

The First Reading is an extract from a long section which recounts God’s actions on behalf of Israel during the Exodus from Egypt. It points out how the Israelites benefited from the very things by which the Egyptians were punished and thus sets forth a historical basis for trust in God.

This fits in with the theme of the Second Reading, which deals with faith in God’s promises. It extols various figures in the history of Israel, but especially Abraham, as examples of faith.

The emphasis in the Gospel is on readiness for the return of the Lord. Even though the disciples are only a ‘little flock’ in a hostile world, they must not be discouraged, but must look with confidence to the Father who has chosen them for his kingdom. They are like bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom (Jesus) to return from the wedding feast. Since they do not know the exact hour of his return, they must maintain a constant watchfulness and faithfulness.

Though these words have relevance for all Christians, Luke was thinking especially of leaders in the community, and calling them to a selfless service of their Lord and of their fellow Christians.

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



Capital Campaign Update

Work on the choir loft continues with electrical rough-in to be completed this week. Sheet rock, ceiling, lighting and trim work on the choir loft will follow. The choir loft will be substantially complete in August. Upon completion of work on the choir loft, the recovered slate flooring will be cleaned and sealed. New upholstery for the pews will be installed during the second half of September. Weekday masses (Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. and 8:15a.m) will still be held in the Chapel.

The initial work inside the Church will be substantially complete by the end of September. Look for an announcement before the end of August on the date for our next Parish meeting to discuss ongoing capital campaign work.

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 need to update/change your pledge 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!



Friday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Vigil Mass will be Thursday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. Masses on Friday will be at 6:30 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. (school children will attend), 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Carolyn Bromaghim, a member of our parish community, who passed away July 30th.

Charlotte Williams, a longtime member of St. Alphonsus, who passed away August 1st.

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.....\$12,633.08
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 5,586.00
Poor Collection.....\$ 4,876.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

AUGUST 11

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27

6:30 a.m.

Mr. Carlton Latour

8:15 a.m.

Mr. Harry Leaghty

TUESDAY

AUGUST 12

Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

6:30 a.m.

Anne and Mark Touns

8:15 a.m.

Int. Mr. Tom DiNardo

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 13

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20

6:30 a.m.

The Canavati Family

8:15 a.m.

Int. Ms. Olivia Karp

THURSDAY

AUGUST 14

Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21—19:1

6:30 a.m.

Ms. Jaqueline Hemenway

8:15 a.m.

Mr. Steve Sema

1 Chron 15:3-4,15-16;16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

6:00 p.m.

Homer and Bonnie Franks

FRIDAY

AUGUST 15

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

6:30 a.m.

Ms. Joy Wagener

8:15 a.m.

Ms. Ann Wnukowski

12:00 Noon

Mr. Alfred Gregory Mansfield

6:00 p.m.

Ms. Dorothy Collins

SATURDAY

AUGUST 16

Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

8:15 a.m.

Int. Fr. Jey

Int. Fr. Dennis Carver

Ms. Mary Jean Ropel

4:00 p.m.

Mr. Ralph E. Balius, Sr.

SUNDAY

AUGUST 17

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

7:30 a.m.

Mr. Skip Murphy

9:00 a.m.

Congregation

11:30 a.m.

Ms. Margaret Broussard

5:30 p.m.

Int. Mrs. Margaret Marasco



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, 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, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Jerry Schneider, Courtney Severino, Dale Seymour, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Sarah Galle Traylor, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. What better way to honor Our Lady this month than to visit her Son in the adoration chapel. Mary was the first adorer of Jesus. Let

us follow her example and adore Jesus, the One who sacrificed everything to save us!



O IMMACULATA, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to you. I, (name), a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases you.

If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: “She will crush your head,” and, “You alone have destroyed all heresies in the world.” Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter, you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

V. Allow me to praise you, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against your enemies.

Written by St. Maximilian Kolbe

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.



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



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (August 16/17) for the Catholic Extension Society. Catholic Extension works in solidarity with people to build up vibrant and transformative Catholic faith communities

among the poor in the poorest regions of America. Catholic Extension Society began as a mission to build physical churches in regions of the US. Grants from this non-profit agency assist in developing leaders, strengthening ministries, education seminarians, engaging youth and reaching out to the poor and vulnerable. The Diocese of Biloxi, being a mission diocese, receives grants through the Catholic Extension Society for these purposes. In addition, Catholic Extension Society can provide annual calendars to our parishes. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



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. August 16th). 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, August 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 in NEED of volunteers to help with youth group on Wednesday nights (6th - 11th grade). Our youth need to be able to come together with their peers and grow in faith. But for them to be able to do

this we need adults to volunteer. PLEASE pray and consider signing up to help. We really don’t want to lose our youth group but if they aren’t being fed here they will be fed elsewhere. For information please contact Kelley Fountain 228-424-6234. Thank you!



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: MONDAY, AUGUST 18th at 6:30 p.m. join us in praying the ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED

SACRAMENT in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHAPEL.

Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons God gives to mankind. If we want peace to come to earth and morality to return then all of us must unite in prayer for this to happen. If all the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ will unite in this Rosary prayer, then through those prayers His divine grace will pour out over the world and change it for the better.

August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

“My beloved children. I ask that you give Me the time of August – of this month that is Mine – and spend it with Me.

I ASK ALL MY CHILDREN – MY BELOVED ONES WHO HEAR MY VOICE – TO GIVE ME THIS TIME.

I ask that you entrust your hearts to Me. That I might prepare and purify them. ...This is why I ask you to stay close to Me, to remain IN My Heart, that you may remain in HIS HEART, with HIM. Come, then, and spend this time with Me...”

Let us all come together and pray with Our Blessed Mother Mary, our greatest intercessor, with all our hearts!
Rosaries are available!
PLEASE EVERYONE JOIN US IN THIS NEED FOR PRAYER!!!



Making Good Marriages BETTER!

Teams of Our Lady is a community of married couples founded to foster the love of God and spouse. 5-7 couples gather once a month to share their journey in Christ and each other as they seek to live out a Christian Marriage. We share a meal, scripture, a study topic and form life-long friends!

Join other couples for an Information Meeting on **Sunday, August 24th after 9AM Mass St. Alphonsus | Parish Hall**

Please RSVP to:
Kaitlyn McMackin: kaitjol19@gmail.com

All Married Catholic Couples are invited to learn more about this worldwide movement. **No Obligation!**



TeamsOfOurLady.org



Thanks to the continued generosity of our parishioners, our St Vincent De Paul conference has been able to continue its mission to assist those in need and fund our annual needs-based scholarships. Four

\$1,500 scholarships have been awarded. The annual Jerry Bourgeois St Patrick High School scholarship was awarded to a deserving student to assist with tuition. The annual Bob Mayer scholarship was awarded to two St Alphonsus School students, also to assist with tuition. A fourth scholarship was awarded to a St Martin High school student to assist with her freshman college expenses at South Alabama as she pursues a nursing degree. The conference is grateful for the continued support of St Alphonsus parishioners.