

All three readings speak of faith. The First Reading is part of a dialogue between God and the prophet. Like others before him, Habakkuk is feeling the burden of office. He complains about the prevalence of injustice and God's failure to intervene. Then comes the divine response: in due time God will intervene to save those who trust in him. Meanwhile, the upright must remain steadfast in faith.

This brings us to the Gospel, where Jesus says that a grain of authentic faith can achieve great things. The saying about the uprooting of a tree is not to be taken in a literal sense. It is a vivid eastern mode of expression, which means that with faith what looks impossible can become possible. The parable of the unprofitable servant ('slave') would have shocked Jesus' hearers. A slave had no claim to either wages or thanks from his master, irrespective of how well he might have served him. At the time of Jesus, Judaism was dominated by the notion of merit – God 'owed' salvation to humans in return for keeping the Law. Jesus rejects this, and emphasizes God's sheer goodness. The disciples must humbly acknowledge that they are only servants.



October is Respect Life Month, and today, October 2nd, is Respect Life Sunday. Thanks to our Knight of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary a baby shower will be held each and everyday of OCTOBER! Thank you for your generous support. --Margaret Miller, coordinator Walking with Mom's in Need, mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will host a baby shower for Walking With Mom's In Need the entire month of October. Suggested items in need are: formula, diapers, baby wipes, manual breast pump, any and all items for baby and mom, \$25 gift cards, monetary donations, and prayers. A donation bin will be in Vestibule of the Church for anyone wishing to gift baby items. Gift cards and monetary donations may be placed in the collection basket at Mass.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who are not registered /active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, October 7th beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).

Altar Society Members for next week
Mary Ann Bounds, Barbara Fournier
Mary Alice Kanode, Lois Ravera



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Douglas Beauvais, father of Alexis Beauvais (Jeffrey Mallinger) of this parish, who passed away in Indian Beach, North Carolina on September 20th. Thi Sen Nguyen, mother of Maria Nguyen of this parish, who passed during the week. 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 Honor of all Deacons

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 3
Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 6:30 a.m.	10:25-37 Mr. Theo Laborde
	8:15 a.m. Ms. Elena Broussard
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 4
Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 6:30 a.m.	10:38-42 Deceased Priests
	8:15 a.m. Ms. Linden Brashier
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 5
Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 6:30 a.m.	11:1-4 Mr. Dan Dietrick, Sr.
	8:15 a.m. Mr. Nolan Fremin
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 6
Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 6:30 a.m.	11:5-13 Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee
	8:15 a.m. Special Intention
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 7
Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 6:30 a.m.	11:15-26 Salvation of Souls
	8:15 a.m. Ms. Julie Bond
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 8
Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 6:30 a.m.	11:27-28 Conversion of Sinners
	8:15 a.m.
	4:00 p.m. Ms. Susie Jurich
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 9
2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19	
	7:30 a.m. Mr. Dick Porterfield
	9:00 a.m. Mr. Edwin M. Catchot, Sr.
	11:30 a.m. Int. Mr. Patrick Hymel
	5:30 p.m. Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,116.75
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,047.00
Children's Collection.....	\$ 76.10
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 Cruithirds, 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](mailto:RoborChristinaMalloch@872-6938)

Oct 5: Confirmation Class: No Class, Fall Break

Oct 6: RCIA: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Room

Oct 9: Adult Study Class: No Class, Fall Break

Faith Formation Classes, Kind-5th Grade - No Class, Fall Break

Edge and Life Teen Classes – No Class, Fall Break

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.



We extend our congratulations to Judi Anderson. Judi is this year's recipient of the "Lumen Christi" award and we thank her for her service to our community, parish and our diocese.

This award is given to those parishioners throughout our Diocese who truly are 'lights of Christ' by the lives they live and the service they freely give to their parish.



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 Catholic Doctrine of Creation: The Only Firm Foundation for a Culture of Life. A Seminar, co-sponsored by the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation and St. Alphonsus Parish, will be held on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and presented by the founder and Director, Hugh Owen.

In this presentation, Owen will explain how evolutionary indoctrination of his father, Sir David Owen, in university in England led to his abandonment of Christianity, his embrace of secular humanism, and ultimately to his decision to become the first secretary general of International Planned Parenthood Federation at the very time when IPPF changed its position on abortion and became the world's number one provider of abortion as well as contraception and sex education. Owen will also show how the abandonment of the traditional doctrine of creation – especially the traditional teaching on the special creation of Adam and Eve, body and soul – has led directly to the global assault on marriage, family, and the right to life.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 4: Blessing of the Pets, 2:15 p.m.

Oct 5: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

Oct 6-7: Fall Break, No School

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 6: Mass 9:40 a.m.



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 six weeks, we will list one of his steps:

2. Examine your conscience.

Examining one's conscience consists of "reflecting prayerfully on one's thoughts, words, and deeds in order to identify any sins," according to the USCCB.

There are various ways one can do this, according to Mansour. It should be done before one receives Holy Communion, he said.

Those various practices include receiving the sacrament of reconciliation, partaking in spiritual reading, participating in spiritual direction, going on retreats, praying a rosary each day, reading Scripture, and practicing other devotions the Church offers, he said.



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.



Rosary Crusade ~ Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Friday, October 7, 2022 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Online, A Private Link Will Be Sent to You Upon Registration
To register: www.tickettailor.com/events/avilafoundation/707728

When you register, you will also receive a free subscription to the SpiritualDirection.com e-newsletter. Just hit Manage Preferences at the bottom of the email to change what you want to receive or unsubscribe.

"In the end, my Immaculate Heart will Triumph." Our Lady's been promised a victory, but we are called to help bring it about, to rally under her banner and reclaim our world—which finds itself in the grip of this trial—for Jesus Christ.

In that spirit, we ask you to gather with us, once again, for the **2nd Annual Rosary Crusade, Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** on October 7th at 6:30 pm Central, brought to you by the Avila Army.

You are invited to join dozens of our friends and fellow Catholic leaders as we pray the rosary together in a worldwide effort to bring the light of Christ to all.

Please share this information with all of your praying family and friends. Imagine what will happen as thousands gather to pray with Our Lady's weapon in hand!



Mr. John Hardwick, the sales representative from Diocesan (the providers of our weekly bulletin), will be at the Rectory October 17th – 19th. He will be contacting all businesses who presently have ads on our bulletin and if you wish to purchase an ad, you may contact him by calling the rectory during this time or at jhardwick@diocesan.com or 512-422-3949.

We thank all those business owners who presently support us in this way and in doing so make the bulletin available at no cost to the parish. Please support these parishioners and businesses.