

The First Reading describes the persecution of the prophet Jeremiah. Having tried in vain to save his people, Jeremiah was now abandoned to his enemies. Christians have always seen him as a figure of Christ. His sufferings remind us of the sufferings of Jesus, and his rescue from the pit reminds us of Jesus’ resurrection from the tomb.

The Gospel contains two sayings about the nature of Jesus’ mission. His coming marks a time for making decisions. His followers will have to make crucial choices; they will have to choose to be for him or against him. Choosing for him may divide them from family members. In the early Church, conversion was likely to cause a family row. The convert was rejected by the family, and had therefore to make a choice between Christ and the family.

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



Capital Campaign Update

Sheetrock installation has started around the choir loft with finish work scheduled for completion next week. Lighting under the choir loft has been installed. Wood trim on the loft will start next week. The schedule for substantially completing work on the choir loft remains the end of the month.

Electrical rough-in for lighting in the outer wall-coves of the Nave has begun with replacement lighting installation scheduled towards the end of August.

The timeline for installing the new upholstery on the pews has been pushed back to October due to a change in product availability. This will not affect any other work.

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!



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

You are invited to join us on Monday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. 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!!!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY **AUGUST 18**
Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22
6:30 a.m. Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m. Margaret and Charles Leaghty

TUESDAY **AUGUST 19**
Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30
6:30 a.m. Int. President Donald Trump
8:15 a.m. Int. Ms. Dana Ladnier

WEDNESDAY **AUGUST 20**
Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16
6:30 a.m. Mr. Joseph “Joe” Canizaro
8:15 a.m. Int. Ms. Margie Jones

THURSDAY **AUGUST 21**
Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14
6:30 a.m. Fr. Thomas White
8:15 a.m. Int. Ms. Carol Bradley

FRIDAY **AUGUST 22**
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40
6:30 a.m. Ms. Marian O’Connor
8:15 a.m. Mr. Anthony Belson

SATURDAY **AUGUST 23**
Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12
8:15 a.m. Ms. Julia Mejia

4:00 p.m. Mr. Leeward “LJ” Danise
SUNDAY **AUGUST 24**
Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30
7:30 a.m. Congregation
9:00 a.m. Mr. Bill Gryder
 Mr. Neil Gryder

11:30 a.m. Mr. Dick Eckert
5:30 p.m. Int. Mr. Michael Joseph Gatschet



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Greg Brou, Jr., 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, Caroline Gauthier, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Margie Gammon, Sändra 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, Shellie McDaniel, 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.



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



WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,822.91
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$3,746.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



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!



The next Co-Ed Arise spiritual retreat for adults will be held Saturday through Sunday, September 13-14th, 2025, at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center Dedeaux, 14595 Vidalia Rd, Pass Christian, MS. Spiritual leaders

for the weekend are Fr. Greg Barras and Deacon Robert Illanne. Arise is sponsored by the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi, a program of the Diocese of Biloxi. Whereas Cursillo is a more in depth program primarily for practicing Catholics, Arise is designed primarily for those seeking additional information about the Catholic faith in a short period of time (one weekend):

- Non-Catholic spouses of practicing Catholics
- Non-Catholic teachers, parents, grandparents affiliated with a Catholic School who want to know more about the Catholic faith
- Catholics who have been away from the church for a while or those needing a spiritual boost
- Those without a current church/religion who are “searching” for a new one or more meaningful faith experience
- Those taking/have taken instruction (OCIA/RCIA) in the Catholic faith

There is no cost to attend and an application for the weekend can be found on the website at www.biloxicursillo.org. If you need more information, please contact Dale Dorcik at (228)365-4057 or Jill Olsen at (228)327-5090.



The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all English weekend Masses.



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