

Jeremiah indicts the official leaders for neglecting their duties towards the people (First Reading). They must shoulder the blame for the misfortune that has befallen the people. But God will not let his people languish. He himself will assume the mantle of leadership, and entrust the flock to good and faithful shepherds.

This ties in neatly with the gospel. Jeremiah's promise is fulfilled in Jesus. We see Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in action. Firstly, we see his care for the Twelve, who have just returned from their missionary work and need a break. Secondly, we see his care for the ordinary people, whom he teaches at length. What a contrast there is between him and the official leaders of his time. Little wonder that the people flocked to him. In Jesus we see the divine compassion in action.

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



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) this coming week (July 22nd - 26th).

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 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. If you need more information, you may contact Gay Camagong at (228)424-7722. Spacing is limited.



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 12th - 14th, 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!



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Peggy Broussard, a past teacher of St. Alphonsus School, who passed away July 11th. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Frances and Curtis Tootle

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 22
Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Steve Karp
TUESDAY	JULY 23
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Gene Frederic
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Burl Newton
WEDNESDAY	JULY 24
Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dan Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jonathan "Junior" Jenkins
THURSDAY	JULY 25
2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Sybil Burchinal
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Herbert A. Dubuisson
FRIDAY	JULY 26
Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Gwen Noble
SATURDAY	JULY 27
Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Annette Lawrence
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Charles Goff
SUNDAY	JULY 28
2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Thomas Noble
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Int. Nursing Homes/Care Facilities



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, Mary Krystosek, Sawyer Kuljis, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Iva Misko, Edward Necaie, Donna and Edward Necaie 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, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,018.01
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,616.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Reverence and Silence

What would it be like to see your favorite saint praying before the Blessed Sacrament? It would probably move you to tears. A saint's devotion, reverence, and silence before the Real Presence would leave no doubt in your mind that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Shouldn't this

be the case with all clergy? What about you? Are you reverent in church? Would someone who saw you praying before the Blessed Sacrament be inspired by your example of Eucharistic piety?

Today, make a decision that the next time you attend Holy Mass, you will enter and leave church in an attitude and atmosphere of reverence and silence. Once Holy Mass ends, remain in church and pray in thanksgiving for receiving Jesus.

~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



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.

HURRICANE PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.

Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.

We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Save and pray frequently)



Our Parish App is one great way to help make the liturgical season more present in your daily life. Helpful reflections will aid you in reflecting on the Mass readings each day. Also - under FORMED, you will be able to stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere.

Don't have the App or FORMED yet? If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the App by texting **App** to phone number **88202**, or by visiting myparishapp.com. To gain access to FORMED - go to the website at www.formed.org and enter our Parish Code **f1f5a9** (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.



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.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Vincent de Paul, a great man of action was also a contemplative. His contemplation of God's love over flowed into practical love for the poor.

Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten, as you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box.



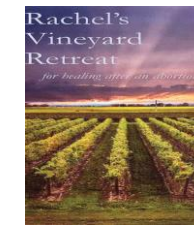
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

The Holy Father has announced the IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, July 28, 2024. However, the U.S. Catholic Bishops approved the transfer of the celebration of this observance to the first Sunday after Labor Day, which is Sunday, September 8th.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9), wishes to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in the lives of many elderly, so often the victims of the throw-away culture. He has invited everyone "to show our tender love for grandparents and the elderly members of our families."

The purpose of this day is to:

- Acknowledge and celebrate the wisdom, experience, and contributions of older generations to families, communities, and the Catholic Church.
 - Foster connections between young people and the elderly, encouraging mutual respect, learning, and support.
 - Highlight the challenges faced by many elderly individuals, such as isolation and loneliness, and promote initiatives to provide them with companionship and care.
 - Emphasize the inherent dignity and value of every human life, from conception to natural death, and the importance of caring for the elderly.
- In his message, Pope Francis stresses the importance of remembering and valuing the elderly around us, urging younger generations to draw from their wisdom and experiences. He highlights that grandparents and the elderly are a treasure to our families and society, providing a link to our history and a source of strength and guidance for the future.



The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend for the Diocese of Biloxi will be held August 23-25, 2024. Rachel's Vineyard is an international retreat that provides an opportunity for women and men to find forgiveness and healing from abortion. The retreat begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon and will be held at the William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, MS.

If you or someone you know would like to attend, please contact Deacon Johnny Williams at: rachelvineyard@biloxidiocese.org or 228-702-2169. You may also click on the following link which will take you to the Rachel's Vineyard web page on the Diocese of Biloxi's website: [Rachel's Vineyard | Catholic Diocese of Biloxi | Biloxi, Mississippi \(biloxidiocese.org\)](http://Rachel'sVineyard|CatholicDioceseofBiloxi|Biloxi,Mississippi(biloxidiocese.org))



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.**



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.