

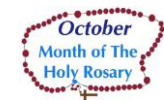
Genesis has two accounts of the institution of marriage. The first (1:26-28) sees marriage as a means of procreation. The second (2:18-24) – our First Reading – sees marriage as meeting the human need for companionship and equality.

On the basis of Deuteronomy 24:1-4, the Pharisees allowed a husband to divorce his wife because of ‘an indecency in her’. Appealing to Genesis 1:27; 2:24, Jesus stressed the unity created by marriage, which would forbid breaking the marriage bond, so that remarriage after a divorce would constitute adultery. Jesus leaves no doubt as to what the ideal marriage ought to be. But this doesn’t mean he wasn’t aware of, and sympathetic towards, the problems that can arise in living out that ideal.

The Gospel also shows Jesus’ love for the little ones, and tells us that we must receive the kingdom the way children receive a gift.

From today until the Thirty-Third Sunday inclusive, the Second Reading is taken from the Letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews presents Christ as the Perfect Priest.

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



October is the month of the Rosary. As we pray the rosary before each weekend mass, please consider praying the rosary at home as a family once a day even if it is just you and your spouse. It is a great way to spend time together and build family unity. Remember as a great priest once said “A Family that Prays Together Stays Together”.

FOUNDATIONS:

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



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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

- Reverend Peter Quinn, October 8, 2004
- Reverend James B. Taylor, October 17, 2004
- Monsignor Andrew L. Murray, October 20, 2009
- Monsignor Francis Quinn, October 22, 1990
- Most Rev. Roger P. Morin – October 31, 2019



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Doug Denehie, son-in-law of Evelyn Hosey of this parish, who passed away September 24th.

Paul “Butch” Halat, brother of Joyce Halat of this parish, who passed away September 25th.

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

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 7
Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37	
6:30 a.m.	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 a.m.	Int. Fr. Steve Geerling
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 8
Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42	
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Cyril Laan, Sr.
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 9
Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Seminarian Joseph Martello
8:15 a.m.	Mark and Anne Toups
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 10
Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Ellen Saint Clair
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Christopher Bellman
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 11
Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Peggy Closson
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jaqueline Hemenway
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 12
Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
	Mr. Joe Langlinais, Sr.
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 13
Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30	
7:30 a.m.	Homer and Bonnie Franks
9:00 a.m.	Deceased Priest Biloxi Diocese
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Brenda Soares
	Ms. Karen Soares
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., 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.



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The Cross

The Cross, in a certain sense, can be considered as the spiritual wedding ring that Christ wears and gives to his bride, the Church. It is one of the best gifts that Jesus can give you because it is the sign of his committed and sacrificial love for you. By wearing this spiritual wedding band- the Cross -on your soul, the loving union between you and Christ is manifested to the world. As Jesus cannot be separated from his Cross because he is forever faithful, never taking off the spiritual wedding ring of the Cross, it should be the same with every Christian, that is, never abandoning, or taking off, the sign of his love. The Cross is the pledge of your commitment to Christ. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). If you truly love Christ you will want to wear it every day. Wearing it is not easy, but it is worth it. Suffering for love of Jesus is always worth it. The Eucharist gives you the strength to carry the Cross and suffer with Christ. This is yet another reason why Satan hates the Eucharist and wants to take souls away from it. He knows that the Eucharist gives souls supernatural power to carry the Cross, be faithful to Jesus, and willingly embrace suffering out of love for God and others. The Eucharist fortifies fidelity and makes you a saint.

Today, praise God for the gift of the Cross. Praise him for the gift of the spiritual wedding ring. Promise to love him in good times and in bad, in health and in sickness, in riches and in poverty, in life and in death. ~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



The KC Ladies Auxiliary will be selling homemade Chicken, Sausage and Pork Jambalaya on Friday, October 11th for Cruisin’ the Coast at the KC Hall for \$7 each. They will serve in house and have to-go bowls starting at 10:30 a.m. and continue until they sell out.



PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, October 12th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, October 13th 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.



Bishop Kihneman invites all members of the legal profession and civic leaders to their annual Red Mass on Sunday, October 13th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Judges are invited to robe and be part of the procession. A reception will follow Mass in the Sacred Heart Center located behind the Cathedral. In order for them to prepare for the Mass and reception, please RSVP by calling 228-702-2100, emailing rspv@biloxidiocese.org, or registering online at <https://biloxidiocese.org/red-mass-rsvp>.



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 13: Spiritual Warfare (part 2)

October 20: Danger of Soul Ties (part 1)



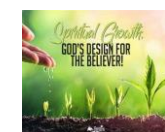
EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER: All are invited to join us on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 21st** at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus Church in Ocean Springs. October is the month of the Holy Rosary, we will pray the 20 Mysteries of the ROSARY and Exposition of the BLESSED SACRAMENT for world peace, the conversion of poor sinner’s, 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, for our clergy and special intentions. 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. Ask your prayer groups, ask your family and friends, ask your co-workers, ask all you know to join in this truly Holy war. 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 JOIN US!!! EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!



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 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.



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!



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