

**Amos is sent to prophesy to the people of Israel (First Reading).** In the Gospel we have the sending out of the Twelve.

Amos was a prophet by divine call. In his case the call had come to a poor, unsophisticated shepherd and ‘dresser of sycamore trees’, a total outsider to the ranks of professional prophets. Much the same could be said about the men Jesus chose ‘to be with him’. Jesus having instructed them, the time had come for them to take an active part in his ministry. Their mission was an extension of his own mission, and he gave them the power to accomplish this.

In understanding his instructions as to what they were to take with them, we must remember that this was only a temporary mission, of short duration and limited to the surrounding Jewish towns and villages. The final commissioning, in which they were sent to the whole world, was still in the future.

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



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



**EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

**All are invited to JOIN US on Wednesday, JULY 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus Church in Ocean Springs.** On this night, we will pray the 20 mysteries of the Rosary for world peace and the conversion of poor sinner’s. The world is in desperate need of prayer! Prayer

is truly one of the most powerful weapons God gives to mankind. If we want peace to come to earth and morality to return then all of us must unite in prayer for this to happen. Let our prayers soar heavenward as an offering for all mankind knowing that as our voices are lifted to heaven all of heaven will unite with us in this call for conversion. If all the followers of The Lord Jesus will unite in this Rosary prayer then through those prayers His divine grace will pour out over the world and change it for the better. Each one of His followers is called to persevere in this prayer for mankind and not to give up in the short term when it seems nothing is happening. We must persevere and in doing so we show that we trust in God to do what is needed. Let us all embrace now what we should have been doing anyway as part of our faith, let us embrace God in prayerful love of others as we call on God in love to convert the hearts and souls of all people. Ask your prayer groups, ask your friends, ask all you know to join in this truly Holy war. When large numbers of The Lord’s followers unite in prayer in this way who can stand against it? In light of the dire circumstances transpiring all around us and prayer for peace is needed now more than ever, we must come together and pray with Our Blessed Mother Mary with all our hearts! PLEASE JOIN US!!!



**Walking With Mom’s in Need** – a Pro-Life Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi – is going to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana July 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for all. For more information on Walking With

Mom’s in Need, please contact Margaret Miller, Coordinator at 228-217-4742 or [mrm82847@yahoo.com](mailto:mrm82847@yahoo.com).



**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 July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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.



**Volunteers are needed to help at the Bethesda Free Clinic** 2-3 hours, 1 or 2 days a week. --Very flexible! Clerical work, LPNs, RNs and MDs needed.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Doreen Lawson at 228-818-9191 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 15</b>
Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34—11:1	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Barney Banks
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 16</b>
Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Anita Grace White
8:15 a.m.	Roland and Mildred Hymel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 17</b>
Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. James Martin
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 18</b>
Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. John Davis
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Ann S. Dubuisson
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 19</b>
Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:15 a.m.	Mr. A. Gregory Mansfield
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 20</b>
Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Courtney Severino
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ernest Talbott, Jr.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 21</b>
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Gloria Davis
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Patricia Gunkel
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Mike Mitchell, Jr.
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Beckett Bassenger, 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.....\$13,026.00  
 Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 7,466.00  
 Poor Collection.....\$ 4,756.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**Recollection**

We who wish to live with the Eucharist must, more than anyone else, live an interior life. In the Eucharist the life of Jesus Christ is all interior. Be recollected at his feet rather than perform acts of generosity where the soul ordinarily puts aside its recollection to become scattered. Many Catholics are too busy. Doing this, doing that. Going here, going there.

It’s not that their intentions are bad, but often times the result of constant activity is that people are not recollected. People can mistakenly think that activity means spiritual depth. This is not necessarily the case. Remember what Jesus told Martha: “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things; only one thing is necessary”. That one necessary thing is spending time at the feet of Jesus in prayer and recollection. To be recollected means to live an interior life, always aware that you are in the presence of God. The person who is recollected is interiorly still, tranquil, and attentive to God speaking in the depths of their heart, mind, and soul. Today, close your eyes and think about our Eucharistic Lord in the tabernacle. Offer him your love, devotion, and adoration. Know that his Eucharistic heart beats for you. Ask for the grace to be more recollected and willing to separate yourself from anything in your life that takes away your Eucharistic recollection.

