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 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	
Catholic University	\$ 958.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 22 **MONDAY**

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

Mr. Jeff Cowart 8:15 a.m. 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 SEPTEMBER 27 **SATURDAY**

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45

Mr. Anthony "Tony" Belson 8:15 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Ms. Mary Dickinson SEPTEMBER 28 **SUNDAY**

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, Sändra 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 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.



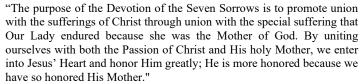
Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Billy Reading, son-in-law of Loretta Siemeck of this parish, who passed away September 1st.

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.



~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



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.

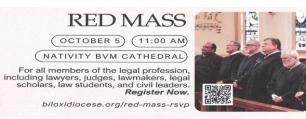
Tabitha Tips is a new resource for our parish community. This endeavor is brought to you by The Tabitha Project, a ministry of the de l'Epee Deaf Center in collaboration with the Office of the Bishop - Catholic Diocese of Biloxi. The hope is that these tips will enrich parish life and encourage a spirit of welcome for ALL parishioners.

For more information, contact Rachel Ryan 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. If you cannot attend, your blessing certificate will be mailed to you. Register now at biloxidiocese.org/annual mass-of-wedding-anniversaries or email Deacon Justin Mitchell at jmitchell@biloxidiocese.org.







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 $K - 5^{th}$) 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.

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, Sunday Morning Adult Study 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 vou to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on September 24th.



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 OR code.

Edge: 6th - 8th Grade LifeTeen: 9th - 12th 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 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.



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