

Amos was the prophet of social justice. He spoke to the wealthy of both Judah and Israel, who were unconcerned about what was happening to the country, which was about to be destroyed by the Assyrians. Indeed, by their life-style they were undermining the very fabric of the country. And they hadn't the slightest concern for the plight of the poor. Amos warned them that they would be the first to be led off into exile. This is precisely the sin of the rich man (Dives) in the Gospel: cushioned by a lavish life-style, he is oblivious to the presence of a poor man at his gate. Dives was a worldly man who didn't look beyond the good things of this life. It's a parable about the responsibility of wealth. Some of the harshest words in the Bible are directed at the uncaring rich.



Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday.

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.



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.



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, October 19th from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 pm. Please bring your Rosary with you.



Radio Maria - a Catholic Radio right here in Ocean Springs! You can listen to it on your radio at FM 88.1; livestream it on your computer at radiomaria.us; download the free app onto your smartphone; or by calling 1-631-359-8743.

There are many good programs from inspirational Catholic speakers, programs about history, prayer, care giving, finding a job, Marian apparitions, conversion stories, and many others! Plus there is great music. Let us be grateful to God for this sublime gift to us, for His mercies endure forever! Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

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 26
Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Marley Severino
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56	
6:30 a.m.	Protection of the Unborn
8:15 a.m.	Mr. James Peltier
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 29
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Deacon Convocation
8:15 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. John P. Prior
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 30
Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Chester McPhearson
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Joey Cosky
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 1
Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family
	The Jordan Family
	Mr. George Sonnier
4:00 p.m.	
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 2
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Church Families
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Bob Acosta
5:30 p.m.	Special Intention

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,779.79
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,270.00
Seamen & Truckers Collection.....	\$1,193.92
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 Necaise, 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 28: Confirmation Class: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Sept 29: RCIA: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Room
Oct 2: 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>.

We are updating the Youth Office 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.



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.

We ask that you pray this prayer for the success of our upcoming Retreat: Loving Father, we pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all the participants here at St. Alphonsus 'In Defense of Mother Church' retreat, that every heart be open to experience Your love personally in a powerful, life-changing way. May You bless everyone abundantly with all the graces they need for total conversion of heart. Lord, fill them with Your Spirit and love, and grant graces of forgiveness, reconciliation and healing in spirit, soul and body. May You transform every heart and mind to be renewed in Your Spirit.

O Holy Spirit, anoint and empower Fr. Mark Beard to be Your effective instrument abounding in love, wisdom and discernment. Lord, protect all Your people from the wickedness and snares of the devil, from harm and danger.

We ask for the intercession of St. Teresa of Avila and beseech thee to obtain for us this grace, thou who art so powerful with God; may we be all on fire, like thee, with the holy love of God.

Holy Mary, our Blessed Mother, we ask for your powerful intercession for everyone at the retreat. To You O Lord, we give glory and praise because of your constant love and faithfulness. We make this prayer through Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.



St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store announces a Half-Off Furniture Sale on Tuesday, October 4th. They also have half-off clothes every Monday and Wednesday. The store is open Monday-Friday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 10am-3pm and is located at 2200A Bienville Blvd.

For more information, call 228-334-5222.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 30: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 27: Softball Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Sept 28: PTO Mtg 8:15am/Homecoming Family Movie 6:00 pm
Sept 29: Homecoming Mass 9:40 a.m.
Sept 30: Alumni Mass, 4:30 pm; Tailgate-Alumni Social, 5 pm
Oct 1: Homecoming Dance, Grades 9-12, 7:00 p.m.



Saints' Devotion to the Eucharist

Blessed Carlo Acutis: He was a young Italian boy who had a great love for Jesus in the Eucharist. His simple yet sincere devotion to the Faith caused Carlo's parents to become practicing Catholics and at their son's request, they started to attend daily Mass with him. This millennial saint, however, is most known for his devotion to the Eucharist, for he documented all known Eucharistic miracles and even created a website containing information of each miracle! Though he died at the age of fifteen, his devotion to the Eucharist inspired all those around him, and enabled him to leave behind a beautiful testimony of his love for the Eucharist: his Eucharistic miracle website. Today all people throughout the world have access to Carlo's website to deepen their knowledge and love for Christ in the most Blessed Sacrament. Carlo teaches us that learning about our Faith can strengthen our Faith and love of Christ. Carlo also challenges us to learn about Eucharistic miracles, and so acquire a deeper understanding of God's love for us as well as strengthen our belief in the Real Presence.



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.

Bishop Gregory Mansour of the Maronite Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn has given his parishes seven tips to increase their devotion to the Holy Eucharist – methods anyone who wants to pursue a deeper understanding of the sacrament can use. Each week, for the next seven weeks, we will list one of his steps:

1. Prepare for the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Preparing oneself for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass should include reflections on the liturgical readings, careful preparation of the liturgical music, and observation of the one-hour fasting rule.

According to Code of Canon Law: "One who is to receive the most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion" (Can. 919 §1).

This one-hour fast is not required for those who are elderly or ill. In addition, the liturgy deserves its "appropriate dignity" and "careful observance," which includes abiding by the canonical norms and the guidance the Church offers on the liturgy.



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.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Marjorie Langen