


The readings stress the importance of humility, especially for those in high places. The First Reading praises the person who is humble. A humble person is conscience of his own weakness, and never rejects wisdom, no matter where it comes from. Such a person will find favor with God and with his friends and neighbors. Pride raises a barrier to God’s graciousness and to communion with our fellows. This ties in with the Gospel where the key phrase is: ‘Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.’ Jesus criticizes those who thrust themselves forward and who engineer their way to the top. That’s not the way to gain honor in the Kingdom. Honor in the Kingdom comes from the host, not from the guest. God confers honor on those who are humble. If we want to know the quality of our love, all we have to do is look at the kind of people with whom we share our love. Those who act out of motives of self-interest will receive no reward from God. But those who act from motives of disinterested charity will receive a reward at the resurrection. Here we also see Luke’s concern for the poor and the afflicted.


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




Capital Campaign Update

Majority of the paint and trim work have been completed. Ceiling work under the choir loft and guard rails are the only two remaining items that need to be completed on the choir loft. We are still waiting on the delivery of the cove lighting. As soon as it arrives installation will begin. Final cleaning and sealing of the slate floors is scheduled for September 8th - 14th. Because of this, the Saturday morning 8:15 a.m. mass (September 13) will be held in the Chapel and the weekend masses (Saturday Vigil and all masses on Sunday, September 14) will be held in the Gym. As of now the schedule of reupholstering of the pews hasn’t changed. Construction drawings for the next phases are near completion. Once completed a parish meeting will be scheduled to discuss the 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!



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who are not registered /active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.




You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, September 5th beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, September 6th at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK


MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 1
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Neta Ladnier
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 2
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Ora Mae Koehler
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Walter Van Thiel
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 3
Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Fr. Steve Geerling
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Robert Sema
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 4
Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lea Pitre
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Lowery Key Bounds
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 5
Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39	
6:30 a.m.	Fr. Thomas White
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Robbie Van Thiel
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 6
Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Edna Spell
4:00 p.m.	Congregation
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 7
Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Michael Seus
9:00 a.m.	Mass For Thanksgiving
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Tracy Simmons
5:30 p.m.	Int. Ms. Margaret F. Whetstone




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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,533.00
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 3,128.71
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support




The month of September in the Catholic Church is known as the month of Our Lady of Sorrows. Let us focus this month on Our Mother's Seven Sorrows and visit her Son in our chapel to adore Him.



“The purpose of the Devotion of the Seven Sorrows is to promote union with the sufferings of Christ through union with the special suffering that Our Lady endured because she was the Mother of God. By uniting ourselves with both the Passion of Christ and His holy Mother, we enter into Jesus’ Heart and honor Him greatly; He is more honored because we have so honored His Mother.”

~Grace Elaine Brown


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 Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.

Tabitha Tip: Listen First: When meeting someone with a disability, start by listening to their story. Every person’s needs and gifts are unique.

Tabitha Tips is a new resource for our parish community. This endeavor is brought to you by The Tabitha Project, a ministry of the de l'Epee Deaf Center in collaboration with the Office of the Bishop - Catholic Diocese of Biloxi. The hope is that these tips will enrich parish life and encourage a spirit of welcome for ALL parishioners. For more information, contact Rachel Ryan at228-897-2289 or rryan@biloxidiocese.org.



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER


PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th at 6:30 p.m. join us in praying the SEVEN SORROWS of our BLESSED MOTHER ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT at ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH in Ocean Springs.

September is the month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary! Devotion to the sorrows of Mary should be practiced especially by souls who wish to rid themselves of sinful habits. This devotion nourishes the spirit of compunction, affords great consolation, strengthens confidence in God’s mercy, draws down the special protection of the Blessed Mother in the hour of temptation and preserves the converted sinner from relapsing into sin. The Mother of God once said to her faithful servant St. Bridget: “No matter how numerous a person’s sins may be, if he turns to me with a sincere purpose of amendment, I am prepared forthwith to receive him graciously, for I do not regard the number of sins he has committed, but look only upon the dispositions with which he comes to me; for I feel no aversion in healing his wounds, because I am called and am in truth, the Mother of Mercy.”

The Church observes two feasts in honor of the Seven Sorrows/Dolors of Mary, one on the Friday before Good Friday and the other on September 15 (Night of Intercessory Prayer). She has also enriched with numerous indulgences the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows.

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!!!



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Ralph Allen, Jr., husband of Robin Allen of this parish, who passed away August 23rd.

Bill Nichols, husband of Darlene Nichols of this parish, who passed away August 24th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.


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

Confirmation Information Meeting



CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:

If you are planning on making confirmation this coming year (Junior year) registration and a parent meeting will be held Wednesday, September 10th. The evening begins with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. for both the youth and the parents. **This is for all public school and Catholic school students that plan on making confirmation.** We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions please contact Kelley Fountain at 228-424-6234.