

Today's readings continue the theme of prayer. In a society where money and power are everything, the "little people" don't have a chance. The First Reading states that God treats all people fairly. He shows no partiality to the rich and powerful. He listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly.

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector makes the same point even more forcefully. The proud Pharisee is relying on his good works. Because of these he thinks that God owes him salvation. The tax collector has nothing to rely on. He knows he is a sinner. So he throws himself on the mercy of God. His words are few, but the attitude of his heart makes him pleasing to God. His humble prayer wins him forgiveness.

The parable was aimed at those who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Although he was boastful, the Pharisee was not a hypocrite. His problem was that he had no concept of his need of God or grace or forgiveness.



An Altar Server training will be held on Monday, October 24th from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the Church. There will also be a parent's meeting from 6:00 - 6:15 p.m. All altar servers are asked to please attend this meeting. 3 or 4 parents will also be needed to help train the altar servers. No previous experience necessary



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 October 31st - November 4th.

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.



Pregnant and Parenting Moms in Need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be an "island of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference."

Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant women in need. The intention of Walking with Mom's in Need is to increase our outreach to pregnant and parenting moms facing difficult times. Walking with Mom's in Need is a national prolife ministry. For more information, go to: www.usccb.org/prolife or www.respectlife.org.

--Margaret Miller, coordinator for the Diocese of Biloxi, 228-217-4742 or mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is hosting 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.



During the month of November, we offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones. Envelopes are available either in your monthly contribution package or at the exits of the Church. Please

include the names of your loved ones along with your contribution and return it prior to November 1st if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.

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



**The Flowers on the Altar are in
Memory of Azalie Hale**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 24
Ephesians 4:32—5:8; Luke 13:10-17	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Barbara Starkey
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 25
Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lan Thi Nguyen
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Kathleen Hymel Shirer
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 26
Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 27
Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. June Straight
8:15 a.m.	Edward and Marie Weidner, Sr.
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 28
Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. James Murdock
8:15 a.m.	Int. St. Alphonsus School
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 29
Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m.	Congregation
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 30
Wisdom 11:22—12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2; Luke 19:1-10	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
9:00 a.m.	Mr. John Mangin
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Robbie Vickery Beeler
5:30 p.m.	Int. All Priests & Religious

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$10,592.20
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 1,760.00
Hurricane Ian Relief.....	\$ 4,540.93
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.

Pray For Vocations

FAITH FORMATION

Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalalphonsus.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@osstalalphonsus.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 26: Confirmation Class: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Oct 27: RCIA: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Room
Oct 30: Adult Study Class, after 9am Mass, Mount Carmel Mtg Room
Faith Formation Classes, Kindergarten - 5th Grade - 10:15 a.m.
Edge and Life Teen Classes - Times Above

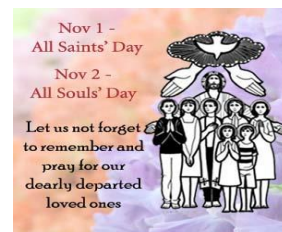
Youth Ministry Volunteers needed - If interested in becoming a volunteer or for more information, please visit:
<https://forms.gle/9V3Ez6UVJrJTPNU6>.



St Alphonsus Men's Group will meet on Tuesday's from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All men of our parish are invited to come build confidence, to encourage and inspire each other spiritually, and develop lifelong fellowship through prayer and sharing, discussion of The Gospels, inspirational readings and videos, and guest speakers.

As men, we strive to be providers and protectors, with a goal of getting ourselves, our families and our fellow Brothers and Sisters to heaven. Our calling to become this kind of man is easier when we have the accountability, support, and example of other men with the same goal. For more information, contact Buddy Odom at 228-218-7498.

St. Joseph Ladies Guild will hold their annual craft and bake sale on Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 30th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. You are invited to come and check out the variety of vendors with unique craft items as well as their home baked treats. All proceeds from this sale support their parish ministries for the entire year. This annual extravaganza will be held inside Depew Hall at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 12290 Depew Rd, Gulfport.



Tuesday, November 1st, is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Vigil Mass will be on Monday, October 31st at 6:00 p.m. On Tuesday our Masses will be at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. (school children will attend), and 6:00 p.m. **The Rectory Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 1st in observance of All Saints Day.**

Upcoming Event - Save the Date

Nov 27: Knights of Columbus Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



The Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi will have the next Women's Cursillo #291 weekend on December 8 - 11, 2022 at the Sacred Heart Dedeaux Retreat Center in Pass Christian. Applications are currently being accepted. Applications can be found online at www.biloxicursillo.org. For questions and/or more information, feel free to contact Gay Camagong at 228-424-7722 or Marcia Hebert at 413-433-3903.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 28: Children's Mass, 8:15 am; Confession/Families Welcome Trunk or Treat, 5:30 p.m.

Oct 30: 5th Grade Saints Walk / Student Mass 11:30 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 26: PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.

Oct 27: Mass 9:40 a.m.

Oct 28: Fall Athlete Senior Night, 6:00 p.m.

Oct 30: Volleyball Banquet, 4:00 p.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 we will list one of his steps:

5. Find Some Silence.

Mansour wrote that some quiet time adoring Jesus Christ either in Eucharistic Adoration or in front of the tabernacle is important. He said that this should occur outside of Mass.



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

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



Fr. Joe Dilettuso is planning a 12 day customized pilgrimage to the Holy Land, tentatively May 3 - 14, 2023. Except for a few lunches it is an all-inclusive trip with round-trip airfare from New Orleans, 5 nights Jerusalem, 4 nights Sea of Galilee and 1 night Tel Aviv. All sights are included, to name a few: Herodium National Park, Church of Nativity, walk the Via Dolorosa, Church of Holy Sepulchre, Mount Olive, Dead Sea to Masada, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberius, sail across the Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Mount Carmel, Caesarea and more...The cost is approximately \$5699 per person sharing a room. If interested please call or email Heidi Clark at: 228 388-4429, heiditravel66@gmail.com



Fr. Henry McInerney is planning a group trip to Ireland for summer 2023, probably early to mid-June.

It will be limited to capacity of 1 tour bus (50 people at most). It will be for 11 days and the price will be all

inclusive, (double occupancy), will include round trip airfare, all hotels, breakfast each morning, most evening dinners, all admission costs to places of interest, tour bus with driver/guide for duration of tour. **PRICE WILL NOT INCLUDE:** single occupancy (available if needed) lunches & souvenirs, travel insurance, tips/gratuity to driver/guide. Cost is estimated around \$4500 per person, flying from Gulfport into Dublin and returning out of Shannon. If you are interested in this trip, please call Our Lady of Fatima Parish Office between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday (228) 388-3887 and leave your name, phone number and e-mail address for updates.



A Special Parish Prayer Book is located on the south side of the Vestibule of the Church (front entrance). Anyone desiring prayers for any intention is requested to enter their intention on the Parish Prayer Book and they will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful at all weekend Masses.