

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the focus is on the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ. The prophet Malachi (First Reading) says that for evildoers the Day of the Lord will be a day of judgement; but for the upright it will be a day of salvation. His stark message was meant to act as a warning to sinners and as an encouragement to the just. The Second Reading also relates to the Second Coming. Some of the Thessalonians, believing that the *parousia* was imminent, saw no need to work. Presenting himself as an example, Paul tells them to go on living and working as normal, and not to be content to live off the community. Luke talks about the *parousia* in close association with the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. The destruction of the Temple, which Jesus had predicted, had already occurred by the time Luke was writing. This would have been interpreted by some as a sign that the end of the world was starting. But Luke reminds them of the words of Jesus, in which he warned his disciples not to be deceived by rumors and apparent signs that the end was near. The Gospel goes on to address the situation of Christians in a time of persecution. Persecution will be an opportunity to bear witness to the Gospel. The Lord himself will see to it that believers will triumph in the end, provided they remain steadfast. --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
Drawings to support the next phase of work on the entrance to the Church and the breezeway between the school and Church are completed. The Permit application has been submitted to the City and we hope to have the cost estimate for contracting work for review by the end of the month. Updated poster boards will be displayed in the Church soon. Decorative (paint) detail will be added to the sanctuary arch and wall beginning on Monday, November 17th. Work should be completed during the week. There will be no disruption to the weekday mass schedule. The installation of the new kneelers is scheduled to begin in December. 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 Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. All are welcome to attend.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,144.26
Archdiocese for Military USA Collection.....\$ 818.00
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 4,099.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 17
1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 18
2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Vera Lomax
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 19
2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Franko Ravera
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 20
1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Jeanette McGraw
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 21
1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Alden Karp
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 22
1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Roland Weeks
	All Souls
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 23
2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Charles Glenn
5:30 p.m.	All 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 Necaïse, Donna and Edward Necaïse Jr., Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Kathy Pasquini, Janice Pepper, 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.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Johnny Norman



November is the Month of the Holy Souls

In the Catholic Church, the month of November is dedicated to remembering and praying for the souls of the deceased, especially those who may be in purgatory. All Saints' Day on November 1st honors all saints, known and unknown. All Souls' Day on November 2nd is a day to pray for all of the faithful departed. This month is a time for reflection on life, death, and hope for eternal life. An excellent way to pray for these holy souls is to offer your time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. These souls need our prayers!

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen. ~St. Gertrude the Great

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 – Be Patient with Silence: If someone needs more time to respond, wait calmly.
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.



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.
November 16: Chapter 7
November 23, 30: No Class – Thanksgiving Break

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.



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER
As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls.

Please come join us in praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory scriptural ROSARY with EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT and CONFESSION will also be available on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH in Ocean Springs as we remember our beloved deceased who are in Purgatory. Every time we, the Church Militant, pray for them, we assist them on their pilgrimage to heaven, and we recognize the indescribable compassion of the Almighty bestowed upon them through the prayers and the merits of Mary, the Mother of the Poor Souls, and the intercession of St. Joseph. It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works and intercessions. The Holy Souls are in desperate need of our prayers! Prayer is truly one of the most powerful weapons God gives to mankind. We must come together and pray with Our Blessed Mother, our greatest intercessor, with all our hearts to help these Holy Souls to see the face of God and will remember us too when they enter the Kingdom of Heaven! PLEASE EVERYONE JOIN US IN THIS NEED FOR PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS!!!



The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on November 19th. 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. Consecration Mass will be on Friday, November 21st.



Notre Dame Hospice is looking for volunteers. Volunteers can provide caregiver relief, companionship for patients, run errands, play music, prepare a meal and offer whatever talents they would like to share. Hospice volunteers do not need any medical experience as they do not handle patients. If you are interested or would like more information please contact: Janine Bonner, Volunteer Coordinator at 504-418-1049 or email jbonner@notredamehospice.com. Our Mississippi office is in Diamondhead, MS. They need volunteers in Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, Diamondhead, D'Iberville, Gulfport, Long Beach – Pass Christian, Ocean Springs, and Picayune. The amount of time you wish to volunteer is up to you.



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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS