



**Amos was the prophet of social justice.** He spoke to the wealthy of both Judah and Israel, who were unconcerned about what was happening to the country, which was about to be destroyed by the Assyrians. Indeed, by their lifestyle they were undermining the very fabric of the poor. Amos warned them that they would be the first to be led off into exile. This is precisely the sin of the rich man (Dives) in the Gospel: cushioned by a lavish lifestyle, he is oblivious to the presence of a poor man at his gate. Dives was a wordling who didn’t look beyond the good things of this life. It’s a parable about the responsibility of wealth. Some of the harshest words in the Bible are directed at the uncaring rich.  
--New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB



### Capital Campaign Update

Reupholstering of the pews is still scheduled for the end of October. Drawings to support permitting of the next phase of construction will be completed at the end of the month. The next phase of work on the entrance to the Church and the breezeway between the school and Church is still targeted to start the fourth quarter of this year. 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!




**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.




### WWMIN MONTH OF OCTOBER BABY SHOWER.

The month of October is dedicated to the Blessed Mother and Respect Life, so to honor this Walking With Mothers In Need will hold their annual month long “Baby Shower”. They will be collecting baby needs and necessities every weekend in October and collection bins will be located at all church entrances. Our needs include baby equipment, baby necessities including diapers (all sizes), wipes, formula, baby and toddler clothing (new & gently used, and gift cards \$20 and under to grocery stores, Target, Walmart, etc. They thank you in advance for your continuous support and generosity. For questions or information, call Margaret @ 238-217-4742 or Mary @ 238-348-6092.






**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.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Michael Gramelspacher**, a member of our parish community, who passed away September 15<sup>th</sup>.  
**John Morano**, brother of David (Tammy) Morano of this parish, who passed away September 16<sup>th</sup>.  
**Fr. Fintan Kilmurray**, a priest in the Diocese of Biloxi, who passed away September 19<sup>th</sup>.  
**Veronica Lomax**, a member of our parish family, who passed away September 20<sup>th</sup>.  
We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

# MASSSES FOR THE WEEK


|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| MONDAY  | SEPTEMBER 29                  |
| Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51                      |                               |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Ella and Simon Gilbert        |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Int. Fr. Cory Ford            |
| TUESDAY   | SEPTEMBER 30                  |
| Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56                         |                               |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Ms. Dianne Tootle             |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Int. Ms. Betty Noble          |
| WEDNESDAY   | OCTOBER 1                     |
| Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62                            |                               |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Ms. Charlotte Williams        |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Ms. Grace Westbrook           |
| THURSDAY  | OCTOBER 2                     |
| Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Matthew 18:1-5, 10         |                               |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Anne and Mark Touns           |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Ms. Carolyn Bromaghim         |
| FRIDAY  | OCTOBER 3                     |
| Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16                           |                               |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Th Canavati Family            |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Int. Fr. Steve Geerling       |
| SATURDAY  | OCTOBER 4                     |
| Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24                     |                               |
| 8:15 a.m.   | The Jordan Family             |
|   | The Pitalo Family             |
|   |                               |
| 4:00 p.m.   | Int. Mr. Jimmy Shoemaker, Jr. |
| SUNDAY  | OCTOBER 5                     |
| Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10 |                               |
| 7:30 a.m.   | Ms. Jackie Endt               |
| 9:00 a.m.   | Ms. Dorothy West              |
| 11:30 a.m.  | Congregation                  |
| 5:30 p.m.   | Mr. Bryan Moe                 |




**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Greg Brou, Jr., Valerie Brou, 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 Gautier, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Margie Gammon, S ndra 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., Ter se 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 Sigumjak, 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.....\$9,370.16  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$3,601.00  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary in the Catholic Church.** We spend this month honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary through daily prayer of the rosary while meditating on the life, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The rosary is a spiritual weapon and a powerful tool for growth in intimacy with Jesus and fulfilling God's will. What better way to honor our Mother this month than to visit her Son in our chapel who is available to us every hour of every day. He is waiting!  
*"Those who say the rosary frequently and fervently will gradually grow in grace and holiness."*  
~Bishop Hugh Boyle




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: Keep Asking, Keep Learning: Inclusion is a Journey, make a good habit to ask: “How can we make this more welcoming?”**


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).



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction** on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



**You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion** on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 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.


## 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.**

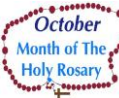
[biloxidiocese.org/red-mass-rsvp](http://biloxidiocese.org/red-mass-rsvp)






**Save-The Date: The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 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).



**October is traditionally the month of the Rosary** - so once again we are asking the Lectors at weekend Masses to show up early and lead the congregation in the recitation of the Rosary and this should start 20 minutes prior to Mass time. As we pray the rosary before each mass, please consider praying the rosary at home as a family once a day even if it is just you and your spouse. It is a great way to spend time together and build family unity. Remember as a great priest once said “A Family that Prays Together Stays Together”.



### EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER


**October is the month of the Holy Rosary!**

Our Lady is calling us to pray for world peace, the end of wars and violence, for unity, for the salvation of souls, and for our clergy. The world is in desperate need of prayer! Prayer is truly one of the most powerful weapons God gives to mankind. If we want peace to come to earth and morality to return, then all of us must unite in prayer for this to happen. If all the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ will unite in this Rosary prayer, then through those prayers His divine grace will pour out over the world and change it for the better. Each one of His followers is called to persevere in this prayer for mankind and not to give up in the short term when it seems nothing is happening. Let us all embrace now what we should have been doing anyway as part of our faith, let us embrace God in prayerful love of others as we call on God in love to convert the hearts and souls of all people. In light of the dire circumstances transpiring all around us, prayer for peace is needed! We must come together and pray with Our Blessed Mother, our greatest intercessor, with all our hearts!


Please join us on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 at 6:30 p.m.** in praying the SCRIPTURAL ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH!

### Elementary Religious Education:

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 28:** Chapter 4  
**October 5:** Chapter 5



**The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations** in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on October 1<sup>st</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



## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS