

David had already been anointed King of Judah by his own people at Hebron. Now we hear how the northern tribes also acknowledge him as their king (First Reading). Thus David became king of a united country. His kingship prefigured the universal kingship of Christ.

The Second Reading is essentially a liturgical hymn in praise of Christ. The first part speaks of his role in creation; the second of his role in redemption. On this feast we acclaim Christ as head of the Church and ruler of the universe.

In the Gospel we see how the inscription over the cross, and all those who witnessed the crucifixion (the crowd, the rulers, the soldiers, and the thieves) unwittingly proclaim the true identity of Jesus. The irony is that the titles which are pronounced in mockery are true: Jesus is both Messiah and King.

--New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, Flor McCarthy, SDB



Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving Day and a most appropriate way to offer Thanks to God is to begin the day by attending Mass. **On Thursday morning we offer two Masses – 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** Please consider making one of these Masses your Thanksgiving to God before joining your family for the traditional meal later in the day. For those of you who will be traveling over the Thanksgiving period, we wish you a safe journey and a safe return home. Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Thankful & Blessed There will be 2 tables in front of the Altar, one is for an item (e.g. bread, pie or wine) that you will have for your Dinner and the other is for food or money donations for the Saint Vincent de Paul. Please place them on the table before Mass or during the offertory.



The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th.



The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed Thursday, November 24th, Saturday, November 26th and Sunday, November 27th.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus is having a Blood Drive at the KC Hall on Sunday, November 27th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.



As we prepare our materials for the **Capital Campaign**, we would like to highlight the rich history and traditions of our parish family. If you have pictures of weddings, baptisms, parish gatherings, and school celebrations from the past please share them by emailing them to stalosphto@gmail.com.



A special Thank You to the parishioners of St. Alphonsus who donated approximately \$5,000 in baby items and money to Walking with Moms in Need and also to the Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary for sponsoring this event during the month of October for National Respect Life Month.

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



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Frank Szczepanski, a member of our parish family, who passed away November 11th.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 21
Revelation 14:1-3; 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Alden Karp
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 22
Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Freddie and Vera Lusk
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 23
Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Noah Thibodeaux
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 24
Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
9:00 a.m.	All Souls
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 25
Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 26
Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
	All Souls
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 27
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44	
7:30 a.m.	All Souls
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Laura Noble
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Osvaldo Vecchiola
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$10,477.31
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 3,190.00
Children's Collection.....	\$ 21.00
Archdiocese for the Military Services USA.....	\$ 1,327.75
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, Roxie Buckles, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, 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, 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@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)

Nov 23: No Confirmation Class

Nov 24: No RCIA

Nov 27: No Adult Study Class

No Faith Formation Classes, Kindergarten - 5th Grade

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/9V3Ez6UVJrhJTPNU6>.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus will raffle off a Henry "Golden Boy" Lever Action Rifle 22 Caliber S/L/LR on Sunday, December 11th. Tickets

are \$10 each. For more information or to purchase a ticket, call Chuck Nannery at 875-0267. Tickets are also available at the Rectory Office during regular business hours.

Each year every parish in the diocese is obligated to submit a financial report to the diocese for the previous fiscal year that ends on June 30th. This report, therefore, contains figures from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Our income at St. Alphonsus is derived primarily from our Sunday / Holy Day collections which are subdivided between envelope, online or loose checks (identifiable) and non-identifiable (loose cash) contributions.

Income: Offertory	\$707,637.72
Investments, CSA, Use of Parish Prop	52,727.08
Repayment on Loan from School	60,000.00
Total Income	\$820,364.80

Expenses: Diocesan Support	\$ 56,333.53
School Support	173,168.97
Salary & Benefits	274,918.91
Overhead/Operating	127,382.02
Parish Programs	23,988.32
Total Expenses	\$655,791.75
Capital Expenses	69,368.74
	\$725,160.49



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Johnny Norman and Marguerite Norman

**Altar Society Members for next week
Beth Davidson, Jamie Lloyd
Terry O'Connor; Flowers – Jamie Lloyd**

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Nov 21-25: No School – Thanksgiving Break



Prayer from the Heart

Simply stated, prayer is a personal relationship with God. The Catechism beautifully states that "whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours" (2561). God desires us and "thirsts" for a relationship with us. In our prayer, we satisfy not only our desires, but God's! This implies a kind of prayer that goes beyond making requests. It isn't meant to be transactional, but rather transformational. This happens through the Holy Spirit. St. Paul wrote, "The spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings" (Romans 8:26). The Spirit "speaks" for us in prayer! Since we don't know how to "pray as we ought," God sent his Holy Spirit to dwell in us so we can!

Excerpt from Discipleship Quad Guidebook, Part 2

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Amen.

Sign up for an hour to visit the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel to find out how transformational your prayer life can become.



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.



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 as we continue on **GENERATIONAL SPIRITS AND HEALING WITH A MASS**. We will meet in the church on **Wednesday, November 30th from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** Please bring your Rosary with you.



Notre Dame Hospice is looking for Volunteers to serve in their Mississippi Church Parishes.

Volunteers can provide caregiver relief, companionship for patients, run errands, play music and offer whatever talents our volunteers would like to share. Hospice volunteers do not need any medical experience as they do not handle patients. If you are interested or would like more information please contact: Janine Bonner, Volunteer Coordinator at 504-418-1049. Our Mississippi office is in Diamondhead, MS. We need volunteers in the Biloxi, Diamondhead, Gulfport, Long Beach –Pass Christian and Ocean Springs areas. Thank you.

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