



The First Reading presents a vision of all peoples coming to Jerusalem to share in the blessings God has conferred on Israel. This prepares us for the universalist note (typical of Luke) which we find in the Gospel. God wills that all people should be saved. People will come from all over the world to share in the messianic kingdom, and the Jews will have no advantage over the Gentiles. Jesus refuses to get into the numbers games, or to speculate about matters that are best left to the wisdom and mercy of God. The main thing is: the kingdom is present and the door open. But the door is not so wide that people can saunter casually in at their own convenience; it is a narrow opening through which they must thrust themselves with determination. Besides, the door will not be open indefinitely. The message was originally intended for the Jews, but Luke now intends it as a warning to the disciples of Jesus. There were those who thought they could enter the kingdom simply because they had a superficial acquaintance with the Master, but whose commitment was limited to words. There are those who even did evil, and who still expected to get in. It’s a warning against presumption. Salvation depends on the favor of God and the honest struggle to follow his ways. --New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB



Capital Campaign Update

Sheetrock finish work has been completed around the choir loft with painting in this area scheduled to start next week. Trim work continues around the choir loft. The schedule for substantially completing work on the choir loft remains the end of the month. Delivery of lighting in the outer wall-coves of the Nave is expected to arrive first part of next week with installation to follow. Final cleaning and sealing of the slate floors is scheduled for mid-September. The timeline for installing the new upholstery on the pews has been pushed to October due to a change in product availability. This will not affect any other work.




The Rosary truly is a very special prayer, one that has many benefits for those who pray it devoutly and faithfully everyday.

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)


EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US in praying the ROSARY every weekday, MONDAY through SATURDAY after the 8:15 a.m. mass at ST. ALPHONSUS in the Chapel while Church is under construction.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 25
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Mary Skaar
TUESDAY	AUGUST 26
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Fr. Mike Snyder
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 27
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32	
6:30 a.m.	Int. John and Barbara Langan
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Pieter Van Thiel
THURSDAY	AUGUST 28
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Blessed Sacrament Sisters
8:15 a.m.	Jim and Linden Brashier
FRIDAY	AUGUST 29
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Mark 6:17-29	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Ben Esquibel
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jeremy Forehand
SATURDAY	AUGUST 30
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Joy Tucie
	Mr. Larry Hill
	Mr. Conner Bond
	Int. Homeless
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
SUNDAY	AUGUST 31
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Julius Fanguy
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Gwen Noble
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Bridget Shepherd
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



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, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Nija Fountain, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Caroline Gauthier, 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, 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, Jimmie Shoemaker, Jr., 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.



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 365-4057 or Jill Olsen at 327-5090.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,061.56
Weekly Online Collection.....\$3,916.00
Holy Day – Assumption Collection.....\$2,946.00
Extension Society Collection.....\$ 853.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support


Elementary Religious Education:

Parents, you are the first Faith Formation teacher for your children. It is important that we show by example how important it is to keep our God first above all worldly desires of: sports, sleep, friends, hobbies and other obstacles set in our society today to distract us from our God, His Son and the Holy Spirit.

Show your children how important Our God is by enrolling your children in St. Alphonsus Faith Formation classes today.

Our Elementary Youth ministry program (Grades K – 5th) provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic foundation, answers to questions they may have about the Catholic faith, learn how to pray and to develop a personal profound relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Registration is going on now. Registration Forms are available online at osstalphonsus.org or at each exit door in the church. **Classes Begin Sunday, September 7th from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.** In school building (enter between Parish Hall and East school Entrance)




VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist in the teaching of our Catholic faith. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392 or email: jsema@osstalphonsus.org.


Parents are invited to **spend time in the chapel** praying for our teachers, students, and families during the hour their children are in class or to attend Adult formation classes in the parish hall.

Adult Formation:


Continuing Education for Adults is vital to living out your Catholic faith. Join our group as we enjoy **Coffee, Donuts**, and the study of the **Gospel of Matthew**, beginning Sunday September 7TH, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. No registration is required. Contact Sue Mihal with questions at (601) 573-0020.



The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10th in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall). The evening will begin with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Groups Meet from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Come Fall In Love with our faith. For more information, scan the QR code.



Edge: 6th - 8th Grade
LifeTeen: 9th - 12th Grade
OCIA: Adults Interested in Becoming Catholic
Adult Study: Confirmed Adults



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.