

**The First Reading is an excerpt from Isaiah's fourth Servant Song.** The Servant offers his life in atonement for the sins of his people. His death will be the beginning of glorification for him and be a source of blessings for others. By reflecting on passages such as this, the early Christians came to an understanding of the saving sufferings and death of Jesus.

In the Gospel we see how far the apostles are from this spirit of self-sacrifice. James and John want the top places in Jesus' kingdom. Obviously they thought that his kingdom would be modeled on worldly kingdoms, where those in high places enjoy honor, power, and glory. But Jesus tells them that his disciples are not to imitate the Gentiles, whose rulers lord it over people. In his kingdom, service is what makes one great. He would set the example himself. He came 'not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (a reference to his saving death). Authority in his Church must wear the unmistakable livery of service. --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](mailto:kkryankr@yahoo.com).



**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.



**EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** All are invited to join us on MONDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in praying the 20 MYSTERIES of the ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH. 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!!!



**For the month of November we offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones.** Envelopes are available either in your monthly contribution package or at the exits of the Church. Please include the names of your loved ones along with your donation and return it prior to November 1<sup>st</sup> if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 21</b>
Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Tallulah Severino
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 22</b>
Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Fr. Cory Ford
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Carolyn Meyer
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 23</b>
Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Alfred Gregory Mansfield
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Charlotte Lamén
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 24</b>
Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Annette Lawrence
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Madeline West
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 25</b>
Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Religious
8:15 a.m.	Int. Lisa and Pete Manley
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 26</b>
Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ernest "Moochie" Cox
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 27</b>
Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Leonard Tarrant
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 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 the Deceased Priest in Biloxi Diocese**



### The Most Solemn Moment

The time spent in thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion is the most solemn moment of your life. Many saints echo the same thought. Saint John Baptist de La Salle states, "Be convinced that there is in all your life no more precious time than that of Holy Communion and the moments immediately following, during which you have the happiness to be able to speak face-to-face, heart-to-heart, with Jesus." Preparation for Holy Mass is very important too. Arriving early to Mass so that you can pray and prepare your heart is a wonderful habit to acquire. Meditating on the readings the night before or praying a rosary on the way to church are also ways you can prepare your heart for Holy Mass. Doing some sort of preparation is very important. Yet, as good as preparation is, it is the time of thanksgiving after Holy Communion that should never be neglected. Jesus is in your heart. It is the most solemn moment of your life. The devil knows this and doesn't want you to give thanks. He knows there is power and incredible graces given to those who spend time after Mass giving thanks for the gift of Eucharist. In your average parish, how many people rush out of church immediately after Mass? Almost everyone. Today, resolve to spend at least 5 minutes in thanksgiving the next time you attend Holy Mass. It may be difficult to pray because of all the distractions and noise, but let the world pass you by. Tell Jesus you are truly grateful for Holy Communion.

-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](http://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 27:** Danger of Soul Ties (part 1)

**November 3:** Danger of Soul Ties (part 2)



**The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast** on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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](mailto:mrm82847@yahoo.com); Kim Ryan at [kkryankr@yahoo.com](mailto:kkryankr@yahoo.com).

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,078.63  
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,816.00  
 Hurricane Helene Relief Collection.....\$4,056.75  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."**

When you donate the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.



**Bishop Kihneman invites all members in the medical community to their annual White Mass** on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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>.



**The Music & Fine Arts Ministry of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Cathedral will present its third annual "All Souls Concert" on All Souls Day (Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>) at 3:00 p.m.** This concert-service event remembers loved ones that have passed and seeks to treasure them and make their memory a blessing to the future generations. This is a musical and spiritual offering that is given to the Cathedral community, the Greater Gulf Coast Community, and to the Biloxi Diocese community. The concert-service features music selections of remembrance including "Requiem" by the 20th/21st century composer – Heather Sorenson. While this "Requiem" was initially commissioned in memory of precious lives lost during the COVID-19 pandemic, it was written to provide hope, healing, and comfort to "all" who have experienced the sting of loss. The Music & Fine Arts Ministry of the Cathedral invites anyone who would like to submit a remembrance (name/s) to be listed in the program - to share them by Monday, October 28th at noon to the email contact info site listed below. No donation is required to do this; but donations are tax deductible and graciously accepted. These funds will directly finance the Chamber Orchestra. The program will be shared by the Massed Choral Societies of Gloria in Excelsis of the Cathedral and Mobile, Alabama's Mobile Vocal Arts. The massed choir of 45-50 voices will be accompanied by a full chamber orchestra. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Terry D. Maddox – Minister of Music ~ Director of Fine Arts at 251 406-1454 or [terrydalemaddox@gmail.com](mailto:terrydalemaddox@gmail.com). Nativity BVM Cathedral is located at 870 Howard Avenue in downtown Biloxi



**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!

### FOUNDATIONS:

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



**Mass for Family and Friends:** You can have Masses offered for the Intention of family and friends as well as for the deceased. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.