



The First Reading is part of Moses’ farewell speech to the Israelites. He exhorts them to commit themselves to the Lord by observing his commandments. Whereas previously these commandments were considered as being external to them, now they are presented as springing from within themselves. They are written in their hearts, and therefore are not far away from them or beyond their strength. Jesus reduced the commandments to two (Gospel). The lawyer’s question was meant to embarrass Jesus. But Jesus cleverly put the onus back on the lawyer. So the lawyer tries again: he seeks casuistically to know to whom the commandment ‘love your neighbor’ applies. Basically what Jesus says to him is: our neighbor is anyone, regardless of class, color, race, or creed, who needs our help. --New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB

Dear beloved parish family,
A few weeks ago, I found myself at a crossroads—torn between my love for pastoral ministry and the pressing need to attend my doctoral residency at Carolina University, North Carolina. After prayerful consultation with Bishop Kihneman, I have been advised to focus on completing this program so I can return fully to serve. My doctoral program is in Educational Administration, which I believe will be a great asset to the Catholic Schools in our Diocese and beyond. I will be leaving St. Alphonsus on Monday, July 14, 2025, with the hope of returning to the Diocese after my studies. Words cannot express my gratitude for the genuine love and support I’ve enjoyed from everyone in this parish, especially from Fr. Mike Snyder, who has been more than a father to me. As Scripture reminds us in Philippians 1:3-4, “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy.” Please keep me in your prayers as I hold you in mine. Any financial support as a token of love on this unexpected journey would also be deeply appreciated. May God bless you all abundantly and keep you steadfast in His love. Yours in Christ’s Service,
Fr. Jude Thaddeus AWE
Parochial Vicar

**Capital Campaign Update**
The stripping of the slate floor will be completed next week. A floor sealant will be applied once it has cured and dried. The steel beams are in place for the choir loft expansion and base flooring is being installed at this time. The mechanical and electrical work is in its initial stage. The wood floor is scheduled to be installed on the Altar beginning Monday, July 14th and should take two days to complete. **Until further notice, the Saturday Vigil and ALL Sunday Masses will be held in the SCHOOL GYM.** Parishioners may continue to park in the church parking lot as well as around the KC Hall. There will be designated handicap parking around the entrance of the Gym. Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday 6:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and the Saturday 8:15 a.m. morning Mass) will be held in the Chapel. The Parish sends out monthly Capital Campaign statements to all who still owe on their campaign pledge. If you have not received one, please let the parish know. If you would like to update or set up a contribution, you may do so via our website www.osstalphonsus.org or by contacting the parish office at 875-5419. Without the continued support of our gracious parishioners and families, we would not have met our capital campaign goal or be positioned to move forward with needed improvements to our Church facilities. Thank you for your support in the past, present, and future!

 **You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Monday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 14
Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34—11:1	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Wronko
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Verdalee Catchot
TUESDAY	JULY 15
Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Joy Tucei
8:15 a.m.	Mr. John Mangin
WEDNESDAY	JULY 16
Exodus 3:1-6; 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Jeremy Forehand
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Edward Bozurich
THURSDAY	JULY 17
Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lea Pitre
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Barney Banks
FRIDAY	JULY 18
Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Roy Smith
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Lowery Key Bounds
SATURDAY	JULY 19
Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Kenneth Raymond Hughes, Sr. Fr. Thomas White
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
SUNDAY	JULY 20
Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Tony Petricca
9:00 a.m.	Int. Ms. Courtney Severino
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Int. The Walker Family



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, 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, Dale Diaz, 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, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Terri Jurich, Otis Kaufman, Joey Kelley, 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 Necaïse, Donna and Edward Necaïse Jr., Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Kathy Pasquini, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Richard Potash, MaraLou Guice Richards, Reginald Richards, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Jerry Schneider, Courtney Severino, Dale Seymour, Glenn Sigmurjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



The Precious Blood of Jesus Christ



In the month of July, the Catholic Church honors the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Let us remember the sacrifice that Jesus made by the pouring out of His Precious Blood to save all of humanity for our sins. His Precious Blood is offered to us in the Eucharist every day and is waiting to be adored in the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel. Let us spend some of our time adoring His Precious Blood during the month of July.

