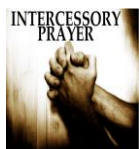


A biblical prophet is someone who has received a divine call to speak God's word to his people (First Reading). Even though the Word of God could be a hard word, it was a word of love because it meant that God had not abandoned his people. God's spokesman had to be prepared for opposition and rejection. It was so for the Old Testament prophets, and for Jesus himself.

At the close of his Galilean ministry Jesus is rejected by the people of his home town, who can't bring themselves to believe in the greatness of someone who is one of themselves. Consequently, his power is ineffective there. Their rejection of him is an anticipation of his rejection by the Jewish nation as a whole.

Christians today should not grow discouraged by lack of belief. Paul's experience of weakness ('a thorn in the flesh') taught him humility, and allowed him to experience God's power in a way that might not otherwise have been possible. The words "My grace is sufficient for you", are spoken to us too, and should be a great consolation to us in our struggles. --New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB



Evening of Intercessory Prayer - WILL meet on July 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus Church. On this night, we will pray all 20 mysteries. 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 our hearts! Just to mention five of many apparitions where Our Blessed Mother asked us to pray the rosary: In Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal, she said, "Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war". In Our Lady of Akita, Japan, she said, "The only arms which will remain for you will be the Rosary and the Sign left by My Son. Each day, recite the prayers of the Rosary. With the Rosary, pray for the Pope, the bishops and priest." In Our Lady of Kibeho, Rwanda, she said, "Repent, repent, repent! When I tell you this, I speak also to all the others. Men of our times have emptied each thing of its true meaning. They commit a fault and don't recognize that he did wrong. Meditate about the Passion of Jesus, and on the deep Sorrows of his Mother. Recite the Rosary every day, and also the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, to obtain the favor of repentance". In Our Lady of the Rosary, Argentina, she said, "Prayer, my daughter, prayer; how many mouths still remain closed, without saying at least a prayer that draws them nearer to the Lord. The Holy Rosary is the weapon to which the enemy fears the most; it is also the refuge of those who look for lightening their grief and it is the door to enter to My Heart. Glory to the Lord for the Light that He gives to the world." In Our Lady of Cuapa, Nicaragua, she said, "I have shown you the Glory of Our Lord, and you people will acquire this if you are obedient to our Lord, to the Lord's Word; if you persevere in praying the Holy Rosary and put into practice the Lord's Word." We are calling all of you to be a part of Our Mistress' powerful prayer warriors army as she has requested of each of us! Everyone is invited and welcome to join us with Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Co-redemptrix with Christ and Terror of Demons!



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 17th – 21st. 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.



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

MONDAY	JULY 8
Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Isaac Garza
TUESDAY	JULY 9
Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Myrtle Keys
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
WEDNESDAY	JULY 10
Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Carlos Patino
THURSDAY	JULY 11
Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9; Matthew 10:7-15	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. David Cole
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Billy Cruthirds
FRIDAY	JULY 12
Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Doctors, Nurses, EMT's, Police
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Leonard Tarrant
SATURDAY	JULY 13
Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Ron Fournier
	4:00 p.m.
	Ms. Margaret Broussard
SUNDAY	JULY 14
Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Wronko
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Verdalee Catchot
5:30 p.m.	Marian and Alfred Sullivan



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.....\$7,909.94
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,321.00
 Peter's Pence Collection.....\$1,382.00

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Eucharistic Piety

Holy Communion is the supreme act of the love of Jesus Christ for man. Any form of piety must be Eucharistic. In the Eucharist, his love outdoes itself. Piety is one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. To love God and be holy - to become a saint - you must be pious. You must have

Eucharistic piety. Some saints expressed their Eucharistic piety by fleeing to the desert, doing penance, and spending long hours in contemplation and thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Eucharist. Others expressed their Eucharistic piety in serving the sick, the poor, and the destitute in city streets. Still others expressed their Eucharistic piety by becoming missionaries, preaching in foreign lands, and catechizing thousands of people and teaching them about the Holy Eucharist. No matter what particular work, charism, or apostolate the saints were involved in, the one thing they all shared was their joy in receiving Holy Communion devoutly and piously. If you want to know a saint's secret to holiness, look no further than the Holy Eucharist.

Saints are superheroes. Superheroes have superpowers. A saint's superpower is the Holy Eucharist. You, too, are called to be a saint with a superpower. Piety toward the Eucharist is the key to having extraordinary holiness and sanctity. The Eucharist is your superpower.

~Fr. Donald Calloway, *30 Day Eucharistic Revival*

Come and visit your superpower, 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



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Friday, July 12th 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 outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, July 13th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



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 22nd - 26th, 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.



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, please register early.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Those Who Protect our Country



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.



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!

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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.**



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Annie Lee Catchot, aunt of Lisa Dalton of our parish, who passed away June 29th.

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

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.