

The First Reading tells of the call of Isaiah to the ministry of prophecy. In a vision in the Temple God reveals himself to Isaiah as the All-holy One. The vision evokes in Isaiah a sense of his own sinfulness. But then, cleansed of his sins, he responds without hesitation to the divine call. This prepares us for the Gospel which deals with the call of the first disciples. Here again we see that it is God who takes the initiative, and also the total response he requires.

The miraculous catch of fish convinces Peter of the holiness of Jesus. This evokes in him a sense of their own sinfulness and unworthiness, so much so that he asks Jesus to depart from him. Peter has not yet grasped the fact that it was to call sinners that Jesus came, to call them away from sin to a new way of life. Nevertheless, at the word of Jesus, Peter and his companions leave everything and follow him. The phrase 'they left everything' shows the importance for Luke of detachment from possessions.

The Second Reading stresses the central belief of Christianity – the resurrection of Jesus. Paul declares that, in spite of his unworthiness, he is a witness to the resurrection.

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



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Thursday, February 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. February 15th). 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, February 15th 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.



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 February 17th – 21st.

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.



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER - Please join us on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th at 6:30 p.m. in praying the ROSARY with the EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH in Ocean Springs. The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; interceding for your family's well-being. Jesus is God. Mary is the greatest saint and intercessor. Saint Joseph is the patron of the universal Church. Together, the Holy Family wants to help your family become a communion of saints. Turn to them in prayer! Ask for their guidance and protection as a family. They are always there to support you. So please come join us in praying the Rosary, a powerful tool for growing in relationship with the Blessed Mother. "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." (Philippians 4:6)



The Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, February 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. All are welcome to attend.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	FEBRUARY 10
Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Leonard Tarrant
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 11
Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Jane Sema
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 12
Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Thomas Wilson
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 13
Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Gerald Hopkins
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Barney Banks
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 14
Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Married Couples
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. James C. Martin
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 15
Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Butch Herbison
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Glen Skelton
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 16
Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Skip Murphy
9:00 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim & Toni Gunkel
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, 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, James Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Olivia Hood, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ron & Hillery Jenkins and Family, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Steve Merkel, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaice, Donna and Edward Necaice 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, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Fr. Thomas White



Delighting in the Lord's Presence

Whether, after a conversion, our Lord truly becomes the beloved of our soul is significant beyond measure and all-important in the life of prayer. This, too, like an initial discovery of God, entails a necessary interior striving; it means we must choose our Lord as the beloved passion of our life and then let prayer be affected by this choice. If he becomes the beloved of our life in a quite determined manner, something resistant to fading and decline will return always to grip us again with a desire for prayer. The deeper layers of unfelt desire in our soul will always continue to stir with some unseen flame. We will seek with a passion of the soul to meet him in prayer.
~Father Donald Haggerty

Make our Lord your beloved and come and meet him in prayer in our chapel for 1 hour a week. He would love your company! Please remember to close the tabernacle doors if no one else is adoring Him when you leave. stalphonsus.weadorehim.com



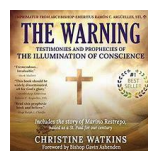
Classes for Adult Study are held after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. Videos are by Fr. Chris Alar, Director of the Association of Marian Helpers. For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020 or Anne McClellan at 228-327-4040. All are invited to attend.

February 9: Proof of Christ's Suffering and Crucifixion (Part 1)

February 16: Proof of Christ's Suffering and Crucifixion (Part 2)



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 WARNING: Testimonies and Prophecies of THE ILLUMINATION OF CONSCIENCE, by Christine Watkins. This amazing book is a "must read", for all Christians and non-Christians. At some point, in salvation history, EVERY living man, woman and child, on Earth, will experience a phenomenal event, prophesied by many saints, prophets, Popes and mystics from the past and the present, whereby each will see the condition of his soul, before God. It will be a wonderful Act of Mercy that our Loving Lord wishes to present to us. Many folks, whose stories are related in this fascinating book, have actually experienced this Illumination of Conscience already. Dr. Gavin Ashenden, former Anglican Bishop and Chaplain to the Queen of England from 2008-2017 (Turned Lay Catholic for the Sake of Truth) among numerous others, encourages folks to open their minds and hearts to learn about the Illumination of Conscience and how it pertains to each of us, so that we can prepare ourselves for the coming reality of this astonishing world-wide event. Copies of THE WARNING are available at the front entrance to our Church for a donation. Please share with family and friends!

FOUNDATIONS:

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



Parishioner Registration: When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass. It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.



NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL'S "GLORIA IN EXCELSIS": The Music and Fine Arts Ministry of Nativity BVM Cathedral announces the resumption of their Eighth Season of their Community Chorale: "Gloria In Excelsis." The Community Choir program is open to

any interested singers in the Dioceses of Biloxi and the Greater Gulf Coast Area. The Chorale continues to rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. in the Youth Ministry Hall of the Sacred Heart Academy Center directly behind Nativity BVM Cathedral located at 870 Howard Avenue in Biloxi. The Spring 2025 Season works being prepared include Ronald Nelson's "Voices from the Passion", for their Lenten Reflections concert on Saturday, March 5th at 3:00 p.m. and the annual Patriotic Concert that will be presented on Saturday, June 28th at 5:30 p.m. These are major programs planned for this semester. The Chorale has also been invited to sing the "National Anthem" for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Veterans Cemetery in Biloxi and share a Patriotic Program at the National Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport in May. For more information, contact Terry Maddox at 251-406-1454 and/or terrydalemaddox@gmail.com.



The Rosary truly is a very special prayer, one that has many benefits for those who pray it devoutly and faithfully every day. The Rosary is the second most powerful prayer next to the Mass! So important is it, that at the first apparition of

Fatima in 1917, Our Lady chose to identify herself as, "The Lady of the Rosary." The Rosary is a prayer loved by many of the saints since its introduction in the 12th century. The Rosary is a prayer that fits perfectly into the spiritual life of all who seek to allow Mary to be their light to Christ, to show them the path to Jesus. In his Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, Blessed Pope John Paul II states in his introduction, "The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium..." (RVM, 1) PLEASE 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. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Looking to deepen your faith? Discipleship Quads are groups of either 4 men or 4 women who journey together as disciples with weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning.

For more information or if you would like to sign up for a Quad, contact Christy Geissinger at (228) 219-6189.



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!!



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Clinton James "Butch" Herbison, brother of Vicky (Frances) Mitchell of this parish, who passed away December 11th in Cleveland, MS.

Joan Reading, daughter of Loretta Siemeck of this parish, who passed away January 29th.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$13,727.17
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,276.00
Poor Collection.....\$ 3,558.00

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