

The theme of all three readings is that of God's mercy towards sinners. In the First Reading we see that the people had abandoned God and fallen back into idolatry. God's reaction seems to portray him as an angry, jealous God, who will resort to the most terrible punishments when his law is disobeyed. But that's not the message of the story. The message is that God pardons the sin of his people in response to the prayer of Moses.

The fact that Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them was a cause of scandal to the Pharisees. They, the 'separated ones', avoided all contact with sinners. They assumed that God has no dealing with sinners either. But Jesus shows them a very different kind of God. By means of three parables he justifies his concern for sinners. All three parables stress God's concern for the lost one, and his joy when a lost one is found.

The parable of the Prodigal Son occurred earlier this year (Fourth Sunday of Lent) and is dealt with there. Here we might concentrate on the other two.

The Second Reading also fits in with the theme. Paul's conversion is proof of the fact that Christ came into the world to save sinners.



Fr. Mike is looking for people to help bring Holy Communion to the homebound and/or to visit with them and help them know they are not forgotten. If interested, call the Rectory at 875-5419.



The Altar Society Meeting for September has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 14th at 9:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Room. This will allow many of the members who volunteer at The Lord Is My Help the following week to attend.



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. (September 17th). 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, September 17th 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.

A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend for the Center for International Seafarers and Truckers. Envelopes are at the exits of the Church.



After each of the Masses next Sunday (September 18th) we will have a Ministry Fair paired with our 1st Hospitality



Sunday of the year. Come and enjoy some coffee and donuts and explore the ministries St. Alphonsus has to offer.



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 September 19th - 23rd. 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.

Upcoming Events – Save the Dates

Sept 20: Parish Pot Luck Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
Nov 27: Knights of Columbus Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Susan Gandy
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 13
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Susan Garlotte
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jocelyn Mayfield
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 14
Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Leo Noble
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 15
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 19:25-27	
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Natalie Hightower
	Mr. Patrick Williams
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3	
6:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	The Mansfield Family
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Edna (Lucille) Spell
4:00 p.m.	Congregation
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Camille B. Durkin
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Carol Gordon
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Albert Lutz
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Ann Tootle

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$10,878.51
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....	\$6,483.00
Poor Collection.....	\$3,661.00
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, 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, Charlie Goff, 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, 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

Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonusus.org

Edge (6th – 8th Grade): Sunday, 4:00 p.m. (before 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Life Teen (9th – 12th Gr): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Confirmation (11th Gr): Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Contact Will Haislmaier at whaislmaier@osstalphonusus.org

RCIA: Thursday, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Rm
Contact Rob or Christina Malloch at 872-6938

Sept 15: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Room
Sept 18: Adult Study Class, after 9 am Mass, Mount Carmel Mtg Rm.
Mary Queen of Heaven Series, All are Invited.

Faith Formation Classes for Kind-5th Grade - 10:15 a.m.

Edge and Life Teen Classes Meet – Times Above

Welcome Night for Confirmation Students – 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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

The Youth Office is being remodeled to give our youth a space that they can feel at home and seek out our Lord with friends and family. We are currently accepting donations to help furnish and decorate the youth space. We thank you for all your prayers and support and any donation is deeply appreciated.



Walgreens will be offering Flu shots (senior dose or regular dose) in the KC Hall on Thursday, September 22nd from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon on a first come / first serve basis – no preregistration is required. No cash will be accepted, so please bring your insurance card or Medicare card with you.



Thank you to the St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council #5654 for their donation of \$500 to Walking with Moms in Need ministry.

Margaret Miller, coordinator Walking with Mom's in Need, Diocese of Biloxi, 228-217-4742 or mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org.



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.



The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Campster Mathieu Sr., uncle of Gordon Mathieu of this parish, who passed away September 1st.

Victor Mavar Sr., uncle of Olivia Sliman of this parish, who passed away September 3rd.

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

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

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 16: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

Sept 18: Student Mass, 9:00 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 15: Mass 9:40 a.m.

Sept 16: Progress Reports



Saints' Devotion to the Eucharist

Saint Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), is commonly known for his zeal for souls as he spent countless nights praying for the salvation of souls. However, Dominic's early followers also recorded a more discreet practice of Dominic: they speak about the tears of their founder, not only when praying, but also when celebrating Mass. Brother John of Bologna, an early friar, relayed that when he served at Saint Dominic's Masses, he would see tears stream down the saint's cheeks after he received Holy Communion. The simplicity of the tears of this great preacher reminds us that Jesus gives us a tremendous gift in the Eucharist: God Himself descends and takes His dwelling in the soul of man. Our response then should be one of gratitude, awe and reverence for the love Christ has for us: that He should give Himself to sinful man as food. As Saint Dominic, we should always be thankful for Christ's gift to us in the Eucharist and be mindful of Whom we receive at Mass.



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

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



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, September 21st from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 pm. Please bring your Rosary with you.



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 is also set up on the Diocese website. Deadline for registration is October 14, 2022.



St. Alphonsus Parish will host a one-day RETREAT on Saturday, October 15th, featuring Fr. Mark Beard. The topic will be *In Defense of Mother Church*, covering the scriptural basis of Catholic teachings and traditions. The cost is \$75.00 (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.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor Of
Al and Barbara Kruger