

We have now entered Part Two of Mark's Gospel (8:27-16:8). After having been consistently rejected and misunderstood despite all he has said and done, Jesus starts to proclaim the necessity of the suffering, death, and resurrection of the Son of Man in God's plan.

The First Reading talks about the Servant of the Lord who suffers, not in spite of his innocence, but because of it. But he is sustained in all his trials by the firm belief that God is with him. The Suffering Servant represents the many suffering just people. The New Testament sees Jesus as the Suffering Servant *par excellence*.

In the Gospel we have Peter's profession of faith. In response to that confession, Jesus makes a threefold disclosure: that the Messiah must suffer, that his disciples must be prepared to share his suffering, and that his and their suffering will lead to ultimate glory.

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



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER has been moved to Monday nights!!

September is the month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary and the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. 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 and join it to the suffering of Christ and the evil that wants to take this meritorious reward and gift from God away from you? Make your crosses redemptive and for all your sufferings to have meaning and purpose! Please come and participate with us in praying the Rosary for world peace, for the salvation of souls, for the conversion of poor sinners, in reparation for all the blasphemes, sacrileges, and indifferences made against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory this **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Alphonsus Church. If you do not have your rosary beads, one is available for you. "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." (Philippians 4:6)



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

FOUNDATIONS: Edge, LifeTeen, RCIA and Continuing Catholic Formation will begin on Wednesday, September 18th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

LifeTeen and Edge registration will be on Wednesday, September 18th 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.



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. September 21). 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, September 21st 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.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor Of and in Memory Of All Grandparents

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Margaret Foushee Whetstone
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17	
6:30 a.m.	The Highbanks Family
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Edna Spell
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 7:31-35	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Thompson/Cox Families
8:15 a.m.	Mr. William J. Collins
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Earl Keys
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Charles Wnukowski
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3	
6:30 a.m.	Anne and Mark Toups
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Lisa Parker
	Int. Mr. Howell Hopper
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 21
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Myra Brune
	Mr. Charles Goff
4:00 p.m.	
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 22
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Bulletin Advertisers
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bryan Moe
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Robert Pisarich
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 Bums, 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, Richard Harrison, 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.....\$12,827.00
 Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 5,275.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



St. Joseph, the Perpetual Adorer

Saint Joseph was a perpetual adorer of Jesus. He first adored him hidden behind the immaculate veil of Mary's holy womb. Next, he adored Jesus in the cave of Bethlehem, the world's first public adoration chapel. When St. Joseph was

commanded by the angel to flee from Herod and take his wife and son to Egypt, he adored Jesus in pagan territory. When the Holy Family returned to Nazareth after being in Egypt for many years, St. Joseph daily adored Jesus for decades. Whether on family outings to Jerusalem, visitations to relatives, or walking about in the countryside, St. Joseph never ceased adoring Jesus. He is the perpetual and model adorer. In a certain sense, St. Joseph is the founder of adoration chapels. Wherever he traveled with his wife and son, his paternal leadership transformed the home into an adoration chapel. He is the first to conduct a procession with the Body and Blood of Christ when he fled to Egypt with his infant Son. He is also the model for nocturnal adorers, that is, those who adore our Lord during the night. In all these things, St. Joseph offers us a superb model of how to adore Jesus. Undoubtedly, St. Joseph reached the heights of union with God because of his adoration of Jesus. Imitate St. Joseph and be his faithful spiritual child and you, too, will be capable of intimate union with God. Place yourself daily at the feet of Jesus and adore him.

~30 Day Eucharistic Revival, Fr. Donald Calloway

"Before the sun, we become tan, but before the Eucharistic Jesus, we become holy."

~Blessed Carlo Acutis

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



Classes for Adult Study are held 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 15: ANGELS...The Forgotten Army (part 2)

September 22: St. Michael... Why you need Him (part 1)



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.



Healing For Couples

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.



An Altar Server Training class will be held 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.



Capital Campaign Update – September 2024

We are excited to announce our progress with the campaign projects. We have received approval from the Diocese to move forward with the design phase of the Design-Build Contract with Starks Contracting Company. This initial phase of work will take approximately 6 months to complete and will include advancing concept designs to preliminary status, and preparing schedule, cost estimates, and construction drawings. The Parish Building Committee will provide sessions for Parishioners to review and provide comments as the designs progress.

The Parish has been sending out individual updates regarding your campaign contribution. If you have not received one, please let me know. If you would like to update or set up a contribution, you may do so via our website www.osstalphonsus.org or by contacting Patience Clasen at pclasen@osstalphonsus.org or (504) 920-5468.

Without the continued support of our gracious parishioners and families, we would not have exceeded our capital goal or be positioned to move forward with needed improvements to our Church facilities and school. Thank you for your support in the past, present, and future!

Nativity BVM Cathedral invites you to attend Mass in honor of the St. Vincent de Paul Societies/Parish Charities on Sunday, September 22nd at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow in the Sacred Heart Center.



Walking With Mom's in Need (WWMIN) extends their sincerest thanks and deepest gratitude to our parishioners for their overwhelming generosity during our recent Diaper Drive. With \$1,500 in donations and shelves restocked with diapers and wipes, our ministry can continue to make a difference. Please keep us in your prayers and may God bless you richly.

"Help One Save Two" Choose Life: We are facing an unprecedented challenge in our world – abortion called healthcare and so much more...It is easy to become discouraged. Yet as Christians, we are called to witness the hope and truth of Christ, to serve as He served and to put our faith into action.

WWMIN, a pro-life ministry of our Diocese and the USCCB, is just that! **ACTION.** For more information, please contact Margaret Miller, Coordinator at 228-217-4742 / mrm82847@yahoo.com or Mary at 228-348-6092.



The KC Ladies Auxiliary will host a baby shower the entire month of October in honor of Our Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. Donation bins will be located in the front vestibule and will benefit the Walking with Moms in Need Ministry. For additional information, contact Kim Ryan at 228-238-9108.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel Jesus says, **"If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps."** The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: **the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.**

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Give the SVDP a call and we will see if we are able to help.

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 Msgr. James McGough, August 12, 2024
 Reverend Patrick McDermott, September 17, 2017
 Reverend Nicholas Filipich, September 17, 2001