

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
“To dedicate or consecrate” a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To “reserve” a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honor. When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324). A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the **mother church of all churches in the world**. The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church. --Vatican News



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 were completed last week. The Permit application will be submitted to the City and a cost estimate for contracting work will be prepared over the next several weeks. Updated poster boards will be displayed in the Church this month. The installation of the new kneelers are 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!



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (November 15/16) for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring glad tidings to the poor...liberty to captives....sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18). Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.

WEEKLY OFFERING
Sunday Collection.....\$15,288.69
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 5,442.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 10
Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 11
Wisdom 2:23—3:9; Luke 17:7-10	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Auseklis Ozols
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 12
Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Danny Ainsworth
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 13
Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Luke 17:20-25	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Judy Williams
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 14
Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jake Burns
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 15
Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Jimmie Spell
	All Souls
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Carl Duverney
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 16
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22	
7:30 a.m.	All Souls
9:00 a.m.	Int. Brian and Brittany McFall
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, 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 Honor of Deacon Jesus Arellano and Family on his Birthday



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 – Mind Scent Sensitivity: Avoid heavy perfumes when serving as a greeter or Eucharistic Minister.
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 9: No Class
November 16: 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.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. November 15th). The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



An anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, November 15th at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



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 Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. All are welcome to attend.



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 – Will meet on November 12th to continue the **33 Days to Morning Glory, a Marian Consecration**.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Ora Mae Koehler, sister of Kathleen (Ben) Esquibel, of this parish, who passed away November 2nd. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.