

By rabbinical count, 'the Law' consisted of some 613 commandments. The Scribe's question as to which commandment was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two. Both are found in the Old Testament; the first in Deuteronomy 6:4 (First Reading), the second in Leviticus 19:18. What Jesus did was to put the two together, thus emphasizing the essential relatedness of them. No rabbi had previously done this. The emphasis on love became for Christians the identifying characteristic of their religion. The Scribe agreed fully with Jesus, and went on to declare that true love of God and the loving service of others are more important than elaborate cult. Nowhere else in the Gospels does a Scribe emerge in such favorable light.

--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 as soon as possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 6th 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.



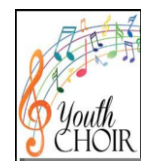
PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



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>.



We are EXCITED!! We now have Venmo for our parish. The main purpose in acquiring this type of giving opportunity is for ease to our parishioners and visitors as well as for our Wednesday evening "Foundations" program. Please when making a donation specify Parish (Tithing, Poor, Capital Campaign, etc.) or Foundations. We appreciate and thank you!!



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.

FOUNDATIONS:

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 4
Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 5
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Remmert Laan
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 6
Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 7
Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Michael Joseph Gatschet
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 8
Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 16:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Arthur Gianelloni
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 9
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Alfred Seymour
	All Souls
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Rodney Goff
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 10
1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44	
7:30 a.m.	All Souls
9:00 a.m.	Int. Leddy Family
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Bryan Moe
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 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., 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, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,163.66
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,361.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Eucharistic Union

Jesus Christ desires an intimate union with every soul. In Sacred Scripture, God uses the imagery of spousal love to communicate how much he loves us and wants us to be with him. Christ is the bridegroom; the Church is his bride. This means that every soul in the Church is united with him in a bond of covenant love. You might be inclined to think that only religious sisters are united with God in spiritual marriage. But this is not the case. Every baptized person is spiritually espoused to God and called to the heavenly wedding feast of the Lamb. Our Lord is not content with being our Savior, friend, and brother. He wants to be our all! This is why he instituted the Eucharist. On the eve of his Passion and death, Jesus gave his bride, the Church, the Holy Eucharist. It is his greatest treasure. It is he himself truly present, a love that longs to be consumed. This gift surpasses all other gifts. It is not offered once a year, but daily! The Eucharist is God's way of giving us absolute certainty that he loves us, and by our worthy reception of Holy Communion, that we are able to give God all that he wants and deserves. The Eucharist is everything!
"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host."
 Venerable Fulton J. Sheen
 ~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)



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.



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.



Volunteers making a difference in the lives of others. 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: Tracy Beagez Simmons, daughter of Donna and Gary Beagez of this parish, who passed away in Virginia on October 20th. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.



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.



In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.



The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has hired Dr. Lisa Marie Authement, a Health Psychologist, to speak on stress management. As we all know, mental health has been an increasing challenge for many. This Holiday Learning Summit is free to the community and will be held on Thursday, November 14th at the MGCCC Cafeteria, 2300 Hwy 90 Gautier. Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. followed by the program from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. To register, please go to: <https://business.icchamber.com/events/details/holiday-learning-summit-1743?calendarMonth=2024-11-01>



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!



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!



Our Parish App is one great way to help make the liturgical season more present in your daily life. Helpful reflections will aid you in reflecting on the Mass readings each day. Also – under FORMED, you will be able to stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere. **Don't have the App or FORMED yet?** If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the App by texting **App** to phone number **88202**, or by visiting myparishapp.com. To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at www.formed.org and enter our Parish Code **f1f5a9** (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.



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