

The question in today's Gospel is not forgiveness (dealt with later), but the sin of one member of the community. Every effort is to be made to bring the erring person to repentance: first in private, then before a few, finally before the whole community. If he is still unrepentant, he must be excommunicated. The decision of the Church will be honored by God, since God inspired them in making that decision. The harsh phrase 'treat him as a pagan or a tax collector' reflects the strict Jewish Christianity of Matthew's Church.

The First Reading talks about the grave responsibility leaders of the community have to try to correct the erring.

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



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 meet in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room on Thursday's from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

For additional information, contact Deacon Jim Gunkel at 228-218-2160.



Classes for Adult Study begin this Sunday (September 10th) 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 Class
K – 5th Grade, 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 or Will Haislmaier (Edge, Lifeteen, and Confirmation) at whaislmaier@osstalphonusus.org.



Tammy DiLorenzo is a rosary artist from Long Beach. She has been making rosaries for twenty years and was inspired four years ago to create a rosary for her home parish using the images of the stained glass windows as the Our Father beads and center medal.

She has created parish rosaries for churches in the Diocese of Biloxi, Archdiocese of Mobile, Archdiocese of New Orleans, Diocese of Jackson and was recently asked to work with a parish in Missouri.

She will be at St Alphonsus at all masses next weekend (September 16 and 17) to take orders for these special rosaries. A portion from the sale of the rosaries will be donated to St Alphonsus.

The rosary contains four of the images from the Stations of the Cross windows and uses the image of the Eucharist window as the center. Each rosary is \$38 + tax. Payment is expected at time of order. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Bill and Dot Manley

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11	
6:30 a.m. Ms. Mollie Davidson	
8:15 a.m. Int. Ms. Carla Secunda	
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19	
6:30 a.m. Mr. Nick Thomas	
8:15 a.m. Mr. Robert Cox	
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 13
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26	
6:30 a.m. Mr. Ed Dietrick, Sr.	
8:15 a.m. Mr. Henry Humphrey	
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 14
Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17	
6:30 a.m. Int. Gay and Gerald Hopkins	
8:15 a.m. Mr. Leo Noble	
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 15
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; John 19:25-27	
6:30 a.m. Ms. Myrtle Keys	
8:15 a.m. Ms. Christina Freeman	
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49	
8:15 a.m. Int. Mr. Glenn Williams	
4:00 p.m. Ms. Susie Jurich	
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
Sirach 27:30—28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35	
7:30 a.m. Congregation	
9:00 a.m. Mr. Earl Hammond	
11:30 a.m. Mr. A.O. "Herman" Soares	
5:30 p.m. Mr. Billy Cruthirds	



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 Ernest Talbott, Jr., husband of Myrt Talbott of this parish, who passed away September 1st.

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



ADORATION

Catechism 1378 *Worship of the Eucharist.* In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the Real Presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. "The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the

Eucharist the cult of Adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated Hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession." Make an effort to visit Jesus in our adoration chapel this 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 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!



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



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. September 16th). 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!



PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, September 16th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



An anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, September 16th 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 September 18th – 22nd.

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.



The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses.



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 are 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!!

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!



EVANGELIUM VITAE: "...we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life.'"

We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."

—Pope John Paul II, 1995



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

A miracle transpires at every liturgy. Through Transubstantiation, God dwells with us in the form of bread and wine. Though our five senses cannot detect a change in the substances, the eyes of faith

reveal that Christ is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. For this reason, the Eucharist is the fount and apex—the source and summit—of every grace and blessing because the Eucharist is Jesus.

A deep and personal encounter with Jesus is both the foundation of our faith and the height of it. That may seem like a contradiction, but it is a consistent truth. Today, let us not miss the love that awaits us in the Blessed Sacrament. Make an act of faith and visit the adoration chapel. You could pray, "Jesus, I believe that you are present here with me, Body, Soul, and Divinity. I pray for our Church, that all may come to believe in your Real Presence here."



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 23rd at

St. Thomas Parish, Long Beach; September 30th at St. Thomas Parish, Hattiesburg; and October 14th 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.

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 John Ugochukwu, August 15, 2023

Reverend Patrick McDermott, September 17, 2017

Reverend Nicholas Filipich, September 17, 2001