

**All three readings speak of faith.** The First Reading is part of a dialogue between God and the prophet. Like others before him, Habakkuk is feeling the burden of office. He complains about the prevalence of injustice and God’s failure to intervene. Then comes the divine response: in due time God will intervene to save those who trust in him. Meanwhile, the upright must remain steadfast in faith.

This brings us to the Gospel, where Jesus says that a grain of authentic faith can achieve great things. The saying about the uprooting of a tree is not to be taken in a literal sense. It is a vivid eastern mode of expression, which means that with faith what looks impossible can become possible. The parable of the unprofitable servant (‘slave’) would have shocked Jesus’ hearers. A slave had no claim to either wages or thanks from his master, irrespective of how well he might have served him. At the time of Jesus, Judaism was dominated by the notion of merit – God ‘owed’ salvation to humans in return for keeping the Law. Jesus rejects this, and emphasizes God’s sheer goodness. The disciples must humbly acknowledge that they are only servants.

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



**Capital Campaign Update**

Installation of the choir loft railings is now complete.

Reupholstering of the pews is scheduled for Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Both the 6:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. masses will be in the chapel during these days.

Drawings to support permitting of the next phase of construction will be completed next week. 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!



**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 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.



**Today is Called by Name Sunday!** Bishop Kihneman is asking us to identify faithful young men and women (ages 15-30’s) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, who may be open to considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. To submit names, please visit [biloxivocations.org/calledbyname](http://biloxivocations.org/calledbyname). Honorees will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Kihneman, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Office. Thank you for participating in this important campaign!



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Auseklis Ozols**, brother-in-law of Mocky Van Thiel of this parish, who passed away September 24<sup>th</sup> in New Orleans, LA. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY	OCTOBER 6
Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Rudy and Ruth Ann Geisaka
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 7
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Jaqueline Hemenway
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nicholas West
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 8
Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4	
6:30 a.m.	Homer and Bonnie Franks
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Sharon Menemar
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 9
Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Marian O’Connor
8:15 a.m.	Mr. George Sustendal
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 10
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Wilbur Hughbanks
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Doris Sema
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 11
Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Noel Martinez
	Fr. Fintan Kilmurray
	Fr. Thomas White
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ralph Allen
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 12
2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:6-8-13; Luke 17:11-19	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Mike Bishop
9:00 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim and Toni Gunkel
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Richard “Dick” Eckert
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, 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, Judy and Randy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Shellie McDaniel, Mrs. McKinney Steve Merkel, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaïse, Donna and Edward Necaïse 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, 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](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com) to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



**Tabitha Tip: Learn Common ASL: A simple “Hello” or “Thank You” means a lot. Visit De L’Epee Deaf Center for ASL community classes.**

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).



**PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration

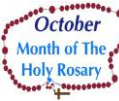
**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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:

Reverend Peter Quinn, October 8, 2004  
Reverend James B. Taylor, October 17, 2004  
Monsignor Andrew L. Murray, October 20, 2009  
Monsignor Francis Quinn, October 22, 1990  
Most Rev. Roger P. Morin, October 31, 2019  
Deacon Ben Wimberly, October 14, 2017  
Deacon Patrick T. Houghton, October 20, 1998  
Deacon Jack Hunter, October 26, 2018  
Deacon Rene’ J. Moniot, October 28, 2003

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$7,587.10  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,711.00  
International Seafarers/Truckers Collection.....\$ 858.33  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**October is the month of the Rosary** - The Lectors (at the weekend Masses) will lead the congregation in the recitation of the Rosary.

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 INTERCEESSORY 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<sup>th</sup> 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).



**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 5:** Chapter 5

**October 12:** No Class – Cruising the Coast



**The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations** in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on October 15<sup>th</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** – Will be starting **33 Days to Morning Glory, a Marian Consecration**. The introductory group meeting will be October 15<sup>th</sup>, and will consecrate on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> (the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary). If you cannot join us for the meetings, please join us in this consecration at home, and let us know so we can include you in the consecration with Fr. Mike. For more information, contact Lori Carter at 228-383-1002.