


**The First Reading is part of a poem written after the return from the Babylonian exile.** It paints a glowing picture of the blessings God will bestow on Jerusalem and its inhabitants. It likens Jerusalem to a mother who lovingly nurses her children. It foreshadows the blessings that will result from the coming of the Kingdom of God with Jesus (Gospel). While all the synoptic Gospels record a sending out of the Twelve, only Luke records the sending out of seventy-two disciples. This second sending out is explained by the size of the harvest, and the fact that time is short, and Jesus can’t do it all by himself. It also foreshadows the preaching of the Gospel to the whole world, a favorite theme of Luke. The mission of the disciples was an extension of Jesus’ own mission. In understanding his instructions to them, we must remember that this was only a temporary mission, of short duration and limited to the surrounding Jewish towns and villages.


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

 **Capital Campaign Update**  
**Both the floor cleaning and the choir loft expansion has begun.** The estimated time to complete floor stripping is 10-12 working days. The choir loft completion date is unknown at this time.

**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 has been sending out individual updates regarding your campaign contribution. 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](http://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!

 **Congratulations to Carlos Canos** – he was the recipient of this year’s **Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund Award** given by the Knights of Columbus and Henry and Jean Nielsen (Chris’ parents). This scholarship is given each year to graduating high school seniors in memory of Chris Nielsen – a young KC member who died while in the Air Force.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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


Reverend James Tran Manh Thang, July 1, 1987  
Reverend Denis J. Harlow, July 1, 2010  
Reverend George R. Kitchin, July 5, 2024  
Deacon Martin Finnegan, July 7, 2023  
Very Reverend Joseph Simon, S.V.D., July 18, 2007  
Reverend Francis J. Scott, July 19, 2007  
Reverend Msgr. Gregory John Johnson, July 20, 2004  
Reverend Joseph Tung Duc Nguyen, July 25, 2002  
Reverend Msgr. Michael Thornton, July 26, 2023

**WEEKLY OFFERING**


Sunday Collection.....\$8,419.30  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,881.00  
Peter’s Pence Collection.....\$1,460.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK			
MONDAY	JULY 7		
Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26			
	6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour	
	8:15 a.m.	Ms. Vera Van Thiel-Noë	
TUESDAY	JULY 8		
Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38			
	6:30 a.m.	Anne and Mark Touns	
	8:15 a.m.	Int. Mansfield Family	
WEDNESDAY	JULY 9		
Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7			
	6:30 a.m.	The Canavati Family	
	8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. William Odom	
THURSDAY	JULY 10		
Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15			
	6:30 a.m.	Ms. Jaqueline Hemenway	
	8:15 a.m.	Ms. Marian O’Connor	
FRIDAY	JULY 11		
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23			
	6:30 a.m.	Mr. Leeward “LJ” Danise	
	8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Emma Diaz	
SATURDAY	JULY 12		
Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33			
	8:15 a.m.	The Jordan Family	
		The Pitalo Family	
	4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ralph Balius, Sr.	
SUNDAY	JULY 13		
Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37			
	7:30 a.m.	Congregation	
	9:00 a.m.	Ms. Bridget Shepherd	
	11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard	
	5:30 p.m.	Int. President Donald Trump	

 **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 Necaise, Donna and Edward Necaise 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 Sigurnjak, 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](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com) to view the schedule and choose a new hour.

 **Your Church Needs You** - God is calling. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers at all the masses. Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Alphonsus Family.


 **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.

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


 **Walking With Moms in Need Ministry (WWMIN)**

The Second Sunday Collection for WWMIN will be held next weekend, July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. They are in need of all sizes of diapers and have a special need for size 2T-3T Pull-Ups. They are also completely out of baby wipes. Donations of gift cards of \$20 or less from Visa, Walmart, Target, any grocery store, and fast food restaurants are very helpful for emergency situations or for needs they don’t supply. Baby necessities, clothes, and baby equipment are in constant demand. As always, they thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity for this much needed ministry. Contact Margaret @ 228-217-4742 or Mary @ 228-348-6092 for more information.

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

 **Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Henderson,** wife of Lee Henderson of this parish, who passed away June 25<sup>th</sup>.

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



**EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**  
JULY is the month of the PRECIOUS BLOOD!

Please join us on MONDAY, JULY 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Alphonsus Church App** - If you have either an **iPhone** or **Android** smart phone you can download the app by texting **App** to phone number 55321, or by visiting [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com). Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications regarding our parish life and an easy-to-access event calendar as well as many more great features such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, **quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website (osstalphonsus.org) and FORMED.** It is easier than ever for you to enjoy your subscription to FORMED! Just download the FREE FORMED app and start enjoying great video and audio wherever you go (or if you are already signed up – you are able to access through the parish app). You will be able to stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church’s most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere. St. Alphonsus has a purchased subscription from Formed.org, which gives St. Alphonsus parishioners’ FREE access to high quality Catholic programs, movies, downloadable audios and downloadable e-books. To gain access to the website go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), enter our Parish name or zip code on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password and start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place.