

The world and all it contains is like a grain of sand compared with the greatness of God. Yet God loves all that he has created, and overlooks people's sins so that they can repent (First Reading). The Gospel gives us an example of this in the way Jesus seeks out the tax collector, Zacchaeus and calls him to repentance.

At that time tax collectors were put in the same category as thieves, murderers and prostitutes. Furthermore, because they worked for the Romans, they were regarded as traitors, and treated as outcasts. We can understand, then, how the good people of Jericho were offended when Jesus went to the house of Zacchaeus. But Jesus justified his action by saying that Zacchaeus too was a son of Abraham, and therefore entitled to the mercy of God as any other Israelite. And he declared that it was to seek out and save people like Zacchaeus that he had come. Touched by the kindness of Jesus, Zacchaeus saw the error of his ways and resolved to change. In this episode we again see Luke's concern for the proper use of wealth – it should be distributed to the poor.



**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 (October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>).

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.



**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 1<sup>st</sup> if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.



**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation.** Our Vigil Mass will be on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of All Saints Day.**



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, November 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



**You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion** on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 31</b>
Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	Int. All Priests and Religious
6:00 p.m.	Int. St. Alphonsus Parishioners
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 1</b>
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Elena Broussard
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Rose Gospodinovich
6:00 p.m.	Int. St. Alphonsus Parishioners
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 2</b>
Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 3</b>
Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 4</b>
Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16	
6:30 a.m.	Conversion of Sinners
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 5</b>
Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
	The Pitalo Family
	The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Mr. George Sonnier
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 6</b>
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Carol Gordon
11:30 a.m.	All Souls
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,462.55
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,040.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$1,393.00
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, Jeff Brochard, Roland

and Margaret Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Pat Cronin, Marjory 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Contact Jane Sema at [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org)

**Edge (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Sunday, 4:00 p.m. (before 5:30 p.m. Mass)  
**Life Teen (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Gr):** Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)  
**Confirmation (11<sup>th</sup> Gr):** Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Contact Will Haislmaier at [whaislmaier@osstalphonsus.org](mailto: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)

**Nov 2: Confirmation Class:** 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
**Nov 3: RCIA,** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Room  
**Nov 6: No Adult Study Class**

**No Faith Formation Classes**

**No Edge and Life Teen Classes**

**Youth Ministry Volunteers needed** - If interested in becoming a volunteer or for more information, please visit:  
<https://forms.gle/9V3Ez6UVJrhtJTPNU6>.



**Parish secretary needed:** Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Vanleave and Christ the King Mission in Latimer are seeking a new secretary. If you are interested, or if you know someone who would be a good fit for the position, please contact the Church

Office at Holy Spirit Parish. The position requires that you be a practicing Catholic with a letter of recommendation from the pastor of the parish where you belong. In addition, you must have computer and bookkeeping skills with a strong knowledge of accounting for tax and finance purposes. Please contact Fr. Peter Kmiecik, pastor, at (228) 283-5252, for more information and inquiries.



**BAY ST. LOUIS – Saint Stanislaus will hold an Open House** on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Saint Stanislaus is a Catholic, all-boys boarding and day school serving young men in grades 7 through 12. We invite parents and other interested

parties to learn more about a Saint Stanislaus education. Students and parents can tour the campus and learn about academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities at this event. Visit our website to register and more information. <https://ststan.com/open-house-2022/>.



**St Alphonsus Men's Group will meet on Tuesday's** from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room. 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.

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

**Pray For Vocations**

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Nov 1:** Children's Mass, 8:15 am;  
**Nov 4:** Adoration in School, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
**Nov 5:** Peter Anderson Beignet Booth

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Nov 1:** Mass 9:40 a.m.  
**Nov 2:** Family Night with Bishop Kihneman, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
**Nov 4:** Progress Reports



**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:

**6. Mandate Eucharistic Adoration for particular petitions.**

Mansour wrote that every parish, mission, and institution within the eparch "is to foster Eucharistic Adoration at least once a month for vocations, and for the needs of the Church and the world, and properly prepare for and celebrate the nine-day Christmas Novena with renewed reverence and respect for the Eucharistic Lord present with us at the altar." The Maronite Christmas Novena begins on December 15<sup>th</sup> each year and includes Eucharistic adoration use of incense, prayers, and hymns. The novena can be found at: <https://livingmaronite.com/resources/prayer/the-maronite-christmas-novena>.



To sign up for a holy hour or to become a substitute, scan the QR code or visit [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup).

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



**We will pray a 40-hours devotion November 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> for the intentions of families and for "Walking with Mom's in Need". Please sign up for an hour to join our prayers for these two intentions. For more information, please call Beth McMackin at 228-324-4188.**



**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.

**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](http://www.biloxicursillo.org). For questions and/or more information, feel free to contact Gay Camagong at [228-424-7722](tel:228-424-7722) or Marcia Hebert at [413-433-3903](tel:413-433-3903).



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of All Veterans**