

Jesus performed this miracle in Gentile territory. The faith-response of the Gentiles contrasts sharply with that of many of his own people. In Mark's mind Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah, "The ears of the deaf will be unsealed, and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy: (First Reading). In other words, Jesus is the one who brings salvation to Israel. This miracle is the only cure in the Gospels that is described as taking place gradually. Mark saw it as an illustration of growth in faith. It is what happens to every Christian at Baptism. Christ touches our ears so that we can hear his word, and touches our tongues so that we can profess our faith. Hence, we too can say, "He has done all things well; he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

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

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.



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.



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 on 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.



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.



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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Courtney Severino
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Mara Lou Guice Richards
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Carolyn Meyer
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Sybil Burchinal
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. James C. Martin
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Annette Lawrence
8:15 a.m.	Mr. A. Gregory Mansfield
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 13
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42	
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Camille B. Durkin
SATURDAY	September 14
Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Leo Noble
4:00 p.m.	Int. Kortman/Robson Families
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 15
Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
5:30 p.m.	Int. Poor/Those in Need



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., Terese 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$10,690.29
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 1,800.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 4,070.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



St. Joseph, the Humble Adorer

During his earthly life, St. Joseph never had the privilege of adoring Jesus in Eucharistic form or receiving our Lord in Holy Communion, but he adored the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ on a daily basis. After Mary, St.

Joseph offers us the greatest example of adoring Jesus. In a certain sense, St. Joseph was a forerunner of Eucharistic Adoration. This humble saint preferred a life of adoration and obscurity, a life of intimacy with Jesus and Mary, rather than a life of recognition and notoriety. He is, after Christ, the humblest of all men. If you think about it, we would not have the Eucharist without St. Joseph. Our Lady cooperated with God materially to bring about the Incarnation by her *Fiat*. Saint Joseph, on the other hand, cooperated in the Incarnation in his role as husband of Mary and protector of the Heavenly Bread, Jesus. Saint Joseph, the humble adorer, has been put in charge of guarding and protecting the Heavenly Manna so that you can have eternal life by receiving it. This is what a good father does for his children. Today, ask St. Joseph to help you grow in humility. Implore the Most Chaste Heart of St. Joseph for the gift of being an adorer of Christ and a servant of Mary Immaculate.

~30 Day Eucharistic Revival, Fr. Donald Calloway

"Pharaoh, the mighty king of Egypt, exalted Joseph and made him the highest prince in the kingdom, because he stored up the grain and bread and saved the people of his entire kingdom. So Joseph saved and protected Christ, who is the living bread and gives eternal life to the world."

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

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



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!



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (September 14/15) for the Center for International Seafarers and Truckers. The Port of

Gulfport Seaman Center is a Christian based ministry providing support to the seafarers and truckers who come to the port on a transient basis for work. This ministry provides spiritual guidance and services to those individuals. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



Join the Cor Men's Group. The group meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Wilbur Bar (604 Porter Avenue). Come join us for a great Catholic conversation each week about faith, life, parenting, prayer, and fellowship. If you'd like to be added to the GroupMe contact John McMackin (228-229-6236).



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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



We extend our congratulations to Don and Trish Dupuis. Don and Trish are this year's recipient of the "Lumen Christi" award which was presented to them at the 4:00 p.m. Mass this Saturday (September 7th) at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Each diocese nominates one candidate/couple as their recipient for this annual award which is presented to those who have been outstanding in their service to their parish.

Catechism of the Catholic Church: The confession of sins –

1457: According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession. Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time. 1458: Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as he is merciful: Whoever confesses his sins... is already working with God. God indicts your sins; if you also indict them, you are joined with God. Man and sinner are, so to speak, two realities: when you hear "man" – this is what God has made; when you hear "sinner" – this is what man himself has made. Destroy what you have made, so that God may save what he has made... When you begin to abhor what you have made, it is then that your good works are beginning, since you are accusing yourself of your evil works. The beginning of good works is the confession of evil works. You do the truth and come to the light.



To assist or enhance you in 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!



In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9th, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor?