

The First Reading carries a message of joyful hope for the exiles in Babylon. The Lord will save what's left of his people and bring them back from exile. Even the most helpless will share in the joy of this great event.

In Mark's mind Jesus is the one who brings salvation to Israel. His healings are a sign of the coming of the kingdom (Gospel).

The story of Bartimaeus is as much a call story as a healing story. The expression 'followed him along the way' doesn't simply mean that he joined the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. There can be no doubt what Mark intends: Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship. He is presented as a model of faith.

It seems that the story was used in the early Church as a model of encouragement to believers and would-be-believers.

Bartimaeus serves as a model for those who are spiritually blind and whose lives lack direction. Through faith they can have purpose, energy and direction in their lives. An enthusiastic following of Jesus results in a happy and fulfilled life.

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



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 1st if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.



Friday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Vigil Mass will be on Thursday, October 31st at 6:00 p.m. On Friday our Masses will be at 6:30 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. (school children will attend), 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, November 1st in observance of All Saints Day.

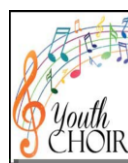


Reminder - Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed!



Catholic Charities of South Mississippi presents the 3rd Annual Bishop's Gala to be held at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino (Magnolia Ballroom) on Saturday, November 9th. Cocktails 5:00-6:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner, Live Entertainment, Silent Auction and "Split the Pot" Raffle. Cocktail attire required.

For more information or to purchase a ticket online, go to <https://catholiccharitiesofsouthms.org/bishops-gala>.



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: Thank you for everyone's participation last Monday night where so many of us gathered together in prayer and intercession! Thank you for taking time to turn your hearts and minds to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. In her humility and grace, Mary has a special place in our faith as an intercessor, guiding us closer to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Please be assured each of your prayers were heard! Mark your calendars for the next Evening of Intercessory Prayer scheduled for MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus Church in Ocean Springs. Again, thank you for each of your attendance and participation in the power of prayer!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 28
Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Yvonne Viquerie
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 29
Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Fr. Mike Snyder
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Doris Sema
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 30
Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Shaun Brady
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. James C. Martin
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 31
Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lois Gianelloni
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Joanie Averette
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a	
6:00 p.m.	Int. Ms. Thelma Miller
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 1
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Nelda Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. The Odom Family
12:00 Noon	Int. Ms. Courtney Severino
6:00 p.m.	Mr. Harry Leaghty
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 2
Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40	
8:15 a.m.	The Jordan Family
	The Pitalo Family
	All Souls
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 3
Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Kathleen Viquerie
9:00 a.m.	Sr. Stephanie Evelyn Sema SSMI
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	All Souls



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, 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 Necaie, Donna and Edward Necaie 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.



Eucharistic Thanksgiving

The best model for our thanksgiving is Mary. Join with his Blessed Mother in adoring him. The Virgin Mary received Jesus perfectly. This was true at the Annunciation and Bethlehem, as well as every occasion she received her divine Son in Holy Communion. She knows best how to teach us and conform us to her son. Jesus wants to give us immeasurable graces in Holy Communion, and having Mary with us will ensure that not one of them is lost. For this reason, it is a very good practice to invoke her before, during, and after we receive Holy Communion. Mary wants all of her spiritual children to make a proper thanksgiving after Holy Communion. As our Lady knelt before the crib in Bethlehem and adored her divine child, and as she bowed her head in silent adoration and prayer after receiving Holy Communion, your thanksgiving after Holy Communion should be a time of awe and wonder as well. The time you spend in thanksgiving doesn't have to be filled with words or poetic prayers. Silent contemplation of God inside you is the Marian way to give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist. Words may come, intentions may flow, but there is no need to force it. Adore him. Be still and know that he is God. Be like Mary.

Today, ask Our Lady to help you be more like her in your Eucharistic thanksgiving. Invite her to always be with you after Holy Communion so that you can adore Jesus and give him thanks.

-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.

November 10: Danger of Soul Ties (part 2)



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.



If you are a psychiatrist and you would like to volunteer to help with some parish needs, please call the Parish Office at 875-5419 and leave your name and number.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: David Bourgeois, husband of Elise Bourgeois of this parish, who passed away October 14th.

Jason "Juaning" Poblete David, husband of Fanny David, a member of our parish community, who passed away October 18th.

We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of St. Alphonsus Parishioners



Your Church Needs You - God is calling. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers at all the masses. Prayerfully consider God's calling to serve your St. Alphonsus Family.



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 2nd) 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. Nativity BVM Cathedral is located at 870 Howard Avenue in downtown Biloxi.



The St. Alphonsus Ladies Auxiliary will be selling Chicken and Seafood Gumbo, Jambalaya and Red Beans and Rice on November 2nd and 3rd during the Peter Anderson Festival in the KC Hall.

Dine in and Take Out available from 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday or until sold out.



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 November 11th - 15th, 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.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to 5 families, providing \$4,816.20 in support. God Bless You!

FOUNDATIONS:

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$7,818.85
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,386.00
 World Mission Sunday Collection.....\$1,349.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support