

The prophet Zechariah foretells the coming of the messianic king who will put an end to war and to establish peace. It was as such a Messiah that Jesus entered Jerusalem before his passion. Matthew sees Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy. Jesus lightens the burdens of the poor and brings peace to the humble. His life is based on his unique relationship with the Father, a relationship which he wants to share with his disciples.
--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 \$1,478,862 pledged of our \$1,500,000 goal!

Statements have been emailed or mailed to all who have made a pledge to our Capital Campaign. If you did not receive your statement, please call the rectory office at 875-5419.

If you are still interested in making a pledge or a one-time gift there is still time! Contact Patience Clasen at (504) 920-5468, pclasen@osstalphonsus.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, beginning on July 10th. 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.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Thursday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (July 15/16) for Peter's Pence. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



Evening of Intercession - Intercessory prayer: Jesus calls us to join him in interceding for ourselves, our families, our friends, the world, and even for those who may not like us. It is through Mary we are brought closer to Jesus; into a more intimate relationship with Him. Mary is our Intercessor, please come and join us on this journey of faith through prayer and intercession the seven joys of Mary with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and how she responded to the grace of God in her life. It is through Mary, our Mediatrix, who will take our prayers to Jesus! Join us on Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Please bring your rosary. "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:
Reverend Denis J. Harlow, July 1, 2010
Reverend Francis J. Scott, July 19, 2007
Reverend Msgr. Gregory M. Johnson, July 20, 2004
Reverend Joseph Tung Duc Nguyen, July 25, 2002

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 10
Genesis 28:10:22a; Matthew 9:18-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Zachery Padula
TUESDAY	JULY 11
Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Robert Cox
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Michael O'Brien
WEDNESDAY	JULY 12
Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Alfred and Marian Sullivan
THURSDAY	JULY 13
Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Gay and Gerald Hopkins
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Ron Fournier
FRIDAY	JULY 14
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Wronko
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Verdalee Catchot
SATURDAY	JULY 15
Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. John Mangin
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
SUNDAY	JULY 16
Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23	
7:30 a.m.	Deceased Priest in Biloxi Diocese
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Roger Parker
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Patrick Wagner
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



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, Carol Lee Cantin, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Pat Cronin, Billy Cruthirds, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, 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 Mihal, Iva Misko, Edward Necaie, 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, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$15,088.81
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....	\$4,730.00
Poor Collection.....	\$5,580.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

Altar Society Members for this week
Pat, Jenny, Donna, Deni, Julie, Juliana



Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Adoration

Saint Philip Neri: Philip Neri was born in 1515. As a child he was so cheerful, obedient, and pleasant that he was known as Pippo Buono ("good little Phil"). He was preparing for a career in business when a mystical experience led him to

drop everything and set out for Rome. He spent hours in prayer, silence, and study, and then, again by an inspiration, suddenly embarked on a mission to re-evangelize the people of Rome.

In the wake of war and grave abuses within the Church, Catholics in Rome were fast losing their faith. For many years Philip operated a successful street apostolate. In 1551, he followed his confessor's advice and became a priest in order to serve others better. Fostering a spirit of reparation, he promoted the Forty Hours' Devotion, a solemn period of Eucharistic adoration said to signify the time that our Lord lay in the tomb. Philip also had a wonderful sense of humor. A famous story tells how Philip once observed a man leave the Church directly after receiving Holy Communion. He sent two altar boys with lighted candles to follow him through the streets until the man returned. Then he explained: "We have to pay proper respect to our Lord, whom you are carrying away with you. Since you neglect to adore him, I sent two acolytes to take your place." Heavenly Father, through the intercession of Saint Philip Neri, help us to repent of our sins and relish the sweetness of your Eucharistic presence. Taken from Magnificat June 2023, Vol. 25, No. 4

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 stalphonsus.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!



OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. July 15th). The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



An anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, July 15th at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (no cooking involved) the week of July 17th - 21st.

If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Jamie Lloyd at 713-818-6071. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



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

The Eucharist is God's response to the deepest hunger of the human heart, the hunger for authentic life, for in the Eucharist, Christ Himself is truly in our midst, to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey. Sadly nowadays, there are those among the Catholic faithful who believe that the Eucharist is more a symbol than the reality of the Lord's presence and love. It is more than a symbol; it is the real and loving presence of the Lord. It is my hope, then, that the Eucharistic Congress will inspire Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at the Lord's great gift of Himself and to spend time with Him in the celebration of the Holy Mass and in personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. I believe that we have lost the sense of adoration in our day. We must rediscover the sense of adoration in silence. It is a form of prayer that we have lost. Too few people know what it is. Dear friends, the National Eucharistic Congress marks a significant moment in the life of the Church in the United States. May all that you are doing be an occasion of grace for each of you and may it bear fruit in guiding men and women throughout your nation to the Lord, who, by His presence among us, rekindles hope and renews life."

~Pope Francis' address to the National Eucharistic Congress team in Rome on June 19, 2023

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



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Ronnie "Lil Ron" Morano, son of Ronald and Carolyn Morano of this parish, who passed away June 27th.

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



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Ron Fournier