

In these readings it is not starvation and misery that are being blessed—these are evil things. What is being blessed is reliance on God. Those who know their need of God, and who live life as he would have them live it, are truly blessed. They are the most fortunate people in the world. God will give them all they need. Only God can fill our emptiness, only God can satisfy the hunger of our hearts. Those who put their trust in human things will be disappointed. Those who put their trust in God will not be disappointed. God becomes the champion of the poor, the weak, and the lowly, who practice integrity and humility.



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A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, February 1st 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.



LOVE LIFE From the womb to the tomb Pennies for Life

For Valentine's Day, St Alphonsus Parish and School is again collecting Pennies for Life! Participants are asked to donate one penny for each year of their lives in thanksgiving to God for the life He has given them (any coin denomination or folding money is also accepted). The proceeds collected will be given to the Diocese of Biloxi Walking with Moms in Need Ministry. This ministry supports and provides assistance to mothers and babies in need.

A large container, decorated with a red heart balloon, will be placed at the entrance to the Church or School the weekend of February 4th/5th and donations will be accepted through Tuesday, February 14th.

Thank you!!! for your willing heart, your precious time and love for others, especially the vulnerable mother and her child(ren) in need.



Friday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of throats will take place after both Masses this day as well as all the weekend Masses on February 4th and 5th.



The Traditional Catholic Doctrine of Creation: The Only firm Foundation for a Culture of Life. Did we really evolve from monkeys? What do you think? The Evolution Debate: Who is telling the truth? Evolution scientists or Moses and Jesus? "If You Believed Moses, You Would Believe Me" were the words of Jesus (John 5:46) when people at the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem did not believe Him.

You are invited to join us on Thursday, February 9th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Church to find out and to restore your faith in the words of Moses and Jesus. This seminar is co-sponsored by the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation and St. Alphonsus Parish and will be presented by the founder and Director, Hugh Owen.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JANUARY 30
Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. William (Joyce) Staehle, Jr.
TUESDAY	JANUARY 31
Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Patsy Ellmer
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Amanda Dobbins
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 1
Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Joicelyn Mayfield
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 2
Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Betty Bellande-Toland
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 3
Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lan Thi Nguyen
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Arnold Vincent Walker
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 4
Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 5
Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Gwen Noble
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Carol Peresich
5:30 p.m.	Int. Dr. Alice Xenachis

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,645.80
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,143.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Barney Banks, 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, Nancy Letort, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Iva Misko, Johnny Mitchell, Edward Necaize, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Roger Parker, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Glenn Sigurnjak, Linda Smith, Leonard Tarrant, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

Altar Society Members for next week
MA Kanode, MA Bounds, B Fournier, L Ravera
Flowers – J Lesso

FAITH FORMATION

Feb 1: Confirmation Class: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Feb 2: RCIA: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mount Carmel Meeting Room
Feb 5: Adult Study Class, after 9am Mass, Mount Carmel Mtg Room
Faith Formation Classes, Kindergarten – 5th Grade, 10:15 a.m.
Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonusus.org
Edge Class, 4:00 p.m.; **Life Teen Class,** 6:30 p.m.
Contact Will Haislmaier at whaislmaier@osstalphonusus.org

The Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to provide meals on Sunday nights for our high schoolers. They meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Mt. Carmel room and enjoy dinner together before starting the meeting. Thank you to all volunteers who have already provided meals, it is greatly appreciated!

Click on the link to view the details and to sign up.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ca9a622a1f58-help#/>



We want to keep you, our parish family, up to date on the progress we are making with the Building on Faith, Growing to Serve Capital Campaign that kicked-off at the beginning of January.

First, thank you to our church and school staff, teachers, campaign leaders, and volunteers for all their hard work. And thank you to our parishioners and school families that have submitted their campaign pledge. Please know that your gift, no matter the size, will have positive impact on the future of St. Alphonsus. We are truly grateful to share that the campaign has raised \$830,050 in gifts and pledges to date. We are 55% toward our goal of \$1.5 million. We ask for the support and prayers of our entire community to continue this progress. You can read more about the campaign progress in the bulletin insert.



