

The parable of the two sons was addressed to the chief priests and elders of the people. Its purpose was to defend Jesus' invitation of sinners and outcasts to the Kingdom, in the face of the sneers of the religious establishment. The parable outraged the religious people.

The first son represents sinners. Like him they originally whose to go their own way but then repented and took God's way, and so gained entry into the Kingdom. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. Like him they promised to work for God but failed to do so, and so have excluded themselves from the Kingdom. Repentance is a necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom. The theme of sin and repentance is also dealt with in the First Reading.

The parable also echoes a favorite theme of Matthew: the split in the religious person between saying and doing. Hence, its relevance for 'religious' people in every age.

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



The St. Alphonsus KC Auxiliary will host a Baby Shower for the entire month of October in honor of "Our Blessed Lady's Rosary". All supplies will benefit our diocese's "Walking with Moms in Need." A donation box will be located in the front foyer. "Every Good and Perfect gift comes from above." James 1:17



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, October 4th 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.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, October 6th beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, October 7th 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.



DEO Gloria: Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. You are invited to join us for a beautiful evening of the word, ancient hymns and chants and Adoration of our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Anne Beall, sister of Margaret Miller of this parish, who passed away September 6th in Burkesville, Kentucky.

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

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 2
Zechariah 8:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
6:30 a.m. No Mass
8:15 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY OCTOBER 3
Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
6:30 a.m. No Mass
8:15 a.m. Communion Service

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4
Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62
6:30 a.m. No Mass
8:15 a.m. Communion Service

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5
Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12
6:30 a.m. No Mass
8:15 a.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6
Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16
6:30 a.m. Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m. Ms. Jackie Endt

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24
8:15 a.m. The Pitalo Family
The Jordan Family

4:00 p.m. Mr. Charles Goff
SUNDAY OCTOBER 8
Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43
7:30 a.m. Congregation
9:00 a.m. Ms. Robin Gannon
11:30 a.m. Mr. JR Colmer
5:30 p.m. Mr. Terry Holtz



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 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, Renee McVeay Spicer, Myrt Talbott, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,592.33
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,100.00
Truckers & Seafarers Collection.....\$ 1,071.05
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



ADORATION

When in Adoration, we look at the consecrated Host, the sign of creation speaks to us. And so, we encounter the greatness of his gift; but we also encounter the Passion, the Cross of Jesus, and his Resurrection. Through this gaze of Adoration, he draws us toward himself, within his mystery, through which he wants to transform us as he transformed the Host. ~Pope Benedict XVI

There are many daytime hours as well as early morning hours that Jesus is left alone in our chapel. Please prayerfully consider sitting in His presence for 1 hour a week.

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.

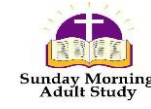
To view the adoration schedule and sign up for an hour you have 3 options:

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 call Jenny Gordon at 228-282-0984. She will be happy to help you navigate!



Adult Study is held 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.
October 1: The Pride Movement...God's Plan? Part II
October 8: Transgenderism...a Catholic perspective...Part I



Bishop Kihneman invites all members of the legal profession to attend the annual Red Mass on October 15, 2023, 11:00 am, at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Judges are invited to robe and be part of the procession. In order to prepare for the Mass, you are asked to RSVP by emailing rsvp@biloxidiocese.org, visiting <https://biloxidiocese.org/red-mass-rsvp>, or calling 228-702-2100.

The Red Mass, a historical tradition in the Catholic Church, is an ecumenical event in that it is intended to bless the entire judiciary, members of the bar, lawmakers, and elected officials for the coming year.



Bishop Kihneman will recognize and bless members of the medical community at our annual diocesan White Mass on Sunday, October 22, 2023, 11:00 am, at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Doctors, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, are invited to wear their white coats and be part of the procession. In order to prepare for Mass, please RSVP by emailing rsvp@biloxidiocese.org, visiting <https://www.biloxidiocese.org/white-mass-rsvp>, or calling 228-702-2100.



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

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@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



Mr. Ray Kelly, the sales representative from Diocesan (the provider of our weekly bulletin), will be at the Rectory next week (Tuesday, October 3rd – Thursday, October 5th). He will be contacting all businesses who presently have ads on our bulletin and if you wish to purchase an ad, you may contact him by calling the rectory during this time or at rkelly@diocesan.com or 504-338-3058



St. Vincent DePaul Help Thy Neighbor Raffle

The St. Alphonsus St. Vincent DePaul Conference is announcing its first semi-annual raffle!

Win the Grand Prize getaway to Navarre Beach, Florida, where you can stay in 2BR/2BA condo (2nd 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 will be available after masses the weekend of October 7th/8th, October 21st/22nd and November 4th/5th. Tickets are also available in the Parish Office (available during regular working hours), the Parish Bookstore or from any St. Vincent DePaul Conference member.

Winners will be drawn on the evening of Monday, November 6th. 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!! Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50.

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!

Have you ever wondered what the Catholic Mass means?

Everything, every prayer, and every gesture of the mass has a meaning directly tied to biblical references. From the entrance hymn and sign of the cross to the dismissal, "The mass is ended, go in peace," all of it has a deep meaning that leads to the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Catholic mass is where heaven touches the earth. This sacred tradition has been handed down through the ages to us from the earliest Christians.

The priest will answer a question submitted by a parishioner after Sunday masses. Please place your question in the box on the table in the back of the church.



All are invited to join in the recitation of the most holy Rosary after the 8:15 a.m. Mass every Monday. Please meet in front of Our Lady's statue, on the right hand side of the altar, for the rosary recitation.



A Message from the SVDP Thrift Store of Ocean Springs:

The lack of resources in 2022/2023 limited our success monetarily. But we're blessed to have parishioners that believe in our cause and are able to support us. Unfortunately, just as in our families, the economy with its higher prices continues to impact our costs. So, we too try to do more with less. Yet, through God's grace and mercy, we still find means to give clothing, shoes, food, and other goods to the elderly, our Veterans, trafficked women and children, the homeless, the poor and in-need, that come through our doors. We are blessed as we enter the coming season of giving. Thank you for volunteering, donating, shopping, and helping us to fulfill God's promise to those in-need.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Rosalie Trebotich and Toney & Margie Terretta