


Isaiah foretells that even though the family tree of Jesse (David’s father) has been reduced to a mere stump, nevertheless from that stump a new shoot will spring – a true king filled with the Spirit and endowed with all the virtues of his ancestors. The new king (the Messiah) will be a champion of the poor and will restore paradisal peace. Matthew introduces John the Baptist as the herald, foretold by Isaiah, of the long-awaited Messiah, and the one who prepared the people to receive him. Matthew sees Jesus as fulfilling the Old Testament promises. Paul also sees Jesus as the one through whom God fulfilled his promises, and at the same time the reading from Romans continues the theme of peace and harmony of the First Reading.

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




Capital Campaign Update


Updated poster boards displaying the next phase of work on the Church entrance and breezeway are located in the vestibule of the church.


We were hoping that we would have received the estimate before Thanksgiving and not in December. Because of the estimate delay due to circumstances beyond our control and because of the Christmas season, it has been decided to begin the next phase after the first of the year so as to not interfere with the Christmas activities around the Church.


Shipment of the new kneelers is scheduled for the week of December 15th. Installation will begin shortly thereafter.


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!


 **Monday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation.** Masses on Monday will be at 6:30 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. with school children, 12:00 Noon and 6:00 p.m. **There will be NO Vigil Mass.**

 **You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Friday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration

 **PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, December 13th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!


 **A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (Dec 13/14) for the Retired Religious.** In 1998, the U.S. bishops established this fund to help offset a deficit in retirement for those serving through religious institutes. The collection benefits Catholic sisters, brothers and priest in religious orders. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.


 **The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast** on Sunday, December 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$10.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice. Come and enjoy the great food and fellowship.

 **The Altar Society is accepting donations for the decorating of the Church for Christmas** in Memory Of or in Honor Of a loved one. Envelopes are in the pews. When complete, envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Rectory. Please print names clearly on the envelope. **Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 14th.**

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK


MONDAY	DECEMBER 8
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Judy Catchot
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Isabelle Bishop
12:00 p.m.	Congregation
6:00 p.m.	Mr. Phillip Howard
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 9
Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Lavalle C. Watson
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 10
Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Jason Krishnan
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Lee Adler
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 11
Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Fr. Jey
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Barney Banks
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 12
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. George Sustendal
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Leo Scott Hoffman
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 13
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Donal “Mac” Snyder, III
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Glen Skelton
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 14
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Marion Senteno
9:00 a.m.	Int. Ms. Betty Noble
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, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Dawn Fountain, Nija Fountain, 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, Jeff Janus, 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, Janice Pepper, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Richard Potash, MaraLou Guice Richards, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Courtney Severino, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Sarah Galle Traylor, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.




A Holy Tabernacle

During the month of December, the Catholic Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. *"From all eternity God chose with infinite wisdom the woman who would be the Mother of His divine Son. To prepare for the Word Incarnate a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity."* ~Liturgical Meditations, The Sisters of St. Dominic




Prayer to Mary
O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin didst make ready a fitting habitation for Thy Son, we beseech Thee that Thou who didst keep her clean from all stain by the precious death of the same Son, foreseen by Thee, may grant unto us in like manner to be made clean through her intercession and so attain Thee. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 – Respect Personal Space:

Wheelchairs, canes and mobility aids are part of a person’s personal space. Don’t lean on or move the aids.



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.

 **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.

December 7: Chapter 8
December 14: Chapter 9

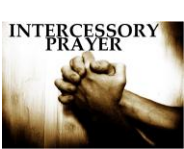
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

Rev. Msgr. Gregory Kennedy, December 1, 1986
Reverend John Joseph O’Reilly, December 5, 1989
Reverend Remigius A. Kozak, December 18, 2013
Rev. Msgr. John T. Martin, December 20, 1978

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,579.43
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$4,532.00
St. Vencent de Paul Pharmacy Collection.....	\$2,187.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

The Church has dedicated the month of December to the Immaculate Conception.

Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS and JOIN US in praying the ROSARY with Our Lady and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT and CONFESSION will also be available on MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH.


The late Father Gabriele Amorth said: “During an exorcism, Satan told me, through the possessed person, ‘Every Hail Mary of the Rosary is a blow to the head for me; if Christians knew the power of the Rosary, it would be the end of me!’” This is why the Rosary is a vibrant and powerful weapon for spiritual warfare! The Rosary has won battles, fought heresies, and wrought countless miracles. A multitude of saints and popes have endorsed it.

Pope Pius IX declared, “Among all the devotions approved by the Church, none has been so favored by so many miracles as a Rosary devotion.”

“Give me an army, saying the rosary and I will conquer the world.”
- Pope Pius IX


Prayer is truly one of the most powerful weapons God gives to mankind. Let us now come together and pray with Our Blessed Mother, whom is our greatest intercessor.

PLEASE EVERYONE JOIN US DURING THIS SPECIAL SEASON AND THE NEED FOR PRAYER!



WWMIN would like to ask a special request for new or gently used coats

for those they serve now that the weather is turning cold. Infant, toddler, and small children sizes are definitely needed for the upcoming winter months. Jackets and sweaters can also be used. They continue to thank you for your overwhelming support of this ministry. Items can be dropped off in the WWMIN boxes at each of the church entrances. Contact : Mary @ 228-348-6092.




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.

 **The Blessed Mother promises that praying the Rosary devoutly** will lead to numerous graces, including special protection and the flourishing of virtue. The Rosary serves as a powerful spiritual armor against evil and helps deepen one's relationship with God. PLEASE JOIN US in praying the ROSARY every weekday, MONDAY through SATURDAY after the 8:15 a.m. mass in the Church. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!