

Christ's parable originally addressed the problem of sinners in the Kingdom of God. The Pharisees believed that the Kingdom was for saints only; sinners therefore should be ruthlessly weeded out. But Christ didn't agree, as this parable shows. The main point of the parable is clear: up to the last judgement, the Kingdom will be a mixed bag of good and evil. Later the parable was applied to the problem of sinners in the Church. Like the Kingdom, the Church is also a mixed bag. It must not play God by trying to purify itself completely through purges and inquisitions. The definitive separation must be left to the last judgement. In the meantime the Church must be patient; it must preach repentance and practice leniency. Mercy and leniency are an expression not of weakness but of strength.

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



St. Alphonsus Parish and School are grateful and blessed to have your generous support of our Capital Campaign here at St. Alphonsus.

We currently have \$1,474,242 pledged of our \$1,500,000 goal! If you are interested in making a pledge or a one-time gift, contact Patience Clasen at (504) 920-5468, pclasen@osstalphonusus.org or the parish office with any questions about the campaign or to make a pledge or donation. Please continue to pray our campaign prayer for the success of our campaign throughout the years to come.



All are invited to join in the recitation of the most holy Rosary after the 8:15 a.m. Mass every Monday. The intentions will be for: 1. The purification of the Church...our

Pope, cardinals, bishops, priests and laity. 2. The healing and restoration of Family Life, in accord with Our Father's Will. 3. Any personal intentions.

Please meet in front of Our Lady's statue, on the right hand side of the altar, for the rosary recitation.



An Altar Server Training will be held immediately after the 9:00 mass next Sunday, July 30th. Any children who have received their first communion are welcome to attend. Please plan on at least one parent per family

attending as well. If you have any questions, contact John McMackin at jmcmack1@alumni.nd.edu or 228-229-6236.



The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi is hiring an Executive Assistant for the Offices of Mission Advancement, Lay Personnel, Evangelization, and the Catholic Foundation in the mission to form Intentional Disciples of



Jesus. The position requires the flawless execution of complex administrative tasks. For a complete job description and/or application, visit www.biloxidiocese.org/admin-assistant or scan the QR code.



St. John the Evangelist Parish in Gulfport will hold a **Grief Support Group** meeting on Tuesday, August 1st in their parish office at 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 228-864-2272.

Altar Society Members for this week

Terry, Aline, Anna Beth, Lois K, Jamie, Norma



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Edward "Snowball" McKenna, Jr., grandfather of David (Misty) McKenna of this parish, who passed away July 11th.

Kevin Barry, grandson of Rita Allen and nephew of Ralph & Robin Allen of this parish, who passed away July 11th.

Christina "Tootsie" Freeman, a member of our parish family, who passed away July 17th.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 24
Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Billy Cruthirds
TUESDAY	JULY 25
2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Robin Cannon
WEDNESDAY	JULY 26
Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Gwen Noble
THURSDAY	JULY 27
Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17	
6:30 a.m.	William and Catherine LaCroix
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Jameson Mitchell
FRIDAY	JULY 28
Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Joyce and Raymond Reynolds
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Thomas Noble
SATURDAY	JULY 29
Exodus 24:3-8; John 11:19-27	
8:15 a.m.	Deacon Martin Finnegan
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Kevin Barry
SUNDAY	JULY 30
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52	
7:30 a.m.	Deceased Religious
9:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Bryan Moe



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: 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, Carol Lee Cantin, Marshall Car, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Ida Jean Ellis, Nija Fountain, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Charlie Goff, Sandra Grantham, Trent Hartzog, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Rich Mihai, Iva Misko, Edward Necaice, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Thomas Peresich, 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, Renee McVeay Spicer, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,902.65
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,045.00
 Peter's Pence Collection.....\$1,085.51

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Alma Garlick



Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Adoration

Saint Teresa of Jesus of the Andes

"It is impossible to describe what took place between my soul and Jesus. I asked him a thousand times if he would take me, and I experienced his dear voice for the first time."

Beautiful, vivacious Juanita Fernandez Solar was born in Chile in 1900. She conceived an early love for God, and yearned for her first Holy Communion. But she was only seven, and at the time this meant that her desire was not fulfilled until she was ten. In a moving account of her First Communion day, she recalled how she began by asking forgiveness from each member of her family, including the servants, for any pain she had caused by bad behavior. Her heart expanded with love as she received the Eucharist. She concluded, "That very happy day...will be the unique day of my life....Since that first embrace, Jesus did not let me go but took me for himself." At age eighteen, she entered the Carmelites, taking the name Teresa of Jesus. Full of ardor, she began what a biographer calls "an apostolate of letter writing." "When Jesus is loved, everything is joy!" she wrote, encouraging her family and friends to find the happiness of God's friendship. She died at age nineteen, and is Chile's first saint. Her epitaph reads: *El Amor es Mas Fuerte* ("Love is stronger").

God of joy, through the intercession of Saint Teresa of Jesus of the Andes, may each of us experience the lasting embrace of Jesus in the Eucharist.

~Magnificat June 2023 Volume 25, No. 4

Consider spending one hour of your week in front of the Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There, in the silence, you will find peace and joy that only He can provide.

If you are signed up on the website for an adoration hour and are not going anymore, please return to adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for us to keep Him company! If you are absolutely unable to fulfill your commitment, please remove yourself from the schedule.

Whether you are visiting the chapel for 10 minutes or 2 hours, please sign in using the IPAD. Also, be sure to sign out when you leave. This requires a simple tap on your name.

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'

If you have questions or difficulty using this website, please reach out and call 228-282-0984. We are happy to help you navigate!



Congratulations to Juliana Sabagh – She was the recipient of this year's **Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund Award** given by the Knights of Columbus and Henry and Jean Nielsen (Chris' parents). This scholarship is given each year to a graduating high school senior in memory of Chris Nielsen – a young KC member who died while in the Air Force.



The last Saturday of each month, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store will hold a book sale with the Friends of the Ocean Springs Library inside the thrift store (2200 Bienville Blvd Ocean Springs). Your purchases go to help

feed, clothe, and support the poor, the homeless, the disabled and elderly, our veterans, trafficked women and children as well as providing funds to help victims of natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity.



The Ocean Springs Church Women will meet on Monday, July 31st at St. John's Episcopal Church (705 Rayburn Ave). Fellowship begins at 9:00 a.m. followed with the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The speaker is the Chaplain at the Adult Detention Center and will share the various opportunities for service there. For further information, please call the First Presbyterian Church office at 875-5326.



OPUS SANCTORUM ANGELORUM: You are invited to join us in a "Consecration to the Guardian Angel" Study, beginning Friday, August 4th. We will meet in the Mount Carmel Room after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Regarding the ANGELS..."The Catechism points out, "From its beginning until death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession.

Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life (St. Basil)" (CCC336). Most Catholics know little about the holy angels except for the prayer, "Angel of God, My Guardian Dear". Yet how much more progress we could make in our spiritual life if we looked more often to him who was given to us specifically as a "shepherd leading us to life".

In an address to American pilgrims on October 3, 1958, Pope Pius XII reminded them that our lives are surrounded by the holy angels: "Each one of us, even the poorest of the poor, has angels watching over him. The angels are glorious, pure and splendid, but they been given to us as companions along the way of life. They have the task of watching over you all, so that you do not stray away from Christ, your Lord." At the end of the audience, he admonished the faithful: "Have a familiar relationship with the angels, whose constant care is directed towards your salvation and holiness. God willing, you will spend an eternity of joy with the angels: learn to get to know them now!"

In order to bring this devotion to the Guardian Angel to its full development, the Holy See approved a Consecration to the Guardian Angel. Through the consecration we open ourselves more for the influence of our personal Guardian Angel, so that he can guide, protect, strengthen and enlighten us towards greater union with God."

And, given the confusion in our current culture, we are certainly in need of the help of the angels and they need us.

For further information please contact Maria Padula (330) 461-6119 or Denise Wilson (228) 238-3273.



Eucharistic Revival

In this month of July that brings us one year out from the 10th National Eucharistic Congress and trails the great feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I invite you to

try taking time for silence in your week, to listen to your heart and the heart of God and all the love that is in it for you. We must find time to listen. To listen to our hearts. To listen to God beyond our constant daily thoughts and to-dos. We all pray differently. We all encounter the Lord in different ways. But when we are bombarded by the noise of our day-to-day lives, it can be easy to lose our deep heart, the still, small voice that speaks inside of us of the presence of God, the peace we are all searching for. Your heart is sacred to God. It is the only place in the world that you and only you can allow God in personally and intimately. Have you been on a retreat before? When was the last time that you got away to be in a special place with Him? When have you given Him permission to speak to your heart in a new and powerful way? Now is the time! Visit your church and sit in silence before the tabernacle or visit your chapel and sit in front of the Blessed Sacrament and start a new, real relationship with the one who knows you inside and out and loves you no matter what! ~Molly Judd, National Eucharistic Congress Director of Content

For more information on the National Eucharistic Revival log on @ eucharisticrevival.org.



The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage in 2023

are welcome to attend. You are asked to register whether you can attend or not. If you cannot attend a certificate will be mailed to you. The Mass will be followed with official pictures being taken and a reception at the Sacred Heart Center. Registration Forms are available in the Rectory Office during regular business hours or you may register on the diocese website at: www.biloxidiocese.org. Registration Deadline: Oct. 13, 2023.