


**The First Reading is part of Solomon’s prayer for wisdom.** God, the Creator of the universe, is all-wise. In contrast, human beings are ignorant. However, God does not leave us in our ignorance, but bestows the gift of wisdom on all who humbly seek it.

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem (Gospel). He knew that suffering, rejection and death awaited him at the end of that journey. But it seems that some Galileans regarded it as a victory march of the Messiah. In no uncertain terms Jesus disillusioned them.

Knowing that his disciples would have to face a similar challenge, Jesus spoke about the cost of discipleship. He didn’t literally mean hating one’s father and mother. The word ‘hate’ is a Semitic expression. ‘Love less’ would be nearer to what Jesus had in mind. He was telling his disciples that they must be ready, if need be, to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between him and their own relatives.

The two short parables make the point that discipleship is a serious calling. It could mean persecution and even death. In this, as in any other spheres of life (such as business and politics), one shouldn’t walk into it blindly. One must calculate the cost before setting out.

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




### Capital Campaign Update


Final cleaning and sealing of the slate floors is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. No access inside the church will be permitted during this time.

Installation of the cove lighting is scheduled for the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>.


Ceiling work under the choir loft continues with choir guard rail delivery scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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!

**PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



**The Second Sunday Collection for Walking With Moms in Need** will be held next weekend (September 13/14). They continue to need all sizes of diapers especially 6, 7, and 8 and still have a special need for size 2T-3T Pull-Ups. Baby wipes are always in great need. Donations of gift cards of \$20 or less from Visa, Walmart, Target, any grocery store, and fast food restaurants are very helpful for emergency situations or for needs we don’t supply. Baby necessities, clothes, and baby equipment are in constant demand. As always, they thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity for this much needed ministry. For more information, contact Margaret @ 228-217-4742 or Mary @ 228-348-6092.

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

## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MONDAY  | SEPTEMBER 8                            |
| Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23               |  |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Int. Lynda and Bhaktan Krishnan        |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Rev. Alfred L. Camp                    |
| TUESDAY   | SEPTEMBER 9                            |
| Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19                   |  |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Mr. Joe Prejean                        |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Int. Ms. Tiffany Wilson                |
| WEDNESDAY   | SEPTEMBER 10                           |
| Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26                   |  |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Mr. Tony Petricca                      |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Ms. Vera Van Thiel-Noë                 |
| THURSDAY  | SEPTEMBER 11                           |
| Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38                  |  |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Mr. Dick Porterfield                   |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Int. Ms. MaraLou Guice Richards        |
| FRIDAY  | SEPTEMBER 12                           |
| 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42              |  |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Ms. Annette Lawrence                   |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Mr. A.O. “Herman” Soares               |
| SATURDAY  | SEPTEMBER 13                           |
| 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49                   |  |
| 8:15 a.m.   | The Jordan Family<br>The Pitalo Family |
| 4:00 p.m.   | Mr. Dennis Van Acker                   |
| SUNDAY  | SEPTEMBER 14                           |
| Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 |  |
| 7:30 a.m.   | Mr. Jim Cannon                         |
| 9:00 a.m.   | Mr. Leo Noble                          |
| 11:30 a.m.  | Ms. Margaret Broussard                 |
| 5:30 p.m.   | Congregation                           |



**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.....\$7,496.09  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,146.00  
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](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com) to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



**A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (September 13/14) for the Catholic University.** Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church. Gifts to the National Collection – the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. – support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



**Tabitha Tip: Name Matters: Use a person’s name before mentioning their disability. Our identity is in Christ, not our diagnosis.**

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](mailto:rryan@biloxidiocese.org).



### EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> 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!!!**



**We extend our congratulations to Rich and Sue Mihal.** Rich and Sue are this year’s recipient of the “Lumen Christi” award which was presented to them at the 4:00 p.m. Mass this Saturday (September 6) at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Each diocese nominates one candidate/couple as their recipient for this annual award which is presented to those who have been outstanding in their service to their parish.



**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. 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).



### BLUE MASS

SEPTEMBER 14 11:00 AM  
NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL

Honoring all employed in public safety, including police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators, and EMS personnel. **Register Now:**  
[biloxidiocese.org/blue-mass-rsvp](http://biloxidiocese.org/blue-mass-rsvp)



### 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)



**The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations.** The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 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: 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

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests and Deacons who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:  
Very Rev. Dennis J. Carver, August 10, 2025  
Reverend Nicholas Filipich, September 17, 2001  
Reverend Patrick McDermott, September 17, 2017  
Deacon Gregory E. Miller, September 22, 2017