

In biblical times widows were among the poorest of the poor. The widow in the First Reading was a non-Jew, and she had a son to support. She was down to her last handful of meal and drop of olive oil. After that she and her child must starve. Yet, by sharing it with the prophet, she has a never ending supply of flour and oil. She represents those people, who, despite poverty and oppression, place all their trust in God.

In the Gospel, Jesus' denunciation of the public display of the Scribes provides a background for an example of genuine religious behavior on the part of a widow. Her example of true piety contrasts sharply with the counterfeit piety of the Scribes. The widow let go of every shred of security, and committed herself wholly to God. The story is as much about trust in God as about generosity. The widow's generosity results from her trust in God.

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



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) this coming week (November 11th - 15th).

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.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



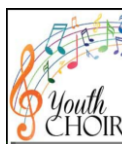
OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. November 16). The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



An anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, November 16th at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



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.

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 Vincenzo D. DiLalla – November 2, 1990
- Reverend Patrick Martin – November 16, 1991
- Reverend Noel Fannon – November 19, 2019
- Reverend Antone Lynch – November 20, 2019
- Reverend Michael Leane – November 23, 1987

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 11
Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 12
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. James Wesley Jones, Jr.
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 13
Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Gwendolyn Ozols
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 14
Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Mike Carney
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 15
2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. James (Jimmie) Spell
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 16
3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Charles Goff
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 17
Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Skaar
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
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, 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, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaise, Donna and Edward Necaise 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 Joyce Reynolds, mother of Shannon (Glenn) Williams of this parish, who passed away on October 30th.

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



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



Sunday Morning Adult Study

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 10: Danger of Soul Ties (part 2)

November 17: Mary's 10 Virtues in the Bible...(part 1)



Holiday Learning Summit

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.jcchamber.com/events/details/holiday-learning-summit-1743?calendarMonth=2024-11-01>



Walking With Mom's in Need

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.



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.



God's Work Our Hands

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.



Intercessory Prayer

Help People

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: **"I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."** Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care.



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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 Alphonsus 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!!!

Each year every parish in the diocese is obligated to submit a financial report to the diocese for the previous fiscal year that ends on June 30th. This report, therefore, contains figures from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Our income at St. Alphonsus is derived primarily from our Sunday / Holy Day collections which are subdivided between envelope, online or loose checks (identifiable) and non-identifiable (loose cash) contributions.

Income: Offertory	\$763,889.06
Investments, CSA, Use of Parish Prop	158,654.93
Capital Campaign	<u>472,835.93</u>
Total Income	\$1,395,379.92
Expenses: Diocesan Support	\$ 60,729.82
School Support	193,711.24
Salary & Benefits	301,408.26
Overhead/Operating	191,977.70
Parish Programs	<u>35,988.82</u>
Total Expenses	\$783,815.84
Capital Expenses	22,337.94
Capital Campaign	<u>434,627.41</u>
	\$1,240,781.19

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.....	\$12,344.98
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....	\$ 6,756.00
All Saints Day Collection.....	\$ 3,018.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 4,056.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	