

In the First Reading we see Jeremiah's faithfulness to his God-given mission, and what that faithfulness cost him. In the Gospel we see the faithfulness of Jesus, and the kind of faithfulness that is demanded of those who would follow him.

Peter gladly received the revelation of Jesus as Messiah and Son of God. But he rejected out of hand the revelation of a suffering Messiah. In this he represents the typical Christian, caught between faith and doubt, for whom the cross is a stumbling block.

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



**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.**



A **Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



**Are you Searching for a Relationship with God?** Do you just simply want to know more about the Catholic way of life? Are you interested in becoming a

Catholic Christian? Were you baptized Catholic but are not in full communion with the Church through First Eucharist and Confirmation? Do you want to convert to Catholicism from another church? If you answered YES to any of these questions, then St. Alphonsus Catholic Church invites you to join our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Classes for RCIA will meet in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room on Thursday's from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, contact Deacon Jim Gunkel at 228-218-2160.



A **Second Collection** will be taken up next weekend (September 9/10) for The Catholic University of America. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



**Classes for Adult Study begin Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room. Videos are by Fr. Chris Alar, Director of the Association of Marian helpers. For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020 or Anne McClellan at 228-327-4040. All are invited to attend.

September 10: What is WOKE... is it Catholic??? Part I  
September 17: What is WOKE... is it Catholic??? Part II



**Sept 10: Faith Formation Classes begin K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

**Parish Youth Ministry Kick Off Night** – food and fun for all families; 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Sept 13: Meeting for Confirmation candidates and parents** 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For more information, contact Jane Sema (K-5) at [jsema@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org) or Will Haislmaier (Edge, Lifeteen, and Confirmation) at [whaislmaier@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:whaislmaier@osstalphonusus.org).



**The Knights of Columbus will begin serving breakfast** on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$8.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice. Come and enjoy the great food and fellowship.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 4</b>
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. R.J. Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Abigail Smith
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 5</b>
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. James Michael Stewart
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jerri Renae Stringer
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 6</b>
Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Smokey Hill
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Edna Spell
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 7</b>
Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Tiffany Wilson
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 8</b>
Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Calvin Bodin
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 9</b>
Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5	
8:15 a.m.	The Jordan Family The Pitalo Family
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 10</b>
Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
9:00 a.m.	Bill and Dot Collins
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Int. Nursing Homes/Care Facilities



**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, Benny and 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, Sandra Grantham, Josh Hamilton, 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, Iva Misko, Edward Necaize, 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 Sigumjak, Linda Smith, Renee McVeay Spicer, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Charles "Charlie" Goff**, husband of Alice Goff, father of Shelley (Arnie) Seymour and brother-in-law of Mary (Carl) Brochard of this parish, who passed away August 26<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.



### ADORATION

O Jesus we adore you  
Who, in your love divine,  
Conceal your mighty Godhead  
In forms of bread and wine  
O Sacrament most holy  
O Sacrament divine  
All praise and all thanksgiving  
Be every moment thine.

"In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known, God Himself is hidden within." ~St. Bonaventure

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](http://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!



**St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night (extreme adoration with music)** on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Church. This is an evening for all to come and worship the Lord in the presence of His Eucharistic body. There will be music and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. We hope to see all of our parishioners at XLT and encourage all families to come. This is a great time to lay the burdens of everyday life at the feet of God and be filled with His peace.



**Evening of Intercessory prayer** - We are all called to pray and intercede for each other. Mary, Mother to all people, wants to pour out the Flame of Love, which is Jesus Himself, into every heart. As a good mother would, Mary suffers until she can find souls who want to receive this Flame. This is a powerful force of grace, the Father's gift to all of humanity. The effects of the Flame of Love graces is to blind Satan, causing him to lose his power over persons and situations, to sanctify and save souls (especially family members), to save the Family, to release souls from purgatory, to convert the world and to usher in the final Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. True spirituality is not just you trying to do God's will, but you allowing Jesus, living in you by grace, to do God's will. Please come and join us in prayer this special Flame of Love rosary on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 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)



**Men, could God be calling you to the diaconate?** If so, the Biloxi Diocese plans to begin a new Formation Class for the diaconate in the Fall of 2024.

Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted from 8:30 – 12 Noon on the following days: September 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Thomas Parish, Long Beach; September 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas Parish, Hattiesburg; and October 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Parish, Gautier. For interested men who think you may have a calling, attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory with your wife. Please see your pastor, or call Deacon Calvin Authement (601) 520-0906 or Deacon Mike Harris (228)-342-1536.



### St. Vincent DePaul Help Thy Neighbor Raffle

The St. Alphonsus St. Vincent DePaul Conference – made up of 15 St. Al parishioners—is announcing its first semi-annual raffle!

Win the Grand Prize getaway to Navarre Beach, Florida, where you can stay in 2BR/2BA condo (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) overlooking the pool, just steps away from the beach! Schedule your vacation at your convenience!

Other prizes include: 4 all day passes to Paradise Pier at Margaritaville in Biloxi; a basket from Gulf Hills Package; a watercolor artwork by Barbara Hosey; a \$30 gift card for Woody's Restaurant in Biloxi; and one family can win the writing of 2 simple wills by Zuber Law Firm!

Tickets are available in the Parish Office (available during regular working hours), the Parish Bookstore or from any St. Vincent DePaul Conference member. Tickets will also be sold after all masses on September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and after masses on later dates, to be announced. Tickets cost \$20 each or you can buy 3 for \$50.

Winners will be drawn on the evening of Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. You need not be present to win. Once a winning ticket is drawn, it will be held out of additional prize drawings – so buy several tickets to increase your chances of winning!!

The conference mission is to serve the very poor and those in need in our community. It operates completely off donations. Our St. Vincent DePaul conference is running low on funds because of the enormous need we are facing to assist the poor. We hope you can help us continue our mission!



### EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Jesus, we thank you for the gift of the Eucharist. Please give us the grace to believe in your True Presence when our human senses fail. We desire the eyes of faith because we believe you are the spring

of every good thing. Nothing is better than you. Allow us to be good and pure vessels, ready to partake and receive you in the Blessed Sacrament. We believe; help our unbelief. Amen

For more information on the National Eucharistic Revival log on @ [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org).



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

The school roof has been completed and we are currently selecting a contractor to begin the Church renovations.

Please continue to watch the bulletin for updates.

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@osstalphonusus.org](mailto: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.



**Kolbe's Prediction About Evil:** "Modern times are dominated by Satan and will be more so in the future. The conflict with hell cannot be engaged by men, even the most clever. The Immaculata alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan. However, assumed into Heaven, the Mother of God now requires our cooperation. She seeks souls who will consecrate themselves entirely to her, who will become in her hands effective instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spreading of God's kingdom upon earth." –Maximilian Kolbe



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Billy & Mary Cruthirds on their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary**