

**In these readings it is not starvation and misery that are being blessed – these are evil things.** What is being blessed is reliance on God. Those who know their need of God, and who live life as he would have them live it, are truly blessed. They are the most fortunate people in the world. God will give them all they need. Only God can fill our emptiness, only God can satisfy the hunger of our hearts. Those who put their trust in human things will be disappointed. Those who put their trust in God will not be disappointed. God becomes the champion of the poor, the weak, and the lowly, who practice integrity and humility.

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



**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of St. Blaise.** The traditional blessing of throats will take place after both morning Masses this day.

**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptismal date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who are not registered/active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church; receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.

**You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction** on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



**You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion** on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



**A St. Alphonsus Masculinity Retreat** will be held for males 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade along with Fathers, Grandfathers or Male Guardian on Saturday, February 7, 2026 in the KC Hall. Sign In will be held from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. and breakfast and lunch will be provided. For registration information please contact Rodney Fountain at 228-424-2053 or email: [rodney@rfountaincpa.com](mailto:rodney@rfountaincpa.com).

**PART TIME JOBS** **St. Alphonsus Rectory is in need of a part time office worker (15 hours per week).** The hours would be Monday – Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**St. Alphonsus Rectory is also in need of a part time housekeeper two days a week.**  
If interested, please call the rectory at 228-875-5419.



**The St Alphonsus KC Ladies Auxiliary Council 5654** will be forming a Prayer Shawl Ministry in the upcoming months for parishioners who are homebound, having surgery/hospitalizations, in hospice, or in nursing homes. We are asking for any donations of yarn and fleece to help this ministry grow. A designated box will be available to drop off donations at the front/exits of the church. Anyone interested in participating in this ministry is welcome to bring your talents. You may contact Gay Camagong at 228-424-7722 or Pam Carter at 228-233-5217 for more information.



**Living Hope Group / Farm of Hope:** The Living Hope Group is a parish-based ministry open to anyone with a loved one facing addiction as well as friends, supporters, and families connected to the Farm of Hope.

The group offers shared spiritual support, prayer, and encouragement. For more information, please contact Lois Ravera at 228-324-3304.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY**

**FEBRUARY 2**  
Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

6:30 a.m.

Mr. Joe Prejean

8:15 a.m.

Int. Ms. Camilla Montero

**TUESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 3**  
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mark 5:21-43

6:30 a.m.

Dec/Int Stephen Shoemake Family

8:15 a.m.

Int. Fr. Steve Geerling

**WEDNESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 4**  
2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6

6:30 a.m.

Mr. Joseph Earley

8:15 a.m.

Mr. Andrew O'Brien, Jr.

**THURSDAY**

**FEBRUARY 5**  
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13

6:30 a.m.

Int. Ms. Carol Auger

8:15 a.m.

Ms. Holly Morton

**FRIDAY**

**FEBRUARY 6**  
Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29

6:30 a.m.

Int. Ms. Lisa Manley

8:15 a.m.

Mrs. Judy Soares

**SATURDAY**

**FEBRUARY 7**  
1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

8:15 a.m.

Ms. Judy Catchot

4:00 p.m.

Ms. Mary Lou Seeger

**SUNDAY**

**FEBRUARY 8**  
Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

7:30 a.m.

Mr. Charles Jensen

9:00 a.m.

Congregation

11:30 a.m.

Ms. Connie Smith

5:30 p.m.

Int. Ms. Kathy Ozmun



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Sharon Barthes, Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Arlene Burns, Mildred "Tootsie" Caillavet, Benny 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, Sandra 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., Terese Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Scott 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 lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.** If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 228-875-5419. Donation amount is \$50.00



### February is the month Dedicated to the Holy Family

As Catholics, each month of the year carries a particular spiritual theme to help us grow in faith and draw closer to God. February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This focus invites us to reflect on the sanctity of family life and the virtues modeled by the Holy Family in their daily lives. Honoring the Holy Family in February can take many forms, from meditating on their lives to incorporating special prayers into your daily routine. Here are some suggestions:

- **Consecrate Your Family:** Consider consecrating your family to the Holy Family, asking for their guidance and protection in all that you do.
- **Pray the Litany of the Holy Family:** This beautiful prayer highlights the virtues of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and serves as a guide for living them out.
- **Attend Mass as a Family:** Participate in the Eucharist together, offering your joys and struggles to Christ as the center of your home.
- **Reflect on Scripture:** Meditate on passages like Luke 2:22-40 (the Presentation in the Temple) or Luke 2:41-50 (the finding of Jesus in the temple) to deepen your appreciation of the Holy Family's example.

In a world where family life faces many challenges, turning to the Holy Family for intercession and inspiration is more relevant than ever. The dedication of February to the Holy Family reminds us that holiness begins at home. As we journey through this month, may we open our hearts to the grace of God and strive to make our homes places of peace, love, and holiness.  
-Fr. Joe Connolly, Guardian Angel News

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.



**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.

February 1: Chapter 13

February 8: Chapters 13, 14 and 15:9



**The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on February 11<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



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Carol McNair,** sister of Annette (Anthony) Straight, of this parish, who passed away January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Dolores Sonnier,** sister-in-law of Mary (Carl) Brochard and Alice Goff, of this parish, who passed away January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Carol Lee Cantin,** wife of Benny Cantin of this parish, who passed away January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**William "Billy" Anderson,** husband of Carolyn Anderson of this parish, who passed away January 19<sup>th</sup>.

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



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of all Altar Society Members**



### INTERCESSION PRAYER



MARK YOUR CALENDARS and join us for the NEXT EVENING OF INTERCESSION PRAYER which will meet on FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH. The Church has dedicated the month of February to the Holy Family.

We will be focused this night on Generational Ancestry Healing and healing from possible patterns of problem areas or bondages within your family bloodlines.

Thank you so much for all your participation in this Power of Prayer for Our Lord Jesus Christ ministry!

The Rosary has been recognized as a powerful weapon in the battle against spiritual evils. Many saints, including St. Padre Pio, have urged the faithful to "Pray, hope, and don't worry," believing that the Rosary is a spiritual "sword" that protects us from temptation and spiritual harm. This idea is rooted in the belief that the Rosary places us under the protection of the Virgin Mary, who continually intercedes for us.

There have been many testimonies to prayer petitions at Intercessory Prayer being answered! Your prayers are so important to God who only wants a personal relationship with each of you and to come to him in prayer through Our Blessed Mother.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US IN PRAYER!!



**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 St. Alphonsus 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. 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.



**Catholic Charities of South Mississippi is seeking a compassionate and dedicated Mental Health Therapist to join their team.** The ideal candidate will provide high-quality mental health services including individual therapy, family therapy, group counseling, and community outreach. This position requires a commitment to serving others with dignity and respect while upholding the mission and values of Catholic Charities of South Mississippi and the teachings of the Catholic Church. To see the full job posting and qualifications visit: <https://catholiccharitiesofsouthms.org/counseling-program>



**Your Church Needs You** - God is calling. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers at all the masses. Prayerfully consider God's calling to serve your St. Alphonsus Family.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,368.10

Weekly Online Collection.....\$3,941.00

Little Sisters of the Poor.....\$4,777.85

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support