The Ocean Springs Church Women will meet on Monday, January 30th at Macedonia Baptist Church, 1700 Dr. Jessie L. Trotter Street. Fellowship and food begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by the meeting at 10:00 a.m. For further information, please call the First Presbyterian Church office at 875-5326.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, February 3rd beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, February 4th 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.



Sacred Heart Parish in D'Iberville is offering an Online Bible Study on Ephesians February 2nd – 23rd from 9:15 am - 11:30 am. There is no cost and the study guide is optional. *No attendance requirements. Come as you are when you can.* To register, email Wanda at wanda.biblestudies@gmail.com. For more information go to <http://www.lighthouseideas.org> TAB: Bible Studies.



St. Elizabeth Parish Marriage Couples Ministry Six Dates for catholic Couples: 6 sessions, every Monday, beginning Monday, February 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The facilitators will be Gina and Chris Cazaubon (228) 326-4419. For more information, call

St. Elizabeth Seton at 875-0654. The cost is \$25 per couple and includes the HAPPY TOGETHER book. Childcare will be available.. You are asked to register as soon as possible so they can prepare better to serve you as you deserve.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Jan 29: Catholic Schools Week Begins / Open House Student Mass, 9:00 a.m.
Feb 3: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Jan 30: Priority Registration Opens for 23/24 School Year
Feb 2: Mass / JR Ring Ceremony, 9:40 a.m.; Drama Production 6 p.m.
Feb 3/4: Drama Production, 6:00 p.m.
Feb 5: Drama Production, 2:00 p.m.



Thank you to the adorers who made it to the Chapel for the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. We had 24 hours of uninterrupted prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Amazing! For those that could not make it and prayed from home, we thank you as well. If you would like to continue praying for the unborn, here is the Chaplet of the Unborn:

Make the Sign of the Cross

First Intention: The recognition by all that God creates human life at the moment of conception. Our Father (once), Hail Mary (3 times)

Second Intention: An end to all legalized abortion. Our Father (once), Hail Mary (3 times)

Third Intention: For all expectant mothers - that they value the precious life within them. Our Father (once), Hail Mary (3 times)

Fourth Intention: The conviction of conscience in the truth for anyone considering abortion. Our Father (once), Hail Mary (3 times)

Fifth Intention: An inner healing for all who have been involved in any way with abortion: mothers and fathers, healthcare workers, legislators or those who, in their thoughts, words or actions, have supported abortion. Our Father (once), Hail Mary (3 times)

Concluding Prayer: Heavenly Father, please forgive this generation for the arrogance of abortion. Heal the many wounds abortion has caused in our hearts, in the world and in our relationship with You. Unite us in the truth. Amen.

To view the adoration schedule and sign up for an hour you have 3 options:

1. Go to the adoration website at stalphonusus.weadorehim.com

2. Scan the QR code



3. Click on the My Parish app, click the button 'Parish Info' and you will find 'We Adore Him Adoration Sign Up'

Once you have gotten to the website, click on Sign Up (if you don't already have an account) or Log In (if you have an existing account). You will need to create a password. If you cannot remember your password, click forgot password and create a new one. You will then gain access to the schedule to view available hours. It is important that you sign up as this will enable you to receive upcoming adoration event information as well as help in the safety of all who attends Adoration (i.e. receiving update of door code). If you have questions or difficulty using this website, please reach out and call 228-282-0984. We are happy to help you navigate!

A HEALING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

In connection with Our Lady of Lourdes, which St. Pope John Paul II designated as World Day of the Sick and in the Spirit of Eucharistic Revival, Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral will have Hour of Grace on Thursday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m. Come, let us pray for healing for the sick from Jesus in the Eucharist.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Deacon Greg Miller