



The First Reading is part of Solomon's prayer for wisdom. God, the Creator of the universe, is all-wise. In contrast, human beings are ignorant. However, God does not leave us in our ignorance, but bestows the gift of wisdom on all who humbly seek it.


Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem (Gospel). He knew that suffering, rejection and death awaited him at the end of that journey. But it seems that some Galileans regarded it as a victory march of the Messiah. In no uncertain terms Jesus disillusioned them.


Knowing that his disciples would have to face a similar challenge, Jesus spoke about the cost of discipleship. He didn't literally mean hating one's father and mother. The word 'hate' is a Semitic expression. 'Love less' would be nearer to what Jesus had in mind. He was telling his disciples that they must be ready if needs be to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between him and their own relatives.


The two short parables make the point that discipleship is a serious calling. It could mean persecution and even death. In this, as in any other spheres of life (such as business and politics), one shouldn't walk into it blindly. One must calculate the cost before setting out.


 **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.**

 **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.

 **A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, September 7th 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.

 **The Knights of Columbus will begin serving breakfast** the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month beginning next Sunday (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.

 **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.

 **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 Date
Sept 18: Hospitality Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass
Sept 20: Parish Pot Luck Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 5
1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Ora Mae Kohler
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 6
1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Smokey Hill
8:15 a.m.	Int. Lynda and Bhaktan Krishnan
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 7
1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Tiffany Wilson
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 8
Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Mary Eloise Wimmer
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49	
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
4:00 p.m.	Int. Mr. & Mrs. Al Kruger
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
9:00 a.m.	Mr. John Nicklason
11:30 a.m.	Rev. Alfred L. Camp
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,519.75
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$5,174.00
 Catholic University Collection.....\$1,114.79
 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 Necaize, 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): TBD
 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)

Sept 8: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Room
Sept 11: Adult Study Class. Will study The Bible and the Church Fathers!
 After 9 am Mass, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Rm. All Invited.

Faith Formation Classes begin for Kind-5th Gr - 10:15 a.m.
 Parent Meeting for K-5th Grade – 10:15 a.m.

Welcome Event for Edge, Life Teen and Confirmation Students and Parents after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Food, Fellowship and Games

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.



Now that Roe v Wade is overturned, let us rejoice with prayers of thanksgiving. At the same time, let us roll up our sleeves and double down our efforts to support families with love and assistance. Margaret Miller, coordinator Walking with Mom's in Need Diocese of Biloxi, 228-217-4742 or mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org.



An Adult Study, Lectio on Mary with Brant Pitre, will begin on Tuesday, September 13th at the home of Sue Mihal. Study guides will be available. For more information or directions call 601-573-0020. All are welcome.



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of James Mulgrew, father of Dorothy (James) Mulgrew of this parish, who passed away August 24th. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
 Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:
 Reverend Patrick McDermott, September 17, 2017
 Reverend Nicholas Filipich, September 17, 2001



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Claudette Van Winkle

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 5: No School – Labor Day Holiday
Sept 7: Progress Reports
Sept 9: Children's / Grandparent's Day Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 5: No School – Labor Day Holiday
Sept 7: Wrestling Informational Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Sept 8: Mass 9:40 a.m.
Sept 9: Grandparents Day Breakfast, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.



Saints' Devotion to the Eucharist
Saint Francisco Marto: This young boy was one of the visionaries of Fatima. He, along with his sister, Jacinta Marto, and his cousin, Lucia, received apparitions of Mary under the title Our Lady of Fatima. During her visits, the blessed Mother asked the young seers for the rosary to be prayed daily and for sacrifices to be made for sinners. In addition to following Mary's requests, Francisco had a devotion to "the hidden Jesus," Jesus hidden in the Eucharist. It was not uncommon to find Francisco in church (oftentimes when he should have been in school!) to comfort and console Jesus. As Sr. Lucia recalled in her memoirs, Francisco's favorite place to pray was by the altar in order to be physically close to Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament. By his example, this young saint teaches us to thirst for Christ, to remain in His presence, and of the importance of consoling Him in the Eucharist simply by being present to Him. Additionally, Saint Francisco challenges us to make visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament – even if it is for five minutes!



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 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.