

The First Reading tells of the first battle the Israelites fought after their deliverance from Egypt. Their victory resulted, not from their own efforts alone, but from the power of God mediated through the intercession of Moses.

In the parable of the unjust judge (Gospel), Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray continually and never to lose heart. The judge is approached by a widow – she represents the powerless ones. It is presumed that she has right on her side. But the judge is not interested in the rights of a penniless widow. However, when she persists in her plea, he finally relents, but only to get rid of her.

The message is intended for the disciples who are faced with suffering and persecution. If an amoral judge can be moved by their persistent pleading of a widow, how much more will God see justice done for his faithful ones who cry out to him continually. The only question is: will they be found capable of confident and persevering prayer, or will they throw the towel in and abandon the faith, just because their prayer isn’t answered immediately?

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



The “Adopt A Pew” offerings were a total success. Many of you were not able to participate because the offerings were filled in just two weeks. We are extending the “Adopt A Pew” program to include the pews in the Adoration Chapel, as well as the opposite side of each pew in the Church. Applications will be available in the back of the church. Please contact Linda Martin at 228-324-3408.



Capital Campaign Update

The pews have been fully reupholstered—this part of the project is all wrapped up! The kneelers are next, with installation planned for December. We’re still on track to begin the next phase—work on the Church entrance and the breezeway between the school and the Church—sometime in the fourth quarter of this year.



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 is holding their annual month long “Baby Shower”. They are collecting baby needs and necessities each weekend in October and collection bins will be located at all church entrances. Their 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 @ 228-217-4742 or Mary @ 228-348-6092.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Donal “Mac” Snyder III, nephew of Fr. Mike Snyder of this parish, who passed away October 7th.

Dolores “Lolita” Saucedo, wife of Ruben Saucedo of this parish, who passed away October 14th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor/Memory of the St. Alphonsus Alar Society

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,171.77
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 3,111.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 20
Romans 4:20-25; Luke 6:30 a.m.	12:13-21 Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Madeline Martin West
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 21
Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 6:30 a.m.	12:35-38 Mr. Tony Petricca
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Tallulah Severino
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 22
Romans 6:12-18; Luke 6:30 a.m.	12:39-48 Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Tracy Simmons
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 23
Romans 6:19-23; Luke 6:30 a.m.	12:49-53 Ms. Annette Lawrence
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jim Cannon
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 24
Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 6:30 a.m.	12:54-59 Ms. Janell Alliston
8:15 a.m.	Bishop Howze
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 25
Romans 8:1-11; Luke 8:15 a.m.	13:1-9 Mr. Dennis Van Acker
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 26
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
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., 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, Carol Latham, 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 Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Sarah Galle Traylor, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



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 to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



Tabitha Tip – Remember the Caregivers: Greet and thank those who assist parishioners with special and unique needs.

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 ryan@biloxidiocese.org.



During the month of November we offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones. Envelopes are available either in your monthly contribution package or at the exits of the Church. Please include the names of your loved ones along with your donation and return it prior to November 1st if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.



A plenary indulgence, is granted to the faithful, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, who, on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed; on All Souls’ Day (or, according to the judgment of the ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed. To acquire a plenary indulgence, it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfill three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. (Manual of Indulgences, 29)



PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Our Lady is asking you, your family or ministry to pray the Rosary together for peace, healing, hope, conversion, penance and prayer.

Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the front of the Church to take home for one week the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of

Our Lady of Fatima. The statue will be passed from family to family after the 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday’s. Instructions and an explanation on how to pray the Rosary will be provided with the statue.

The phrase "a family that prays together stays together" suggests that shared faith and spirituality can strengthen family bonds and promote a sense of togetherness and support. Regular family prayer can foster unity and help family members grow closer to one another.

The Rosary is the second most powerful prayer next to the Mass! At the first apparition of Fatima in 1917, Our Lady chose to identify herself as, "The Lady of the Rosary." The Rosary is a prayer that fits perfectly into the spiritual life of all who seek to allow Mary to be their light to Christ, to show them the path to Jesus.



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Please join us on MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th at 6:30 p.m. in praying the SCRIPTURAL ROSARY with EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT and CONFESSION will also be available in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH!

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!



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.

October 19: Continuing Chapter 5

October 26: Chapter 6



St. Alphonsus PTO invites parish families to attend their annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 24th at 6:00 pm. Note: Costumes must be friendly and not depict elements that are evil or demonic in nature. For more information or to set up a trunk, email pto@stal.org



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (no cooking involved) the week of October 27th – 31st. If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Jamie Lloyd at 713-818-6071. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



Bethesda Free Clinic and the Alexis Dinner Theater Performers will present The Godfather- a mystery dinner theater production on Saturday, November 1st, 5:30-8:30 pm at the D’Iberville Civic Center, 10395 Auto Mall Parkway. Dinner by Salute. For more information and/or to purchase tickets go to bethesdafreeclinicgc.com. All proceeds benefit Bethesda Free Clinic.

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.



The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on October 29th.

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 – 33 Days to Morning Glory, a Marian Consecration.