~30 Day Eucharistic Revival, Fr. Donald Calloway  
 Come and visit Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, in our chapel any day or hour of the week. He is waiting.

Please remember to close the tabernacle doors if no one else is adoring Him when you leave. [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com)



**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 sponsored by the Cursillo Movement South Mississippi, another program of the Diocese of Biloxi. 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
- Those taking/have taken instruction in the Catholic faith

Applications for the weekend can be found on the website at [www.biloxicursillo.org](http://www.biloxicursillo.org). If you need more information, you may contact Gay Camagong at (228)424-7722. Spacing is limited, please register early.



**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!! Fr. Chinnappa Mark thanks you for your kind support in maintaining this beautiful parish.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Christopher Bellman**, son of Thelma Bellman of our parish, who passed away July 6<sup>th</sup>.  
**Barbara Halat**, sister of Joyce Halat of this parish, who passed away July 8<sup>th</sup>.

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



**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. July 20).** 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, July 20<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.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The members of the Opus Sanctorum Angelorum** invite you to come to the Mission being presented by Fr. Wolfgang Sietz of OSA, August 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at St. Alphonsus Church. The topic is ... ANGELS! Fr. will emphasize the powerful help available to us, when we call upon the

angels. In these modern times, many do not really believe in angels and their eagerness to help us in all sorts of situations, if we call upon them through our prayers. Fr. Sietz will bring enlightenment to us, in their regard. So, do mark the above dates on your calendars and plan on coming. Allow your guardian angels to inspire you to attend. You will make them very happy!



**St. Mark mentions by name a number of brothers of Jesus, and refers in general to his sisters. But the word “brother” does not necessarily mean son of the same parents.** It can also indicate other degrees of relationship – cousins, nephews etc. Thus in Genesis

13:8 and 14:14 and 16 Lot is called the brother of Abraham (translated as “kinsman” in RSV), whereas we know that he was Abraham’s nephew, the son of Abraham’s brother Haran. The same is true of Laban, who is called the brother of Jacob (Genesis 29:15) although he was his mother’s brother (Gen 29:15); there are other instances: cf. 1 Chronicles 23:21-22, etc. This confusion is due to the poverty of Hebrew and Aramaic language: in the absence of distinct terms, the same word, brother, is used to designate different degrees of relationship.

From other Gospel passages we know that James and Joses (Mk 15:40), who are mentioned here, were sons of Mary of Clophas (Jn 19:25). We know less about Judas and Simon: it seems that they are the apostles Simon the Cananaean (Mt 10:4) and Judas the son of James (Lk 6:16), the author of the Catholic Epistle, in which he describes himself as “brother” of James. In any event, although James, Simon and Judas are referred to as brothers of Jesus, it is nowhere said they were “sons of Mary” – which would have been the natural thing if they had been our Lord’s brothers in the strict sense. Jesus always appears as an only son: “to the people of Nazareth, he is “the son of Mary” (Mt 13:55). When he was dying Jesus entrusted his mother to St. John (cf. Jn 19:26-27), which shows that Mary had no other children. To this is added the constant belief of the Church, which regards Mary as the ever-virgin: “a perfect virgin before, while, and forever after she gave birth” (Paul IV, *Cum quorundam*).



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of our Altar Society Members**

**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 Denis J. Harlow, July 1, 2010  
 Reverend Francis J. Scott, July 19, 2007  
 Reverend Msgr. Gregory M. Johnson, July 20, 2004  
 Reverend Joseph Tung Duc Nguyen, July 25, 2002  
 Reverend Msgr. Michael Thornton, July 26, 2023