

The First Reading tells of the institution of seventy elders who were to assist Moses in ruling the people of Israel. They were endowed with the spirit of leadership and prophecy which was given to Moses. The main point of the reading is that God's choice is not a personal privilege to be guarded jealously, but a call to serve his people.

This leads into the Gospel because the apostles had to be reminded of this very truth. Jesus utters a grim warning against anyone who would hurt the 'little ones' who have faith in him. He talks about hell and compares it to Gehenna, a ravine near Jerusalem, which was a dump where offal and refuse was burned.

Even though the practical points contained in the Gospel were originally addressed to the leaders in the community, they have relevance for all disciples of Jesus. Jesus' command to receive the little ones (the insignificant members of the community) underlines the inclusiveness of the kingdom. The warning about the danger of giving scandal would be heard by Mark's readers as applying to them also. The directions for dealing with temptation are not meant to be taken literally. They forcefully make the point that sin is to be avoided at all costs.

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



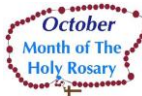
Capital Campaign Update – September 2024

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!



October is the month of the Rosary. As we pray the rosary before each weekend mass, please consider praying the rosary at home as a family once a day even if it is just you and your spouse. It is a great way to spend time together and build family unity. Remember as a great priest once said "A Family that Prays Together Stays Together".



During the month of October, the ushers will do a head count of all in attendance at all weekend Masses (men, women and children). The Diocese requests all parishes to do this for the entire month of October.



Mr. Ray Kelly, the sales representative from Diocesan (the provider of our weekly bulletin), will be at the Rectory this coming week on Tuesday, October 1st and Wednesday, October 2nd. He will be contacting all businesses who

presently have ads on our bulletin and if you wish to purchase an ad, you may contact him by calling the rectory during this time or at rkelly@diocesan.com or 504-338-3058.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,279.51
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,631.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 30
Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Fr. Alfred L. Camp
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 1
Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56	
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Doty Fournier
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 2
Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Matthew 18:1-5, 10	
6:30 a.m.	Canavati Family
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah G. Foushee
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 3
Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. James "J.B." Brune
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Todd Klingensmith
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 4
Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Archbishop Gregory Aymond
8:15 a.m.	Mr. John Luke Cates
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 5
Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24	
8:15 a.m.	The Jordan Family
	The Pitalo Family
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Albert Misko, Sr.
	Ms. Eunice Misko
	Mr. Andre' Kaufman
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 6
Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Charlie Jensen
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Deceased Parishioners of St. Al's
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Delma Joseph Meaux, Jr.



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 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 Memory Of
Dot and Bill Collins and Grace Homsany**



The Holy Angels

Daily, millions of angels carry out our Lord's orders from his throne in heaven and from his Real Presence in the tabernacle. Jesus is Commander-in-Chief of the celestial armies. All the holy angels serve him, praise him, adore him, and fight for him. The tabernacle is the holy angels' headquarters. Is the tabernacle your headquarters?

"It is in our churches, in this tabernacle, that the living Body of the Savior rests. He was but nine months in the womb of Mary, three hours on the cross, three days in the tomb. Yet he is always in our churches. This is why they do not empty of angels, archangels, and seraphim unceasingly adoring him." St. Claude de la Colombiere

Many saints have claimed to see angels during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and during Eucharistic Adoration. The angels are God's servants and do his holy will. They pass unnoticed before our eyes, yet, when we attend Holy Mass or Eucharistic Adoration, we are surrounded by armies of holy angels. They have no self-interest; their one desire is to serve and worship God. Like soldiers on a battlefield, they fight for God and constantly await their marching orders. It should be the same for you. Today, ask your Guardian Angel to intercede for you before the Blessed Sacrament. Pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel several times throughout the day. ~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



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, October 2nd 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.



HOUR OF GRACE AND HEALING SERVICE:

Hour of Grace is a time of encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ present to us in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar; an opportunity to lift our voices and hearts to Christ in worship as He pours His graces upon us. This Hour of Grace and Healing Service will be on Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Come and be renewed by the Lord!



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, October 4th beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, October 5th 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.



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.

October 6: Spiritual Warfare (part 1)

October 13: Spiritual Warfare (part 2)

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



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 kkryankr@yahoo.com.



St. Elizabeth Seton invites you to join them in the National Life Chain which will be held on Sunday, October 6th from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at the service road of the plaza with Big Lots and Take 5 Oil Change. Items that may be needed: a chair, rosary, beverage and an umbrella.



The KC Ladies Auxiliary will be selling homemade Chicken, Sausage and Pork Jambalaya on Friday, October 11th for Cruisin' the Coast at the KC Hall for \$7 each. They will serve in house and have to-go bowls starting at 10:30 a.m. and continue until they sell out.



Walking With Mom's in Need (WWMIN) Growing...More and more moms, and their families, are seeking our assistance. Inflation, unemployment, domestic abuse and isolation drive many women facing an unexpected pregnancy to seek our help. The fear, worry, and anxiety our moms experience when they realize they are pregnant is exactly the emotion "abortion" industries thrive on. Convincing a mother that her baby is "a problem" and the solution is abortion. When we talk with moms we listen with no judgement. Focusing on her needs and offering her the help to know there is another life-giving option. We welcome all women regardless of race, religion, or circumstances. Help One, Save Two!! For more information, please contact Margaret Miller, Coordinator at 228-217-4742 / mrm82847@yahoo.com; Kim Ryan at kkryankr@yahoo.com.



In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward." On September 27th, the Church will celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

This month, through your gifts, the SVDP was able to assist 14 families, providing \$7,267.80 in utility and rent. God Bless You!



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 blasphemes, 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!



Parishioner Registration: When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass.

It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.