

In the First Reading we see the efforts of Adam and Eve to shift the blame for their sin from themselves onto the serpent, and even onto God himself. We also see the consequences of sin: loss of intimacy to God, and a breakdown between man and woman – the man betrays the woman. It is not God who has changed but the man and the woman. However, the sad scene ends with a promise of salvation.

The Gospel shows the promise of salvation as being fulfilled in Jesus. He overthrows Satan and establishes the Kingdom of God. For those who believe in him, and who do the will of God, a new kinship is formed.

Mark highlights the frustrations Jesus had to contend with. His relatives, worried about the direction his life had taken, wanted to bring him back home. Then there is the argument with the Scribes concerning the source of Jesus' healing power. While the ordinary people recognized the God-given nature of Jesus' power, the Scribes put a horrible spin on Jesus' healing miracles, perversely claiming that it was through the power of the devil that he did these deeds. This shows the sheer hardness of heart of the Scribes.

At first Jesus tries to reason with them, but with little success. Such people are not open to the truth. Then he warns them against committing the gravest sin of all, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit – the sin of deliberately twisting the good so that it is made to look bad.

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



To date 157 pledges (out of 1267 registered families) have been made which total \$72,123. **This leaves us a balance of \$825 to make our parish goal of \$72,948.**

Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community. Please make checks payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi at 1790 Popp's Ferry Road, Biloxi 39532. You may also donate online at www.biloxidiocese.org/giving.



The Baptism Class for June has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 19th 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 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.

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 Msgr. John M. Scanlon, June 16, 1995
Very Reverend Patrick E. Hayes, June 26, 2007



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Jonathan "Junior" Jenkins, grandson of Ron (Hillery) Jenkins of this parish who passed away May 29th.

Joe Langlinais Sr., father-in-law of Jeffery and Nona Brochard, who passed away June 1st.

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



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Margaret Broussard and in Honor of Roland Broussard On Their Anniversary

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 10
1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Leonard Tarrant
TUESDAY	JUNE 11
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:13-16	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Barbara M. Runyon
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 12
1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. James Martin
THURSDAY	JUNE 13
1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Myrtle Keys
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Gerry Porche
FRIDAY	JUNE 14
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Marilyn Hille
8:15 a.m.	Mr. A. Gregory Mansfield
SATURDAY	JUNE 15
1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Roger Maly
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Rodney Goff
	Mr. Charles Goff
SUNDAY	JUNE 16
Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Catholic Education/Schools
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Matthew Peresich Lyons
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Gene Frederic



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, 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.....\$11,628.50
Poor Collection.....\$ 3,784.78
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,316.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



The Mercy of God

The Holy Eucharist is an ocean of mercy. If you have been to the ocean, you probably noticed the crashing waves never stop. They are endless. So it is with the mercy of God and his love for us in the Blessed Sacrament. When you gaze upon the Sacred Host, you are gazing upon the infinite mercy of God. The Eucharist is the supreme proof of God's love and mercy. In the Blessed Sacrament, the God of mercy awaits us and beckons us, so that he might shower us with mercy at Holy Mass and in adoration. The Eucharist is Divine Mercy because the Eucharist is Jesus Christ, Mercy Incarnate. He waits for you night and day in the tabernacle, wanting to heal you, forgive you, strengthen you, and above all, love you. Today, make an act of trust in God's mercy. ~Fr. Calloway, 30 Day Eucharistic Revival

Visit our chapel any time of day and experience his mercy! stalphonsus.weadorehim.com
Please remember to close the tabernacle doors if no one else is adoring Him when you leave.



Today, Jesus looking around those seated in the circle said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Through your almsgiving you are indeed doing the will of God and your gift placed in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box indeed brings Christ's love and compassion to the poor.

Father's Day Collection: As over the past few years, a special second collection has been scheduled on the weekend of Father's Day to supplement the pension given to diocesan Priests of retirement age. This collection is important to our retired Priests.

Priests of the Diocese of Biloxi who do not belong to religious orders are provided with a modest pension in their golden years by an endowment to which parishes pay a yearly assessment. In addition, Priests who are seniors receive a small pension supplement from the Catholic Sharing Appeal. The Diocese has opted to have a special collection for our retired Priests on Father's Day. The proceeds of this Father's Day collection will be used to increase the Diocese's pension supplement.

Isn't there already a collection for retired Priests? There are two annual special collections that are sometimes confused with one another, and neither one meets the specific need of providing diocesan Priests with an adequate pension/retirement.

The first is the collection to support retired religious. "Religious" refers to women (sisters, nuns) and men (brothers and some Priests) who belong to religious communities such as Dominicans, Benedictines, Franciscans, etc. Diocesan Priests are distinct from religious Priests and do not benefit from this collection.

The other yearly second collection mentioned above is for "aged and infirm Priests." The amount collected is used by parishes to offset insurance costs/medical expenses of ailing and elderly Priests, but does not provide for a pension or a retired Priest's day-to-day expenses.

This year Father's Day falls on the weekend of June 15-16. As we honor fathers, please consider a generous gift to assure a worthy pension/retirement for your spiritual father. May your generosity and the grateful prayers of our Priests be a source of abundant blessings for you and your loved ones.



The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, September 15th 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. **Registration Deadline: Aug. 29, 2024.**



National Eucharistic Revival: St. Alphonsus is blessed to be a part of the Juan Diego Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage that began on May 17th. The

pilgrims are scheduled to arrive in our diocese on June 9th with events planned at different parishes along their way. Holy Mass will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus on Friday, June 14th at 8:15 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the Parish Hall immediately following mass. Please pray for the pilgrims as they continue their journey onto Indianapolis, Indiana for the National Eucharistic Congress. For updates on this amazing journey, visit eucharisticpilgrimage.org.



The month of June is the Sacred Heart of Jesus; please pray the novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

An Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus- This novena can be prayed any time of year or, as did Padre Pio, perpetually throughout the year. Pray all prayers below every day during the novena:

Prayer One: O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of...(name your request here) Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you. Amen.

Prayer Two: O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of...(name your request here) Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be To the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you. Amen.

Prayer Three: O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of...(name your request here) Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you. Amen.

Concluding Prayer: O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.

The Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina) Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us. Amen.



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. June 15).

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, June 15th 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.



Looking to deepen your faith? Discipleship Quads are groups of either 4 men or 4 women who journey together as disciples with weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning.

For more information or if you would like to sign up for a Quad, contact Christy Geissinger at (228) 219-6189.