

Today’s readings continue the theme of prayer. In a society where money and power are everything, the ‘little people’ don’t have a chance. The First Reading states that God treats all people fairly. He shows no partiality to the rich and powerful. He listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector makes the same point even more forcefully. The proud Pharisee is relying on his good works. Because of these he thinks that God owes him salvation. The tax collector has nothing to rely on. He knows he is a sinner. So he throws himself on the mercy of God. His words are few, but the attitude of his heart makes him pleasing to God. His humble prayer wins him forgiveness. The parable was aimed at those who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Although he was boastful, the Pharisee was not a hypocrite. His problem was that he had no concept of his need of God or grace or forgiveness.

--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 have extended 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. The Adoration Chapel pews will remain in the present chapel. When the new Chapel is built (time undetermined at present), those pews will be transferred to the new Chapel. Applications are available in the back of the church. Please contact Linda Martin at 228-324-3408.



Capital Campaign Update
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. 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!



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) this coming week (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.



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.



Saturday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints’ Day. Because it falls on a Saturday this year, it will not be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.



Reminder - Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2nd. Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY **OCTOBER 27**
Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17
6:30 a.m. Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m. Int. Mr. Nicholas Martin

TUESDAY **OCTOBER 28**
Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
6:30 a.m. Mr. Oscar Hall
8:15 a.m. Mr. Jeffery Cowart

WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 29**
Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30
6:30 a.m. Int. Mr. Gerald Hopkins
8:15 a.m. Mr. Harry Leaghty

THURSDAY **OCTOBER 30**
Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35
6:30 a.m. Ms. Joyce Reynolds
8:15 a.m. Mr. Charlie Kirk

FRIDAY **OCTOBER 31**
Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6
6:30 a.m. Ms. Lois Gianelloni
8:15 a.m. Mr. Christopher Bellman

SATURDAY **NOVEMBER 1**
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
8:15 a.m. The Jordan Family
 The Pitalo Family

4:00 p.m. Congregation
SUNDAY **NOVEMBER 2**
Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40
7:30 a.m. Ms. Audrey Snyder
9:00 a.m. Int. Mr. Jim Zoeller
 Ms. Sandy Zoeller

11:30 a.m. Ms. Bridget Shepherd
5:30 p.m. Poor Souls



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, 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, 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., Terèse Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Kathy Pasquini, The Pettitjean 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.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor/Memory of the St. Alphonsus Parish Family



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 – Accessible Worship: Ensure printed missals and bulletins are available in large print or digital format. It’s a small change that opens the door for many more.

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.



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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Sheila Daniels, mother of Richard (Leslie) Daniels of our parish community, who passed away October 15th.

Jane Brenden, wife of John Brenden of this parish, who passed away October 18th.

Rhonda Balius, sister of Ron “Bubba” (Aline) Balius of this parish, who passed away October 20th.

We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,726.26
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,433.00
World Mission Sunday Collection.....\$1,231.36
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



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).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, November 1st 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.



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 p.m. 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.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, November 7th beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



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 26: Chapter 6
November 2: Chapter 7

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.

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: 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.



Our Parish App is one great way to help make the liturgical season more present in your daily life. Helpful reflections will aid you in reflecting on the Mass readings each day. Also – under FORMED, 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. **Don’t have the App or FORMED yet?** If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the App by texting **App** to phone number 55321, or by visiting myparishapp.com. To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at www.formed.org and enter our Parish Code flf5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.