

**In Mark 4:1-34 we have a collection of parables, most of which deal with the growth of seed.** They serve as a commentary on what has been happening in Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom.

The prophet Ezekiel foretold that God would take a twig from the top of the cedar and plant it in Zion (First Reading). Under God's protective power that twig would grow into a great cedar. Thus Ezekiel dreamed that God would transplant the exiled people of Israel back to the land of their fathers. He glimpsed a future son of David whose kingdom would be universal.

The promise is fulfilled in Jesus who ushers in the kingdom of God. The parables of the seed that grows by itself and the mustard seed were meant to encourage the early Church which was worried about the slow growth of the kingdom. They were telling the disciples to be patient, to trust, and not to expect instant results. Through the power of God, from small and insignificant beginnings the kingdom will grow into something great.

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



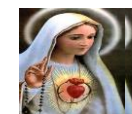
**Catholic Sharing Appeal Update:** We thank all who responded to help the less fortunate in our community. Our parish goal was \$72,948 and we are happy to say we have exceeded this and are at \$74,604.41.



**The Baptism Class for June has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.** 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



**Please Note: XLT...Exalt!** for June has been cancelled.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



**PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the ROSARY every weekday, Monday through Saturday, after the 8:15 AM mass. There is a lot of disorder and chaos, not only in the world, but in our own surroundings and personal lives! Please, we need your participation and prayers! Everyone is welcome!



**Parishioner Registration:** When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass. It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Barney Banks,** husband of Gail Banks of this parish who passed away June 6<sup>th</sup>.

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



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Fr. Mike Snyder on his 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 17</b>
1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Mr. George Ladd
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 18</b>
1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Sybil Burchinal
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 19</b>
2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Burl Newton
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 20</b>
Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Arthur Gianelloni
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Madeline West
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 21</b>
2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6:19-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Earl Keys
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Bryan Moe
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 22</b>
2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34	
8:15 a.m.	Jocelyn and Harold Mayfield
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 23</b>
Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Fr. Mike Snyder
9:00 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Int. Ms. Bridget Shepherd



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, Bob Boney, Mercedes Bosarge, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Arlene Burns, Mildred "Tootsie" Caillavet, Benny and Carol Lee Cantin, Marshall Car, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Nija Fountain, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Josh Hamilton, Trent Hartzog, Margaret Hebert, Olivia Hood, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ron & Hillery Jenkins and Family, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Sawyer Kuljis, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Iva Misko, Edward Necaize, Donna and Edward Necaize Jr., Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Kathy Pasquini, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Richard Potash, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Courtney Severino, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,943.15  
 Weekly / Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 8,006.00  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



### Reparation

Today more than ever, we must make amends. Great evils require great remedies. This is our mission, O adorers. To make reparation to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus is the work of our times. When hatred, indifference, and sacrilegious reception of the Holy Eucharist increases, our reparation must increase. When we make reparation for the many offenses against the Blessed Sacrament, we console Jesus and offer him our hearts full of love and gratitude for his Real Presence in the Eucharist. If someone abused, blasphemed, bullied or maligned your friend, wouldn't you stand up for your friend, letting him know that he is loved, and shower him with kind words and love? Shouldn't we do the same for Jesus, our best friend? What are you going to do when our Eucharistic Lord is so offended and maligned in Holy Communion? Today, make an act of reparation to the Blessed Sacrament. Let Jesus know that you love him and are sorry for anything you and others have done that has offended his Real Presence in the Eucharist. ~Fr. Donald Calloway, *30 Day Eucharistic Revival*

Visit our chapel any time of day and experience his mercy! [stalphonus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonus.weadorehim.com)  
 Please remember to close the tabernacle doors if no one else is adoring Him when you leave.



**In the Gospel, Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happened."**

Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.



**The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2024 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](http://www.biloxidiocese.org). **Registration Deadline: Aug. 29, 2024.**



**The month of June is The Sacred Heart of Jesus;** please pray and consecrate yourself to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart (St. Mary Alacoque) O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee. I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee. I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen. (Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



**Exciting News regarding the Eucharistic Congress scheduled for July 17 - July 21, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN.**

Our Biloxi Diocese can now offer packages to people who are interested in providing their own transportation to the event. The special package includes tickets for the event and hotel rooms. For those interested, the prices are \$975 for double occupancy/per person and \$845 for 3 or 4 persons in a room/per person. That is the good news! The bad news, we only have 50 tickets remaining. So if you are interested in attending this historic event, please contact the parish office or use the link provided [National Eucharistic Congress 2024 Tour / Cara Group Travel](http://NationalEucharisticCongress2024Tour/CaraGroupTravel) to book directly and choose option 2. You may also call Paula at (228) 697-7814. This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. We are expecting tens of thousands of pilgrims—but space is limited. Jesus Christ will be there. Will you?



**Catholic Charities of South Mississippi Grieving and Growing Series June 17-21 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one? Catholic Charities invites you to join their 5-part series presented by therapist Brooke Peleaz, "Grieving and Growing". This series is designed to guide you through the journey of grief and facilitate personal growth. The workshop is open to individuals ages 55 and up.

In this series, you will: Connect with others who understand your pain; Learn healthy coping strategies; Explore the spiritual dimensions of grief; Gain tools to navigate the grieving process.

This series offers a safe and nurturing environment to process your emotions, find comfort, and embark on a path towards growth and acceptance. For more information or to register call 228-219-5595 or email [Meleuterius@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:Meleuterius@biloxidiocese.org).



**The Cursillo Movement of South MS invites you to attend the next Women's Arise #73 Retreat** to be held on July 27-28, 2024, at the Blessed Seelos Mercy House in Biloxi, MS.

Arise is designed for groups of people who would like to receive additional information about the Catholic faith in a short period of time (one weekend):

- Non-Catholic spouses of practicing Catholics
  - Catholics who have been away from the church for a while or those needing a spiritual boost
  - Those without a current church/religion who are "searching" for a new one or a more meaningful faith experience
  - Or those taking instruction in the Catholic faith, Arise is for you!
- Applications can be found online at [biloxicursillo.org](http://biloxicursillo.org). Spacing is limited, so please register early. For more information, please contact Gay Camagong at (228)424-7722.



**Annunciation Parish is having an "\$800 GIVE AWAY DRAWDOWN" Fundraiser.**

\$800 will be given away each month for 12 months. The 1st ticket drawn will receive \$500. There will be 3 more tickets drawn for \$100 each. All the winners are eligible to win again as the tickets go back to the barrel for the next month drawdown. So you have 12 chances of winning. The four drawings will be on the 1st Sunday of every month beginning August 4, 2024. Tickets are \$50. Tickets are available at St. Alphonsus Parish Office during regular business hours or you may contact Annunciation Church parish office, 228 255-1800 Mon – Fri. 8:30 – 12:30. Don't miss out!! Thank you for your kind support in maintaining this beautiful parish.



**Mass for Family and Friends:** You can have Masses offered for the Intention of family and friends as well as for the deceased. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.