

The First Reading is part of a vision of the prophet Daniel concerning the end of time. It is remarkable because it contains the earliest statement of belief in the resurrection of the dead, and the first mention in the Bible of 'everlasting life'.

In the Gospel we have part of Mark's Eschatological Discourse (13:1-37). Mark's account is colored by what has already happened, for example, the persecution of the disciples in synagogues and before governors and kings. He believed that the *parousia* was imminent – a belief common among the early Christians.

The precise time of the end is known only to God. Therefore, the disciples must not allow themselves to be misled by claims or speculations that the end is near but must maintain a constant watchfulness. The purpose of the Lord's glorious coming will not be to execute judgement but to gather his elect.

While we cannot share Mark's view that the end is near, we do share his faith in God's victory in Christ. And, for each of us, the *parousia* will be our meeting with the Son of Man when we pass out of this life into eternal life.

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



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER: As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls. Please come join us in praying the scriptural ROSARY for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the St Alphonse Church in Ocean Springs as we remember our beloved deceased who are in Purgatory. Every time we, the Church Militant, pray for them, we assist them on their pilgrimage to heaven, and we recognize the indescribable compassion of the Almighty bestowed upon them through the prayers and the merits of Mary, the Mother of the Poor Souls, and the intercession of St. Joseph. It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works and intercessions. The Holy Souls are in desperate need of our prayers! Prayer is truly one of the most powerful weapons God gives to mankind. We must come together and pray with Our Blessed Mother Mary, our greatest intercessor, with all our hearts to help these Holy Souls to see the face of God and will remember us too when they enter the Kingdom of Heaven! PLEASE EVERYONE JOIN US IN THIS NEED FOR PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS!!!



The Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, November 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. All are welcome to attend.



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (November 23/24) for the St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy. The Pharmacy is a nonprofit

agency with an innovative approach to filling a gap in health care services. Founded in 1998, this organization provides free prescription services to medically needy South Mississippians. The Pharmacy is sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization dedicated to working with the poor. Although sponsored by SVDP, the Pharmacy is independently incorporated. The Pharmacy does not discriminate by religion, race, ethnicity, sex or age. Envelopes are available at the Church exits.



The St. Alphonse Knights of Columbus will be serving Thanksgiving Meals in the KC Hall on Sunday, November 24th from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This dinner is free for all Senior Citizens.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Johnny Norman and Marguerite Norman

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 18
Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 19
Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Earl Keys
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 20
Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Eduard van Thiel
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 21
Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Alden Karp
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 22
Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Freddie and Vera Lusk
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 23
Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Thelma Miller
	All Souls
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 24
Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37	
7:30 a.m.	All Souls
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Jonathan "Junior" Jenkins
5:30 p.m.	Int. Mr. William Lavern Odum



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, Margie Gammon, 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, Mary Lewis, 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, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Alex Stout, nephew of Pam & Ricky Carter of this parish, who passed away on November 11th in Reevesville, SC.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.



The Holy Eucharist and Death

The Eucharist is the fruit of the death of Jesus. Instituting the Holy Eucharist cost Jesus everything. His precious blood was poured out on the Cross so that souls could receive Holy Communion. Like seed scattered on the ground, producing fruit, Jesus' blood was sprinkled on Mount Calvary to produce the greatest food known to mankind, the Holy Eucharist. Pious tradition tells us that Golgotha (the place of the skull) is where Adam, the first man, was buried. Jesus, the new Adam, desiring to regenerate humanity, was crucified above Adam's skull, watering the ground with his blood, so that from the new tree of life a food could be given to fallen humanity that gives eternal life to all who eat it. We often forget how much suffering went into the institution of the Holy Eucharist. God had the Eucharist in mind from the beginning of creation. It was not an afterthought. When the Second Person of the Holy Trinity took on human nature to save us, the institution of the Eucharist consumed the heart of Jesus. From childhood to manhood, the institution of the Eucharist was his greatest desire. Today, unite yourself more fully to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Give him your past, present, and future. Beg him for the grace to receive Holy Viaticum before you die. ~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. stalphonus.weadorehim.com



Classes for Adult Study are held after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday 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 17: Mary's 10 Virtues in the Bible...(part 1)

November 24/December 1: No Class

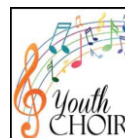


Walking With Mom's in Need (WWMIN)

WWMIN will now be holding a Baby Drive on the second Sunday of every month to replenish our supplies to continue the success of our ministry. We are asking for donations of diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby toiletries and necessities, formula, new or gently used baby clothes, strollers, high chairs, car seats, etc. We thank you in advance for your abundant generosity and continued support. Boxes will be located at all entrances to the church. For further information, call Mary @ 228-348-6092 or Margaret @ 228-217-4742.



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.



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 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. Alphonse Family.



The Gospel predicts the end of times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out.



The KC Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Alphonse for their generosity in support of October's Baby Shower. All items were donated to Walking with Mom's in Need.



To assist or enhance you in your spiritual growth, or maybe a CHRISTMAS gift for someone, the bookstore is offering special \$2 and \$5 (specially priced) deals on a variety of books in front of the Church; while supplies last.

Please put money in the box provided beneath the books.



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. Alphonse 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 blasphemous, 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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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.....\$10,314.35

Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 3,666.00

Campaign for Human Development Collection.....\$ 1,081.80

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support