

**Every Christian is meant to be a lamp-carrier, a bearer of the light of Christ to a darkened world.** But like the foolish bridesmaids we read about in today’s Gospel, we sometimes allow the precious light of Christ to grow dim, or even to go out altogether.

Through a spirit of prayer and watchfulness, Christ will help us to keep his light burning brightly.

Lord Jesus, you call us to keep the lamp of faith burning brightly. Lord, have mercy

You call us to keep the lamp of hope burning brightly. Christ, have mercy. You call us to keep the lamp of love burning brightly. Lord, have mercy.

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



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



**An Altar Society Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room.



**Evening of Intercessory Prayer** - November is the month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory! The purpose of purgatory is the purification of the human soul after death, of the faults and defects, and, as it were, gaps in their lives that still have to be clarified. St. Thomas Aquinas says, “Of all prayers, the most meritorious, the most acceptable to God are prayers for the dead, because they imply all the works of charity, both corporal, and spiritual.” Two effective ways to pray for our deceased family and friends, parishioners, and all souls in purgatory are praying the Divine Mercy chaplet and remembering them in your Rosary intentions. Please come join us as we intercede on the Holy Souls behalf and in praying the Holy Souls in Purgatory scriptural rosary on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. You can also find purgatory brochures, pamphlets and prayer cards at the entrances of the Church. Please bring your rosary. “In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God.” (Philippians.4:6)



**St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night (extreme adoration with music)** on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Church. 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. November 18<sup>th</sup>).** 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!



**An anointing of the Sick** will take place on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (November 18/19) for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.** This is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ “...to bring glad tidings to the poor...liberty to captives...sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free.” (Luke 4:18). Strengthening the Church at Home by supporting essential pastoral programs in financially challenged dioceses and eparchies in the United States. 25% of this collection is retained at the Diocese of Biloxi and used for support of pastoral programs.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 13</b>
Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 14</b>
Wisdom 2:23—3:9; Luke 17:7-10	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 15</b>
Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jimmie Spell
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 16</b>
Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Luke 17:20-25	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Ashton Williams
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 17</b>
Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Johnny Norman
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 18</b>
Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
	Int. Ms. Jeanette Williams
	4:00 p.m.
	Mr. Mike Mitchell, Jr.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 19</b>
Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Int. Mr. Allen Stiglet
11:30 a.m.	All Souls
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Bernice Healy



**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, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Patricia Weaver,** aunt of Robert (Jane) Sema of this parish, who passed away November 1<sup>st</sup> in Alabama.

**Paula Hire,** a member of our parish community, who passed away November 6<sup>th</sup>.

We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



**Adoration: An invitation to love, service and affirmation of human dignity.** Uniting with Jesus in the Eucharist and spending time with him in prayer is a literal nourishment for the soul, strengthening us in our faith and reaffirming how deeply we are loved. This encounter elicits our loving response in return, and we go out meant to be witnesses of his love to the whole world. Our faith is not meant to be isolating or stagnant, but something that is fruitful and built in communion with others.

We can only move forward in living our faith in action when we have a strong foundation in the Eucharistic Christ. Fostering this connection, especially through frequent participation in the Mass and opportunities for adoration, we can allow Jesus to work through us in ways we could never have imagined.

In the most common everyday interactions, we can bring joy and light to others — lifting up a family member, friend or co-worker who may be feeling down. Or through small acts of kindness, or in donating to local Church efforts to help women and families in need. Or even volunteering at local parishes or other Church groups dedicated to helping those in need. When service is grounded in prayer, we become powerful witnesses of God’s love to others in both ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Always remember that the time spent with Jesus in the Eucharist will reinforce how deeply you are loved and is also an invitation to love others in turn. Each time you reflect the love of Jesus to others, each action you take to affirm the dignity of another, each time you give someone hope that their life has meaning and worth, you are helping to build a culture of life.

By Kimberly Baker; Our Sunday Visitor 10-23-23



**To our parishioners** - We want to take a moment to thank you for all you do for St. Alphonsus Parish. Your prayers, service, time, and love are such a blessing. We would like to show our appreciation at our Hospitality Sunday on November 19<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We look forward to seeing you!



**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.

November 12: Communion on the Tongue vs Hand...Part I

November 19: Communion on the Tongue vs Hand...Part II



**The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Drive** in coordination with the local Blood Center. The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> in the KC Hall.



**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 November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Deacon Jesus on his Birthday**

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$10,343.16
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....	\$ 7,005.00
All Saints’ Day Collection.....	\$ 2,578.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 4,100.73

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**Dear Friends,**

Amidst all the good news of revival happening coast to coast, today my heart is drawn to lift up one of the early martyrs of our country whom we remember today, St. Isaac Jogues. As

a young teen, I remember noticing for the first time a statue of this saint in the dining hall of the religious community that ran my small Catholic school.

As I observed the statue, I asked a sister standing close by why St. Isaac’s hand was bandaged. She looked at me solemnly as she said, “When St. Isaac was being tortured, some of his fingers were violently gnawed off his hand. Those were the fingers he would need to celebrate Mass. He loved Jesus in the Eucharist so much that he petitioned the Holy See to give him special permission to celebrate Mass with his remaining digits, which Rome granted him with grateful affection.”

I can’t tell you how impactful it was for my teenage mind to integrate the story. Not only did this man leave his family and homeland to serve as a missionary priest, but—despite the hostility, torture, and risk of certain death—his heart was deeply committed to serving the people he had fallen in love with, the people he saw Christ in because he first knew Christ in the Eucharist. After ten years of tireless service, love, and celebrating the Eucharist in the “new world,” St. Isaac Jogues paid the ultimate price of his life when he was violently beheaded in October 1646. Perhaps we will not face the kind of martyrdom as St. Isaac Jogues did, but daily Christian living always necessitates an interior martyrdom. What am I holding onto, in the depths of my heart that I can lovingly surrender in favor of a deepening life in Christ?

You see, my friends, St. Isaac Jogues knew Jesus intimately, and because of this relationship, he was not afraid to take any risk for the sake of the Gospel. May his powerful example help us to be brave amidst the little daily renunciations Jesus invites us to make so that we too may share in the fullness of life that is only found through him, with him, and in him!

In Jesus,

Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.

Heart of the Revival Newsletter



**A new Men’s Group has been started at the parish called Cor.** The group meets on Friday’s at 5:15 a.m. in the KC Hall and runs about 45 minutes. The point is to get to know each other, read a short reflection on the faith together, and then conclude by praying the rosary or spending time in the Adoration Chapel together.



**The St. Alphonsus 4<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### 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 Vincenzo D. DiLalla – November 2, 1990
- Reverend Patrick Martin – November 16, 1991
- Reverend Michael Leane – November 23, 1987
- Reverend Noel Fannon – November 19, 2019
- Reverend Antone Lynch – November 20, 2019

### St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store 2023 Report:

We’ve helped 70 people and their families in 2023. \$11,472.00 in goods donated to individuals and families in need. With your generous gifts and monetary support, we’ve helped victims of hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, and other natural disasters: \$4,953 in Furniture; \$4,525 in Clothing; \$704 in Housewares; \$422 in Linens; \$366 in Utilities; \$235 in Bicycles; \$150 in Tents and \$117 in Sleeping Bags.

- 4,953 volunteer hours to help those in need. 1555 of those hours were volunteered from Catholics.

Thank you for your donations and volunteer hours!