

The question put to Jesus was a test question to see whether he would declare himself on the side of those who opposed paying taxes to the Romans (e.g. the Pharisees), or on the side of those who collaborated with the Romans (e.g. the Herodian's). If he said Yes, he would lose the esteem of the people, and would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish cause and the Jewish religion. If he said No, he could be denounced as fomenting rebellion against Rome. In his answer Jesus recognizes that the State has a role, but its power is limited and does not supplant God.
 --New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB

CONGRATULATIONS! We extend our congratulations to Rose Skelton. Rose is this year's recipient of the "Lumen Christi" award which was presented to her at the 4:00 p.m. Mass this Saturday (October 21) at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Each diocese nominates one candidate/couple as their recipient for this annual award which is presented to those who have been outstanding in their service to their parish.

HEALING MASS 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.

ALL SOULS 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.

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>.

Baptism A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. (change from November 1 due to holy day). 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.

The St. Alphonsus 4th Degree Knights of Columbus are raffling off a Generac "CP2500i" 2500 W (60db.) Portable Quiet Generator to raise money for a new flagpole for St. Alphonsus Elementary School. The drawing will be held Wednesday, December 20th. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. You need not be present to win. See any Knight or call Chuck Nannery at 228-324-1586.

The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Miriam Cousans

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 23
Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Carol Gordon
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 24
Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Jamie Cannon
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Anne Elizabeth Beall
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 25
Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dan Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Roland Figueroa
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 26
Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Earl Keys
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 27
Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Bryan Moe
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Waide Joseph Galle
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 28
Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Billy Cruthirds
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ken Reiling
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 29
Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Leonard Tarrant
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Polly Lee

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 Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Diane Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,996.65
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,375.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Eucharistic Adoration

“What will save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every Parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer. The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth”. St. Mother Teresa attributed her many charitable works to her daily Holy Hours of Adoration, writing, “On the Cross Jesus said: ‘I thirst.’ From the Blessed Sacrament Jesus continues to say to each of us: ‘I thirst.’ He thirsts for our personal love, our intimacy, our union with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. His longing for us to be with Him in the Blessed Sacrament is infinitely greater than our longing to be with Him. To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the greatest gift of love-the tender love of our Father in Heaven. Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration. Our hours of Adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins, and the intercession for the needs of the whole world, exposing the sin-sick and suffering humanity to the healing, sustaining and transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist. Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power, then you will become instruments of His love, peace and joy.” ---St. Mother Teresa

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 22: Christian Woke – Good or Bad???...Part I
 October 29: Christian Woke – Good or Bad???...Part II



The Music and Fine Arts Ministry of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral will present their 2nd annual “**All Souls**” **Remembrance Concert** on Sunday, October 29th at 4:00 pm in the Cathedral. The program will feature reflective readings and musical selections and the Master Work –“*Requiem*” by John Rutter. The Massed Choir will be accompanied by a small chamber orchestra. Additionally, Mr. Joshua Conway and the Children’s Choir of Nativity BVM Elementary will also share in this program. This is a remembrance/reflection concert-service in which we honor our loved ones who have passed at any point in time. Individuals may add their loved ones name to this year’s program by contacting the Cathedral’s Music & Fine Arts Ministry Department. Contributions made in the memory of these individuals will assist the Music & Fine Arts Ministry with expenses for this program and future offerings. To remember your loved ones &/or for any additional information – contact: Terry D. Maddox – 251 406-1454 &/or terrydalemaddox@gmail.com



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 this weekend (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!



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!

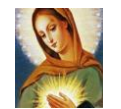
There are two ways to participate in this massive initiative:

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.



Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat for those hurting from abortion or Miscarriage: November 3-5, 2023. The price is \$195/person (financial assistance is available). If you or someone you love is hurting from abortion or miscarriage, please consider attending this faith-based, healing retreat. All faiths are welcome. Open to women and men. To register or for more information, contact Pam Richard at 504-460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net or Donna Scheuermann 504-258-9183 or donnas@1791.com.



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.