

Wisdom teaches us how to live rightly, and enables us to use the things of this world in a way that will help us achieve the end for which God put us on earth. Wisdom, therefore, should be prized even more than gold (First Reading).

The Gospel is a discipleship story. The Jews believed that the prosperity of the rich was a sign of God's blessing. But Jesus presents wealth as a stumbling block to the kingdom. Love of material possessions and comforts is one of the chief obstacles in the way of discipleship. Those who trust in themselves and their possessions can never be saved. Salvation is always God's achievement.

When Jesus says, "Sell what you have..." he doesn't mean that a disciple must be destitute. The life of the poor, with its hardship and suffering, is not set forth in Mark's Gospel as an ideal for the Christian disciple. But neither is the desire for possessions and the accumulation of wealth.

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



The KC Ladies Auxiliary are hosting a baby shower the entire month of October in honor of Our Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. Donation bins are 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.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Monday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



The Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, October 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. All are welcome to attend.



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. October 19). 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, October 19th 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.



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (October 19/20) for World Mission Sunday. This annual collection provides critical financial support to missionaries and communities of faith in the most economically disadvantaged regions of the globe.



There is some interest in starting a Youth Choir to sing, with instruments, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday. If you are a Jr. High or High School teen interested in singing in the choir, we ask that you please call the rectory office (875-5419) and leave your name and number. You will be contacted with rehearsal information soon.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$14,052.06
 Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 5,175.00
 Poor Collection.....\$ 4,331.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 14
Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Miek Laan
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 15
Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Myrtle Keys
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Sharon Montalbano
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 16
Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Seminarian Eddie Bergeron
8:15 a.m.	Fr. Kenneth Kelly
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 17
Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Anita Grace White
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Katherine Hanning
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 18
2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Fr. Doug Busch
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 19
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Pres. Donald Trump
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ralph Balius
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 20
Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim Gunkel
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Dennis Van Acker



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, Sändra 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 Honor Of those in the Legal Community and Civic Leaders



God's Goodness

The goodness of God is so great that he is willing to be insulted and ignored in order to conquer us with his love. In the Holy Eucharist, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords allows himself to be insulted, disgraced, despised, attacked, and profaned. The holy angels, more powerful than all the armies of the world, are restrained and not allowed to strike evil men down for their blasphemies against the Holy Eucharist. What holds them back? God's love and goodness hold them back. The goodness of God is so great that the Heavenly Father allows his Son to be mocked in the Holy Eucharist in order to conquer hearts through sacrificial, self-emptying love. Jesus is now insulted even more than when he was hanging from the Cross at Calvary. Our beloved Jesus is so in love with us that he is willing to undergo endless insults in order to win our hearts and bring us to his kingdom. Why does God allow himself to be treated with such derision, contempt and betrayal? Because God's ways are not our ways. God's goodness is not overcome by sinners. God's love is not conquered by hate. On the contrary, Jesus conquers evil and hate with love, real sacrificial love. This love and goodness is perfectly manifested in the Holy Eucharist where Jesus leaves himself exposed to the insults and blasphemies of all mankind. He is truly in love with fallen humanity. He is in love with you. Today, implore our Eucharistic Lord to give you the grace to respond to his goodness by resolving never to receive him in a state of mortal sin. Say a prayer of reparation to the Eucharistic heart of Jesus for those who receive him unworthily and abuse his goodness.

-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



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 20: Spiritual Warfare (part 2)

October 27: Danger of Soul Ties (part 1)

FOUNDATIONS:

Edge, LifeTeen, RCIA and Continuing Catholic Formation is held on Wednesday's from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



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 says: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me."

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER: All are invited to join us on MONDAY, OCTOBER 21st at 6:30 p.m. in praying the 20 MYSTERIES of the ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED

SACRAMENT in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH in Ocean Springs. Our Lady is calling us to pray for world peace, the end of wars, the salvation of souls, for our clergy, and in reparation for all the offenses made against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the sins of the whole world, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The world is in desperate need of prayer! Prayer is truly one of the most powerful weapons God gives to mankind. If we want peace to come to earth and morality to return then all of us must unite in prayer for this to happen. Let our prayers soar heavenward as an offering for all mankind knowing that as our voices are lifted to heaven all of heaven will unite with us in this call for conversion. If all the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ will unite in this Rosary prayer, then through those prayers His divine grace will pour out over the world and change it for the better. Each one of His followers is called to persevere in this prayer for mankind and not to give up in the short term when it seems nothing is happening. We must persevere and in doing so we show that we trust in God to do what is needed. Let us all embrace now what we should have been doing anyway as part of our faith, let us embrace God in prayerful love of others as we call on God in love to convert the hearts and souls of all people. When large numbers of the Lord's followers unite in prayer in this way who can stand against it? In light of the dire circumstances transpiring all around us, prayer for peace is needed now more than ever. We must come together and pray with Our Blessed Mother Mary, our greatest intercessor, with all our hearts! PLEASE EVERYONE JOIN US IN THIS NEED FOR PRAYER!!!



Bishop Kihneman invites all members in the medical community to their annual White Mass on Sunday, October 27th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Doctors, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners are invited to wear their white coats and be part of the procession. A reception, hosted by the diocesan Catholic Medical Association members, will follow in the Sacred Heart Center located behind the Cathedral. If you plan to attend the Mass and/or reception, please RSVP at <https://biloxidiocese.org/white-mass-rsvp>.



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!

Why were the saints, saints? Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when it was difficult to be patient; and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to talk, and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all.

It was quite simple and always will be.