

Amos was a great champion of justice. He savagely assailed the oppression of the poor, as well as the judicial system which denied them any hope of obtaining justice. Our short reading is a good example. Here he depicts the greed of the wealthy, who can't wait for the holy days to be over so that they can get back to making money by dishonest practices. He condemns the separation of worship from the proper treatment of other people, especially the poor. The Bible doesn't always give us examples to be imitated. At times it gives us examples to be learned from painfully. The servant in Jesus' story is one of these, brought forward to teach Christians the wise use of money. Here Jesus stresses the impossibility of any compromise between God and Mammon. For Luke, to use money wisely is to give it to the poor, and thus ensure one's eternal salvation.



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.



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



Sunday of the year in the Parish Hall. 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) this coming week (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.



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.



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.



You are invited to join the Walking With Mom's In Need (St. Alphonsus Ministry) on Thursday, September 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at Margaret's home (402 Cottage Square Lane, OS). To learn more, contact Margaret Miller, coordinator Walking with Mom's in Need, at 228-217-4742 or mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org.



The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will host a baby shower for Walking With Mom's In Need the entire month of October. A donation bin will be in Vestibule of the Church for anyone wishing to gift baby items.

Upcoming Event - Save the Date
Nov 27: Knights of Columbus Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Charles Wnukowski
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21	
6:30 a.m.	Rev. Richard LaCorte
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Lala O. Baca
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 21
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Yvonne Viquerie
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 22
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9	
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Adair Davis Wilson
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22	
6:30 a.m.	Int. St. Alphonsus Parishioners
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43b-45	
8:15 a.m.	Deceased Knights of Columbus
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Shaun Blake
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. John Mangin
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Marie Weidner
5:30 p.m.	Int. Dr. Alice Xenachis

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,315.68
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 3,882.00
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@osstalphonsus.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@osstalphonsus.org

RCIA: Thursday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Rm
Contact [Rob or Christina Malloch at 872-6938](mailto:RoborChristinaMalloch@872-6938)

Sept 21: Confirmation Class: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Sept 22: RCIA: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Room
Sept 25: 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

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.



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.



Mass for Family and Friends: You can have Masses offered for the Intention of family and friends as well as for the deceased. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.

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- Or text App to 55321



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Louis Janus., brother of Dr. Gene Janus (Marcella), who passed away September 2nd.
Dorothy "Dot" Ross of this parish, who passed away September 11th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Deacon Greg Miller

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 21: Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.

Sept 23: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 22: Mass 9:40 a.m.



Saints' Devotion to the Eucharist

Saint Tarcisus: As relayed by tradition, Tarcisus was a young roman boy who lived during the reign of Emperor Valerian. As the early Church was being persecuted, the faithful were forced to worship in secret. One day, after a Mass which Tarcisus was present, the bishop asked if a member of the congregation would be willing to carry the Blessed Sacrament to their fellow Christians who were imprisoned, as it was too dangerous a task for the clergy. Tarcisus bravely volunteered. After some instruction which entailed the necessity to keep the Blessed Sacrament safe at all costs, Tarcisus ventured off on his journey. Enroute, some of Tarcisus' friends approached him as they needed another boy for their game. Hearing Tarcisus' negative reply and upon seeing his sense of urgency, the boys demanded to know what their friend was hiding from them. As their incessant requests were being refused, the boys concluded he must be hiding something which the Christians considered to be sacred, so they shouted that Tarcisus was a Christian. This resulted in the young Christian being violently beaten. A Christian soldier stumbled upon the scene, and intervened. The heroic boy died from his bruises in the soldier's arms, but not before asking the soldier to protect Jesus in the Eucharist and to bring Holy Communion to the imprisoned Christians.

This young saint reminds us that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Like Tarcisus, we should reverence Him in the Blessed Sacrament and protect the Eucharist at all costs, even if it means laying down our lives for Him.



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

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 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.

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