EDGE, and Confirmation. All families and youth are invited and encouraged to attend, and we hope to see you there!

Please look in the parish bulletin, my parish app, and St. Al's Facebook for more information on the upcoming youth ministry calendar, events and programs.

A message from Will Haismaier, Youth Minister: We are in the process of remodeling the Youth Office and our goal is to be fully operational by the beginning of September. The Youth Office 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, we need your help. We are currently accepting donations to help furnish and decorate the youth space. I thank you for all your prayers and support and any donation is deeply appreciated.



Youth Ministry Volunteers are also needed. If interested in becoming a volunteer or for more information, please visit: <https://forms.gle/9V3Ez6UVJrhJTPNU6>.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Aug 26: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 24: College Financial Aid Informational Session, 6:00 p.m.

Aug 25: Mass 9:40 a.m.



Holy Eucharist

Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ
Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith

“How kind is our Sacramental Jesus! He welcomes you at any hour of the day or night. His love never knows rest. He is always most gentle towards you. When you visit Him, He forgets your sins and speaks only of His joy, His tenderness, and His love. By the reception He gives to you, one would think He has need of you to make Him happy.”
--St. Peter Julian Eymard



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

You may also view the adoration schedule or sign up for a weekly adoration hour by visiting stalphonusus.weadorehim.com. If you know you cannot make your hour, please request a substitute on the website. Log in to your adoration account; Click on 'My Dashboard'; Scroll down until you see 'My Commitments'; Click the yellow highlighted box that says, 'Request Substitute'; A text box will pop up asking you to confirm your sub request. Click on the green 'Request Substitute' box to confirm; 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.



The Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries will take place on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 or 60 years of marriage or more in 2022 are welcome to attend. Registration Forms are available in the Rectory Office during regular business hours. A link for couples to register will also be set up on the Diocese website. Deadline for registration is October 14, 2022.



St. Alphonsus Parish will be hosting a one-day RETREAT on Saturday, October 15th, featuring Fr. Mark Beard, the dynamic Director of *Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center* in Chatawa, MS. Fr. Mark's topic will be *In Defense of Mother Church*, covering the scriptural basis of Catholic teachings and traditions. The cost of the Retreat is \$75.00 which includes lunch and a retreat booklet. The schedule is as follows: 8:30 a.m. Check-in for all retreatants, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Retreat, (lunch provided) 4:00 p.m. Mass. Confession will be available before and after Mass. To register, please go to: www.Ourladyofhopems.com/events.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Yvonne Viquerie, sister of Mocky van Thiel of this parish, who passed away August 5th.

Albert Lutz, husband of Chetta Lutz of this parish, who passed away August 6th.

Elizabeth "Liz" Tootle, sister-in-law of Dianne Tootle of this parish, who passed away August 12th.

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