

Isaiah foretells that even though the family tree of Jesse (David's father) has been reduced to a mere stump, nevertheless from that stump a new shoot will spring – a true king filled with the Spirit and endowed with all the virtues of his ancestors. The new king (the Messiah) will be a champion of the poor and will restore paradisaal peace.

Matthew introduces John the Baptist as the herald, foretold by Isaiah, of the long-awaited Messiah, and the one who prepared the people to receive him. Matthew sees Jesus as fulfilling the Old Testament promises.

Paul also sees Jesus as the one through whom God fulfilled his promises, and at the same time the reading from Roman continues the theme of peace and harmony of the First Reading.

--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.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, December 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.



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.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, December 8th in observance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Feast of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: The Blessed Virgin Mary says: "Praise be to Jesus. The feast that the church celebrates today – the Immaculate Conception – can only be appreciated within the context that God creates human life at the moment of conception. On this feast day, please realize it is God who is in charge. It is God who has the master plan. Do not willfully destroy what God creates in the womb. My conception brought you your Redeemer."

--Margaret Miller, coordinator for the Diocese of Biloxi, www.RosaryoftheUnborn.com.



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend for the St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



Envelopes are in the pews for anyone wishing to make a donation to the decorating of the Church for Christmas in Honor Of or in Memory Of a loved one. When complete, envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Rectory. PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY ON THE ENVELOPE. Donations will be accepted through December 18th.

Altar Society Members for next week
D Beaugez, D Helms, J Hillyard, P Zuber

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	DECEMBER 5
Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Dr. John LaCroix
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 6
Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Wayne McKenzie
8:15 a.m.	Mr. James Peltier
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 7
Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Susan Gandy
6:00 p.m.	Ms. Theresa Hunter
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 8
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Danny Ainsworth
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Adair Davis Wilson
12:00 Noon	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
6:00 p.m.	Int. Ms. Nija Fountain
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 9
Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lan Thi Nguyen
8:15 a.m.	Msgr. Lavalley C. Watson
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 10
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory Protection of the Unborn
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Lee Adler
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 11
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Mike Mooney
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Anna Grace Authement Alphonso
5:30 p.m.	Int. Mr. Michael Joseph Gatschet

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,290.91
Weekly Online Collection..... \$1,850.00
Thanksgiving Donations given to The Lord is My Help...\$ 311.00
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, 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 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, Glenn Sigumjak, 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

Dec 7: Confirmation Class: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Dec 8: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Lady of Mount Carmel Mtg Room

Dec 11: 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>.



Frassati Fellowship is the new Diocese of Biloxi Young Adult Ministry. Our first event is Tuesday December 6th, 6:30 p.m. at Coastal Daiquiri in Long Beach! This is open to any young adult (18-35) in any season of life. We will have trivia, food, drinks, and a special appearance from the Bishop!

If you have any questions, text Marianne at 832-274-5325. See you there!



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 Mary's and Champagne Mimosa's will be available for adult purchase.

Coming Event at your SVDP Thrift Store Ocean Springs:
Monday, December 12th - 4:00 - 6:00 pm; Apologetics author Albert Allegue Book Signing. For more information, call 228-334-5222.



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.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who came and supported their blood drive last Sunday. They collected 29 units.



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ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Dec 8: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Dec 5: Band Choir Concert, 6:00 p.m.

Dec 6: Robotics Disney Parent Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Dec 7: PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.

Dec 8: Mass, 9:40 a.m.

Dec 10: Band Christmas Party, 5:00 p.m.

Dec 11: Science Honor Society Blood Drive, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.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 in 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 stalalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup.

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



On behalf of SVD Laity Missionary of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, you are invited to a "HEALING MASS SERVICE". The Mass will be held on Friday, December 16th at 5:00 p.m. (216 Saucier Ave., Pass Christian 39571)



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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of June Williams, a member of our parish family, who passed away November 24th.

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

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