

The First Reading gives us a glimpse into the heart of a prophet, and we see how very human he is. Elijah, the great champion of God, flees into the desert, a broken and dispirited man. But like the Israelites of old, he is fed with 'bread from heaven'. Strengthened by this food he continues his journey to Horeb, the mountain of God.

In the Gospel Jesus declares that he is 'the bread that has come down from heaven'. The bread in question is primarily the revelation given to people by Jesus. Only at a secondary level does it envisage the Eucharist. The fundamental reaction called for is one of 'coming to him', which is a synonym of belief. Even though faith is a gift from God it does demand openness on our part.

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



THE ANGEL MISSION

We are excited to be offering a very special Mission on the Holy Angels. Fr. Wolfgang Seitz of OSA (Opus Sanctorum Angelorum) will emphasize the powerful presence and help of the Holy Angels in our lives and in the spiritual battle that wages around us and in us, the battle between good and evil. Father will further explain that devotion to the holy Angels is much more than simply calling on their protection. The holy Angels, especially our Guardian Angel, desire to enter into an intimate friendship based on love, that disposes us through their special help for all graces God wants to give us. As in the case of Mary at the Annunciation, the angel knocks at the door of our hearts to be let in. Like Mary we want to open the door for them and collaborate with them to receive the Word of God and bear fruit. For this purpose the Church also endorses a Consecration to the Guardian Angel and to all the Holy Angels.

MISSION SCHEDULE: August 12th, 13th and 14th, 2024

Confession: 5:15 - 5:45 p.m.

Holy Mass: 6:00 p.m.

Conference Talk: 6:45 p.m.

May your Guardian Angel inspire you to attend this informative, interesting and enlightening Mission!



Thursday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Vigil Mass will be Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. Masses on Thursday will be at 6:30 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. (school children will attend), 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, August 15th in observance of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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. August 17). 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, August 17th 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,316.02
 Poor Collection.....\$ 4,670.61
 Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 6,085.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 12
Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Dr. Anna Bettois
TUESDAY	AUGUST 13
Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Robert and Holly Parker
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Olivia Karp
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 14
Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Matthew 18:15-20	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Steve Sema
1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28	
6:00 p.m.	Ms. Gloria Pucheu
THURSDAY	AUGUST 15
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56	
6:30 a.m.	Int. McLain Family
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Annie Wnukowski
12:00 p.m.	Int. Ms. Linda Gabrich Bourgeois
6:00 p.m.	Mr. Delma Joseph Meaux, Jr.
FRIDAY	AUGUST 16
Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19:3-12	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Mark Touns
8:15 a.m.	Freddie and Vera Lusk
SATURDAY	AUGUST 17
Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Myrtle Brock Minto
	4:00 p.m.
	Mr. Ralph Balius
SUNDAY	AUGUST 18
Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Int. for the Infirm
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Rhett Fontenelle
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Dennis VanAcker



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 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, Tracy Beaugez Simmons, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of St. Alphonsus Parishioners



The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the teacher of adoration. The Holy Spirit prolongs our Communion. Thank the Holy Spirit!

The Third Person of the Holy Trinity is often overlooked and forgotten, especially in our prayer life. The majority of Christians address prayers to Jesus and God the Father. Without the Holy Spirit, however, we would not have the Eucharist. Without the Holy Spirit, we would not be able to receive and adore the Eucharistic Lord. The Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary in our spiritual lives because it is he who prays in us and helps us to receive the Blessed Sacrament worthily. Every time you attend Mass or visit the Blessed Sacrament you are coming into the presence of the Holy Spirit. Delight in him. Talk to him as you would a friend. Share your heart, mind, desires, struggles, joy and hopes with the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to direct your soul and help you fall more in love with the Eucharist.

~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



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Friday, August 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



Save the Date: Faith Formation Registration for K-5th Grade will be held August 17th – August 31st and classes will begin Sunday, September 8th.



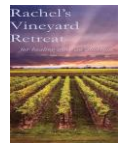
Evening of Intercessory Prayer - August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There is a lot of suffering in the world today but it has also been redeemed and endowed with a spiritual power by God as a result of the suffering of Christ. Are you aware of the power of your suffering when you freely unite it to the suffering of Christ and for the love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary? Please come and participate with us in prayer on Monday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus Church and please bring your rosary, if you do not have one, one is available for you. "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." (Philippians 4:6)



Walking With Mom's in Need – The next diocesan meeting of Walking With Mom's in Need, a prolific ministry of the diocese of Biloxi, will be held on Thursday, August 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Diocese. All are welcome to attend.

WWMIN is in need of diapers size 4, 5, 6 and 7. This past month, the ministry assisted 6 pregnant moms in preparation for the arrival of their babies. Thank you for your support and prayers.

For more information, please contact Margaret Miller, Coordinator at 228-217-4742 / mrm82847@yahoo.com or Kim Ryan at 228-238-9108.



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 rachelsvineyard@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))



We are so excited to share that RCIA, Lifeteen and Parish Family Formation of our Faith Community is moving to Wednesday evenings. Shooting for a start date of September 11th. We are still in the planning process, and there will be more information to come. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelley Fountain at 228-424-6234. Also, if you are interested in helping with any of this, please let me know.



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.**



Catholic Charities of South Mississippi will offer an eleven-week Surviving Divorce program beginning on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m. at their office located at 1450 North Street in Gulfport.

They are excited to offer this ministry once again that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing. There is a suggested donation of \$25 to cover the cost of materials and participant handbook. The series will conclude on Wednesday, November 20th. Please register by September 1st. Call Michelle at 228-219-5995 or email meleuterius@biloxidiocese.org to sign up.



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 Gospel the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of the cross is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God.

During the hot summer months many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring respite and hope to them.



PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the ROSARY every weekday, Monday through Saturday, after the 8:15 a.m. mass at St. Alphonsus Church in Ocean Springs.

The Blessed Mother Mary herself prays with us. The Rosary prayer embraces the problems of the Church, of the See of Saint Peter, the problems of the whole world. In it we also remember sinners, that they may be converted and saved, and the souls in purgatory. And now more than ever we pray for world peace. Please we need your participation and prayers! Everyone is welcome!



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Wanda Huska, sister of Wade (Kathy) Wilkes of this parish, who passed away August 1st.

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