"O Jesus, I adore you, truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I adore your Precious Blood, which was shed for the redemption of the world. I thank you for your sacrifice and ask for your mercy and protection. May your Precious Blood reign forever, scattering all evil and bringing peace to the world."

To deepen your connection with Christ even further, pray the Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus which can be found on EWTN.com.

If you currently have a designated adoration hour on the We Adore Him website and have not been going for 3 months or more, your name will be removed from the schedule. If you need to try a new hour, please visit stalphonsus.weadorehim.com to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



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. July 19th). 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, July 19th at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Gym. 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.

Requirements for celebrating the Anointing of the Sick:

-The sick person is anointed on the forehead and on the hands. It is appropriate to divide the sacramental form so that the first part is said while the forehead is anointed, the latter part while the hands are anointed. In case of necessity, however, it is sufficient that a single anointing be given on the forehead or, because of the particular condition of the sick person, on another suitable part of the body, while the whole sacramental form is said. -Depending on the culture and traditions of different peoples, the number of anointings may be increased and the place of anointing may be changed. Directives on this should be included in the preparation of particular rituals. -The following is the sacramental form with which the anointing of the sick is given in the Latin Rite: Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,359.51
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$6,436.00
Poor Collection.....\$3,657.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

JULY is the month of the PRECIOUS BLOOD!

Please join us on MONDAY, JULY 21st at 6:30 p.m. in

praying the ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT at ST. ALPHONSUS in the Chapel.

The Rosary is not a prayer to “say”. It is an encounter. It is a tight hand with Our Blessed Mother that leads you to Jesus. If you pray it too much, it gets boring. But if you live it... it changes you within.

Every Hail Mary has a weight. Every word has a face. You are not talking to the wind. You are talking to a living Mother who listens to you and you are naming Jesus as your Savior. Every time you say that name, something happens.

When you say "Hail Mary, full of grace,” think of her: a girl full of God, without sin, all light. Ask him: "Fill me up to make room for me for God as you have.”

"The Lord is with thee"... it is not just a sentence. It is the heart of her life: God within her. And inside of you too, if you let it.

"Blessed are you among women" is not to make poetry. It is true. She is the most blessed, the most favored. And you are praising her with the same words that heaven used.

“And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.” Stop here. Always. When you say "Jesus", do it with love. Don't run. Imagine His face, the cross, His look. Put your heart in that name. Even if you are tired.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God"... you are calling her "God's Mother.” Is there anything greater? Look her in the eyes, even just with your mind. And trust me.

"Pray for us sinners"... who opened you up. Don't pretend anything you need to. You are fragile. You know that. Tell her, "Please intercede, even when I'm wrong. Even if I deserve nothing.”

"Now and at the hour of our death"... Two decisive moments: now and the last breath. Ask her to be there. Don't give up. To bring you to Jesus, even in the darkest hour. The Rosary only gets tired if you do it without love. But if you stop, if you enter the words, if you display the mysteries... it turns into fire. Turns you on. It changes you.

So don't run. Speak between ten and ten. Treat the girl to a treat. Offer the tiredness. Offer it all. Because it's right there that you're praying for. And every Hail Mary said with the heart... it's a stab to the enemy.

Precious Blood Rosaries will be available!

PLEASE EVERYONE JOIN US IN THIS NEED FOR PRAYER!!!



St. Elizabeth Seton, Ocean Springs, would like to invite you to their annual Evangelization Retreat! God is moving and leading us in a new and exciting direction, and you don't want to miss out. The retreats will be based on

the spirituality of St. Ignatius. There will be plenty of quiet time to reflect on Scripture. We will also have time for Confession and Adoration, and we will have Mass before we head home on Sunday. Our theme this year is “Called”. We will dive deep into what that call is and how do we live that out in today's world. The **Women's Retreat** will be Saturday, August 9– Sunday, August 10 and the **Men's Retreat** will be Saturday, August 16– Sunday, August 17. The retreats will take place at the William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis. The cost is \$130.00. This includes transportation to and from the retreat, all meals, and a private room with a private bath. We will meet at 6:45 am on Sat. morning at St. Elizabeth and return to St. Elizabeth around noon on Sunday. You can sign up here: <https://www.stelseton.com/evangelization-retreat> or feel free to call Shellie in the office at 228-875-0654 if you have any questions.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Richard “Dick” Eckert, husband of Liz Eckert of this parish, who passed away July 7th.

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