

**Amos was a great champion of justice.** He savagely assailed the oppression of the poor, as well as the judicial system which denied them any hope of obtaining justice. Our short reading is a good example. Here he depicts the greed of the wealthy, who can't wait for the holy days to be over so that they can get back to making money by dishonest practices. He condemns the separation of worship from the proper treatment of other people, especially the poor. The Bible doesn't always give us examples to be imitated. At times it gives us examples to be learned from painfully. The servant in Jesus' story is one of these, brought forward to teach Christians the wise use of money. Here Jesus stresses the impossibility of any compromise between God and Mammon. For Luke, to use money wisely is to give it to the poor, and thus ensure one's eternal salvation.

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



Capital Campaign Update

Cleaning and sealing of the slate floors has been completed. Minimal finish work remains along the baseboards throughout the church. Installation of new lighting is complete. The Choir loft guard rail is scheduled for installation on Monday, September 29th.

Drawings to support permitting of the next phase of construction will be completed at the end of the month. The initial meeting with the contractor to plan the next phase of work was held during the past week. Our early discussion was around targeting the fourth quarter of this year for start of the next phase of work on the entrance to the Church and the breezeway between the school and Church. 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](http://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 Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (September 27/28) for the Center for International Seafarers and Truckers.

The Port of Gulfport Seaman Center is a Christian based ministry providing support to the seafarers and truckers who come to the port on a transient basis for work. This ministry provides spiritual guidance and services to those individuals. Envelopes are available at the church exits.



**Next weekend is Called By Name Sunday**, an initiative to honor faithful young men and women who may be open to the priesthood or a religious vocation. Next Sunday, the bishop is inviting all parishioners to submit names of young men and women, ages 15-30's, who exhibit leadership and a heart for service. Honorees will receive a letter from the bishop, invitations to discernment events, and ongoing support from the Vocation Office.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,498.11  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 3,701.00  
Catholic University.....\$ 958.00  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 22
Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Sarah Galle Traylor
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Christopher Bellman
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jeff Cowart
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Shaun Blake
8:15 a.m.	Int. Fr. Doug Busch
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Elizabeth Hughbanks
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Richard Jefferies
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Jose Maria Cordoba
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Marley Severino
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Anthony “Tony” Belson
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Mary Dickinson
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Fr. George Kitchin
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Barney Banks
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Verda Troney



**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, Myra Kittle, 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 Necaie, Donna and Edward Necaie 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.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Billy Reading**, son-in-law of Loretta Siameck of this parish, who passed away September 1<sup>st</sup>. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.



**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](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com) to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



**Tabitha Tip: Be Flexible with Expectations: Not everyone can sit still, follow every step or be on time. Practice grace, it goes a long way.**

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](mailto: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. If you cannot attend, your blessing certificate will be mailed to you. Register now at [biloxidiocese.org/annual-mass-of-wedding-anniversaries](http://biloxidiocese.org/annual-mass-of-wedding-anniversaries) or email Deacon Justin Mitchell at [jmitchell@biloxidiocese.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://biloxidiocese.org/blue-mass-rsvp)



**After years of prayerful use, the church pews are in much need of a makeover.** New cushions and kneelers are scheduled to be installed next month. To help defray the cost, we are asking you to consider sponsoring a pew. For a sample of what the new cushions/kneelers will look like, please see the second pew on the north side of the Church. Applications are available at the exits of the Church or from the Rectory Office during regular business hours.

Elementary Religious Education:

Our Elementary Youth ministry program (Grades K – 5<sup>th</sup>) 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). For more information, please contact Jane Sema at [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto: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.



**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**, presented by Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. No registration is required. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020.

**September 21:** Chapter 3  
**September 28:** Chapter 4



**The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations** in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on September 24<sup>th</sup>. 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: 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
LifeTeen: 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
OCIA: Adults Interested in Becoming Catholic  
Adult Study: Confirmed Adults



**The Officers of the Ocean Springs Church Women** wish to invite all women to their next meeting on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



**St. Alphonsus Church App – You are able to download our parish app on your iPhone or Android** by texting **App** to phone number **55321**, or by visiting [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com).

Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications regarding our parish life and an easy-to-access event calendar as well as many more great features such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, **quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website (osstalphonsus.org) and FORMED.** It is easier than ever for you to enjoy your subscription to FORMED! Just download the FREE FORMED app and start enjoying great video and audio wherever you go (or if you are already signed up – you are able to access through the parish app). You will be able to stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere. St. Alphonsus has a purchased subscription from Formed.org, which gives St. Alphonsus parishioners' FREE access to high quality Catholic programs, movies, downloadable audios and downloadable e-books. To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter our Parish Code f1f5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password and start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place.