

Isaiah uses the image of a banquet to describe the fullness of life that God wants to bestow, not just on Israel, but on all the peoples of the earth. Jesus uses the same image in his parable. In its original, simpler form, the parable made the point that those to whom the invitation was first sent (the Jews) rejected it, and their place has been taken by others (the Gentiles). The details about the sending of troops and the burning of the city, were added later. They refer to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., which was seen as a consequence of the refusal of the Jewish leaders to listen to Jesus.

The incident concerning the wedding garment seems to have belonged to a separate parable. It introduces contradictory elements into the story, and is perhaps best omitted. However, if used, keep the following in mind. Courtesy demanded that any guest at a wedding should have the proper wedding garment. One man came without it, symbolizing a life that has undergone no basic change, a life that has not produced the fruits of repentance. The new guests (Christians) will suffer the same fate as Israel if they don't produce the fruits of good works.

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



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room.



St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night (extreme adoration with music) on Thursday, October 19th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Church. The intention for the upcoming XLT will be for vocations. For holy marriages,

holy priest, holy sisters and brothers and all clergy. We will start with a brief talk on discernment and vocation. Everyone has a calling to a holy vocation. After the talk we invite you to stay for adoration, confession, praise and worship. Please come out and join us.



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. October 21st). 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!

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PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, October 21st 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, October 21st 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.



A Diocesan Collection will be taken up next weekend (October 21/22) for World Mission Sunday. This collection provides critical financial support to missionaries and communities of faith in the most economically disadvantaged regions of the globe. Envelopes are available at the church exits.



For the month of November we offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones. Envelopes are available either in your monthly contribution package or at the exits of the Church. Please include the names of your loved ones along with your donation and return it prior to November 1st if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Msgr. Eamon Mullin

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 16
Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Greyson Williams
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 17
Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Peggy Lowe
8:15 a.m.	Ms. MC Peters Mr. Juan Peters
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 18
2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 19
Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Laura Anthony
8:15 a.m.	Int. Tyler & Ashton Williams
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 20
Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Myrtle Keys
8:15 a.m.	Mr. John Giles Foushee
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 21
Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Tallulah Severino
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Terry Miller
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 22
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Norma Williams
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Earl Hammond
11:30 a.m.	Brenda and Karen Soares
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



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 Sigurnjak, Linda Smith, Renee McVeay Spicer, Myrt Talbot, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,985.56
 Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$7,555.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



ADORATION

When you look in the looking-glass, what you see there is something which you can influence; it moves when you move, smiles when you smile, looks grave when you look grave-in a word, it models itself on you. When you look at the sacred Host, it is just the other way round. What you see there is not something which you can influence; it is something which can influence you. The mirror of the Blessed Sacrament works in the opposite way from the ordinary mirror. It is not for you to dictate to Jesus Christ what he is to do: you are to let him dictate to you. He is not to model himself on you, you are to model yourself on him. When you look at Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, say to him, Dear Jesus, I want to imitate you in the same way as my reflection in the looking-glass imitates me. I want to imitate you promptly, and exactly, and persistently, just as my reflection in the looking-glass imitates me. Reflection by Ronald Knox
 "Our sharing in the Body and the Blood of Christ leads to no other end than that of transforming us into that which we receive." St. Leo the Great

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 all 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 15: Transgenderism...a Catholic perspective...Part II
 October 22: Christian Woke – Good or Bad???...Part I



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, October 22nd 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.



THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY movement, is Our Lady's call to save souls from the dangers of sin which are so prevalent at this time in history.

The Flame of Love is Jesus Himself, who desires to empower faithful souls to combat the evils of sin, lukewarmness and indifference.

This Church approved movement is vitally important at this time in salvation history when evil abounds and grows daily. We must fight back. The Flame of Love will show us how.

All the details can be found in the booklets of the same title. They are FREE!!! and are available at the front and side entrances of the Church.

May your hearts be filled with The Flame of Love!



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of George Schloegel, father of Melissa (Andrew) Marion of this parish, who passed away October 6th.

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



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 on 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!



The Healing Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi will be at St. Alphonsus for a night of Healing with Adoration, Prayers of Deliverance, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and One-on-One Pastoral Counseling on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

All are invited.



The Divine Will Study Group will meet in the Mount Carmel Room from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 27th.



Catholic Charities of South Mississippi presents the 2nd Annual Bishop's Gala to be held at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino (Magnolia Ballroom) on Saturday, November 4th from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Dinner, Live Entertainment, Silent Auction and "Split the Pot" Raffle. Cocktail attire required. For more information or to purchase a ticket online, go to <https://BishopsGala.givesmart.com>.

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Walk With Jesus During the National Eucharistic Congress

How will you be a part of this historic journey?

When Jesus gave us the gift of the Eucharist, he gave us

a new way to walk alongside him. From May to July 2024, we will carry the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of our nation in the first ever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. We will accompany Jesus publicly as he travels thousands of miles on his way to the 10th National Eucharist Congress, which will take place in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. This national pilgrimage will create priceless opportunities for everyone-Catholics and non-Catholics, alike-to encounter Christ personally on the road, just as they did 2,000 years ago. And YOU are invited to be a pilgrim!

There are two ways to participate in this massive initiative:

1. Join the Eucharistic Caravan. These are pilgrims who meet up with the Pilgrimage and walk with us for any portion of the four routes.
2. Volunteer as a Perpetual Pilgrim. While everyone is invited to participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage as it passes through their area, a small team of young adults will make the entire journey to Indianapolis, traveling full-time from May until July 2024.

Visit our website to learn more both the routes and start planning how you and your family will participate: www.eucharisticrevival.org.