

Devotion to the Holy Cross dates back to the earliest days of Christianity. The feast itself has been celebrated since the fourth century. Today the Church commemorates the recovery of the True Cross by the Emperor Heraclius following his victory over the Persians.

The texts of the Mass and the *Liturgy of the Hours* proclaims the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. For inasmuch as our first parents sinned beneath the shadow of a tree, God has deigned to accomplish our redemption on the wood of the Cross.

--In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez

The strange name of this feast can mean several things. It can mean the triumph of the cross as a Christian symbol. Because it could not be displayed publicly for four centuries, Christians used the anchor or fish as symbols of the Lord. By the thirteenth century, there were all kinds and styles of crosses. This feast is an amalgamation of many different local feasts celebrating the cross.

--Daily Homilies by S. Joseph Krempa



Capital Campaign Update

Progress continues towards the final completion of phase 2 deliverables inside the church.

Cleaning and sealing of the slate floors started this week and will continue through the weekend. Following this activity, significant work inside the Church is substantially complete other than reupholstering the pews which will commence towards the end of October.

Cove lighting along the outer walls have been installed. Remaining light fixtures are scheduled for installation next week.

Drawings to support permitting of the next phase of construction will be completed at the end of the month. A meeting with the contractor to begin planning the next phase of construction will occur next week.

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!



The Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, September 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. All are welcome to attend.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Thursday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 a.m. 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. September 20th). 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, September 20th 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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15

1 Timothy 2:1-8; John 19:25-27
6:30 a.m. Int. Ms. Theresa Hire
8:15 a.m. Ms. Camille B. Durkin

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17
6:30 a.m. Ms. Janell Alliston
8:15 a.m. Mr. Leonard Tarrant

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35
6:30 a.m.
8:15 a.m.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18

1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50
6:30 a.m.
8:15 a.m.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19

1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3
6:30 a.m. Int. Mr. Gerald Hopkins
8:15 a.m. Mr. Charles Wnukowski

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15
8:15 a.m. Mr. Tony Patrick Ellis
4:00 p.m. Dr. Malcolm Latour

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21
Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13
7:30 a.m. Mr. Reginald W. Richards
9:00 a.m. Congregation
11:30 a.m. Bill and Dot Collins
Grace and Tony Homsany

Ms. Joyce Reynolds



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, Dawn Fountain, 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, Fr. Jey Jordan, 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.....\$12,526.00
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$7,686.00
Poor Collection.....\$3,967.00
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.



Tabitha Tip: Mind The Pace: Please walk and speak at a comfortable pace for everyone to follow along.

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 at 228-897-2289 or rryan@biloxidiocese.org.



Save-The Date: The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 12th at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Are you and your spouse celebrating a big anniversary this year (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+)? Let us celebrate you with the Diocese of Biloxi Annual Anniversary Mass, Reception, and Blessing from the Bishop. Register now at biloxidiocese.org/annual-mass-of-wedding-anniversaries or email Deacon Justin Mitchell at jmitchell@biloxidiocese.org.

RED MASS

OCTOBER 5 11:00 AM

NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL

For all members of the legal profession, including lawyers, judges, lawmakers, legal scholars, law students, and civil leaders. **Register Now.**

biloxidiocese.org/red-mass-rsvp



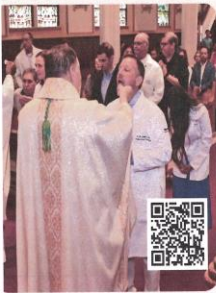
WHITE MASS

OCTOBER 26 11:00 AM

NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL

Celebrating and praying for all members of the medical community. **Register Now.**

biloxidiocese.org/blue-mass-rsvp



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

You are invited to join us on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th at 6:30 p.m. in praying the SEVEN SORROWS of OUR BLESSED MOTHER ROSARY and EXPOSITION

of the BLESSED SACRAMENT at ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH in Ocean Springs. CONFESSION will also be available.

PLEASE BRING YOUR SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY if you have one! 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). Our Mother will enrich us with numerous indulgences when praying 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!

PLEASE EVERYONE JOIN US IN THIS NEED FOR PRAYER!!!



The Officers of the Ocean Springs Church Women wish to invite all women to their next meeting on Monday, September 29th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be hosted by St. Paul Methodist Church East Campus at 6716 Bienville Blvd (Hwy 90). The guest speaker will be Vicky Reed, Home of Grace for Women. This is a great time of fellowship with other Christian women in Ocean Springs.



The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations 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

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.

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!

Classes are held on Sunday’s from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. in school building (enter between Parish Hall and East school entrance)