

The chief function of the season of Advent is to prepare us for Christmas. However, to understand Christmas we have to start at the beginning – with the history of salvation.

God’s plan of salvation is centered in Christ and realized through him. Advent looks back at the promise of his first coming, when that plan was announced. And it looks forward to his second coming, when that plan will reach its complete fulfillment. And, of course, it celebrates his actual coming in time.

The First Readings of the Advent Sundays (from Isaiah) are concerned with the Messiah and the messianic times. Isaiah kept the hopes of the people alive in very dark times. In today’s reading we have the theme of universal peace and salvation. The Gospel and the Second Reading deal with the Lord’s second coming, which the first Christians believed was imminent. Both readings convey a sense of urgency through phrases such as, “Wake up”, “Stay awake”, “Stand ready”.

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



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 stalosphoto@gmail.com.



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 with 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.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, December 2nd beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, December 3rd 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.



Thursday, December 8th, is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Vigil Mass will be Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. Masses on Thursday will be at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. with school children, 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m.



What is Walking with Mom’s in Need? A nationwide initiative that increases support for pregnant and parenting mothers facing difficulties. “May we become Islands of Mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference.” – Pope Francis

Thank you to our St. Alphonsus Adoration and Pro-Life Ministries 40-hour devotion for families and mothers in need!

--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 Earl Hammond, grandfather of Kaitlyn (John) McMackin of this parish, who passed away November 16th.

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

Pray For Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 28
Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 29
Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Matthew Gospodinovich
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 30
Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dan Wronko
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 1
Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick.
9:00 a.m.	Conversion of Sinners
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 2
Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Charles Cheek
8:15 a.m.	Salvation of Souls
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 3
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ron Fournier
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 4
Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. June Straight
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Neil Gryder Mr. Bill Gryder Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Int. Dr. Alice Xenachis
5:30 p.m.	

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,634.03
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$1,730.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection.\$	985..00
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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, Nija Fountain, 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, Terese 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, Glenn Sigurnjak, 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@osstalphonsus.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@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

Nov 30: Confirmation Class: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Dec 1: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Room
Dec 4: 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/9V3Ez6UVJrhJTPNU6>.

Coming Events at your SVDP Thrift Store Ocean Springs:
Saturday, December 3rd - 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 pm Sidewalk Book Sale; 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. - Come take pictures with Santa Claus!!
Monday, December 12th - 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Author Albert Allegue Book Signing. Cookies and coffee will be available.



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.



The KC Ladies Auxiliary will host a free “OH WHAT FUN!!!” Breakfast with Santa December 11th, Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the KC Hall. All parish children are welcome to attend. Bloody Marys and Champagne Mimosa’s will be available for adult purchase.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus will raffle off a Henry “Golden Boy” Lever Action Rifle 22 Caliber S/L/LR on Sunday, December 18th. 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.



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.

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

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 29: Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec 2: Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.
Dec 3: Breakfast with Santa
Dec 4: Student Mass, 9:00 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Dec 1: Mass, 9:40 a.m.



Advent is filled with anticipation. We anticipate the Lord’s coming at Christmas as we light each candle on our Advent wreath. We look forward to family gatherings, beautiful celebrations at church, and all the blessings that come during the season. As we wait, our hope in the Lord can increase and our faith can grow stronger if we learn to quiet ourselves. Advent offers us the opportunity to choose to sit in silence before the Lord and listen for His voice. God can open our eyes to His goodness and fill our hearts with gratitude as we sit before Him. Take these next four weeks and make room on your calendar for silence so that you can listen to the Lord. Bring your burdens and fears to Him along with your mustard seeds of faith and hope. Allow Him to make that seed grow.

Our adoration chapel is always open for you! Come and adore Him!



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

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

CONCERT EVENTS



GULF COAST “MESSIAH CHORUS”: As a part of Nativity BVM Cathedral’s annual “Advent ~ Christmas Concert Series” – 2022 – The Cathedral welcomes the Gulf Coast “Messiah Chorus” in their first presentation of the “Messiah” along the Gulf Coast. The program will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2nd. The organization has invited the new Choir of St. Patrick’s Catholic High School to share a Pre-Service music program at 6:45 p.m. This program is free and open to the public.



“ADVENT REFLECTIONS CONCERT-SERVICE”: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral will present their annual liturgical concert-service entitled: “Advent Lessons and Musical Reflections” on Saturday, December 3rd at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Fashioned after the traditional Christmas: “Lessons and Carols”, this unique scripture and music program illuminates the meaning and depth of the Advent Season of prophecy, expectation and hope as reflected through images of the prophets and the Angel Gabriel. This offering is a part of the Music and Fine Arts Ministry of the Cathedral and is presented by the Community Choirs of “Gloria In Excelsis” and “Mobile Vocal Arts”.

For more information regarding these programs – contact Terry Maddox at 251 406-1454 or terrydalemaddox@gmail.com.

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