

Today, as we resume the reading of Mark's Gospel, we meet a controversy over ritual cleanness.

All three readings tie in with one another. In the First Reading Moses urges the people to be faithful to God's Law, without adding to it or subtracting from it. It is not a burden to be endured, but a source of life and wisdom. The Gospel shows what happened in practice. To the Law of God (given through Moses) they added their own traditions which came to be regarded as equally authoritative and binding. Worse, they got in the way of God's Law.

Mark is making clear to Gentile Christians that being followers of Christ does not involve them in the observance of Jewish practices.

The Second Reading (the first of five from the Letter of St. James) shows the essential link between faith and love. Nothing could be more practical than this. Nowhere is the way to sanctity so clearly indicated.

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



Registration for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade Faith Formation classes will be held through this weekend.

Forms are available at all entrances of the church and at osstalphonusus.org website under Faith Formation, Forms, Faith

Formation registration. For any questions, please contact Janie Sema @ 228-217-1392 or jsema@osstalphonusus.org.

We look forward to meeting our new students and seeing our returning students on Sunday, September 8th, at 10:15 a.m.

Anyone interested in receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion must register for Elementary Faith Formation during August 17th – 31st. Forms are available at all entrances of the church and at osstalphonusus.org website under Faith Formation, Forms, Faith Formation registration and First Communion Registration.

FOUNDATIONS: Edge, LifeTeen, RCIA and Continuing Catholic Formation will begin on Wednesday, September 11th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

LifeTeen and Edge registration will be on Wednesday, September 11th and parents MUST be present for registration.

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered thus far. The excitement for the program is overwhelming! We are still looking for another adult to help with child care. Please contact Jammie at 228-806-2641 if you can help. To help with dinner(s), please contact Cyndi at 228-697-2387.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m. 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.



St. Alphonsus Elementary School is in need of extended care workers (hours are Monday-Friday 3:20-5:30 p.m.) and an additional PK1 Assistant Teacher.

If interested, email Mrs. Hartzog at chartzog@stal.org or you may call the school at 875-5329 for more information.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Rose Skelton On her 90th Birthday

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2

1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30
6:30 a.m. Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m. Int. Mr. Robert Sema

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37
6:30 a.m. Int. Mr. Robert Holt Foushee
8:15 a.m. Mr. Billy Cruthirds

Int. Ms. Mary Cruthirds

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
6:30 a.m. Mr. Ed Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m. Int. Mr. Rollen Figueroa

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5

1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
6:30 a.m. Special Intention
8:15 a.m. Mr. Barney Banks

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
6:30 a.m. Mr. Smokey Hill
8:15 a.m. Ms. Barbara Halat

SATURDAY September 7

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5
8:15 a.m. Int. Ms. Tiffany Wilson

4:00 p.m. Mr. Mike Skrinach

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37
7:30 a.m. Congregation
9:00 a.m. Int. President Donald Trump
11:30 a.m. Mr. A.O. "Herman" Soares
5:30 p.m. Mr. J. O'Keefe



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

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,382.71
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,736.00
Catholic University of America Collection.....\$1,194.00
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Mary's Sacrificial Love

With Mary, the adorer will offer himself to Jesus Eucharistic. The adorer will take Mary as the pattern of his Eucharistic life. The adorer will love her and confide himself to her. Whether adoring Jesus at Mass or in the tabernacle, adorers of Jesus are called to be co-redeemers with Christ as Mary is Co-Redemptrix with Christ. We are called to suffer for, and in union with, Jesus. Our Lady's suffering did not end after Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to his Father. On the contrary, her suffering continued because her love for God and mankind continued. She desired the glory of God and the salvation of souls. All her prayer, mortification, and penances were done for mankind out of love. She brought all her sufferings and intentions to each Communion she received. All her suffering were united to her Eucharistic Lord. The same should be the case for you. You should desire to be always united to Christ in the Eucharist and offer up all your suffering, penances, and mortifications to our Eucharistic Lord out of love for God and the salvation of souls. Are you willing to offer all your suffering out of love for Jesus and souls? You have a model and a mother in Our Lady. Today, join your prayers to those of Mary. Ask God to make you more sacrificial so that he may be glorified and souls may be saved. Implore the Blessed Mother to bring back many sinners to Jesus, especially those who have turned away from belief in his Real Presence. ~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. stalphonusus.weadorehim.com



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, September 6th beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, September 7th at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.



Walking With Mom's in Need (WWMIN) will be having a Diaper and Wipes Drive at all Masses next weekend (September 7/8). To continue the success of the ministry, they are asking for donations of baby wipes and diapers in all sizes – size 4, 5, 6, and 7 are the most needed. Donation boxes will be located at all exits of the Church.

For more information, please contact Margaret Miller, Coordinator at 228-217-4742 / mrm82847@yahoo.com or Mary at 228-348-6092.



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, September 8th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$8.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice. Come and enjoy the great food and fellowship.



Classes for Adult Study begin Sunday, September 8th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Videos are by Fr. Chris Alar, Director of the Association of Marian Helpers. For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020 or Anne McClellan at 228-327-4040. All are invited to attend.

September 8: ANGELS...The Forgotten Army



There will be two Altar Server Trainings this fall. The first will be after the 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, September 15th and the second will be after the 11:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, September 29th. Please plan on attending with your child. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 875-5419 or John McMackin at 228-229-6236.



PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, September 14th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



The Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. All are welcome to attend.



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 September 23rd - 27th, 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.



Deacon Justin Mitchell, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life and Father Rofinus Jas, Pastor of Our Mother of Mercy Parish, invite all our married couples to the first "Healing Mass for Couples."

The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, 216 Saucier Avenue, Pass Christian, 39571.

Invite your friends – especially those who need special prayers – to this powerful "Healing Mass for Couples."

Please contact Deacon Mitchell and let him know if you plan to attend. jmitchell@biloxidiocese.org; 228-702-2107.



To assist or enhance your spiritual growth, the bookstore is offering special \$2 and \$5 (specially priced) deals on a variety of books in front of the Church; while supplies last. Please put money in the box provided beneath the books.



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 and in reparation for all the offenses, sacrileges and indifferences made against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mother Mary asks us to pray for our priests, (especially your parish priest), they are human and will need to be strengthened like Jesus was in Gethsemane when an angel from heaven appeared to strengthen Him. Please we need your participation and prayers! Everyone is welcome!



The gospel today hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law.

Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self-giving for the sake of others.

As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Carolyn Howell, grandmother of Trevor (Kelly) Green of this parish, who passed away August 23rd.

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

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS