

Matthew has already introduced Jesus as the light of a darkened world (see Third Sunday). Now the function of enlightening and guiding a morally confused humanity is shared with his disciples.

In the ancient world, salt was one of the most important necessities of life, especially for preserving and seasoning food. So too was light for obvious reasons. We shouldn't turn salt and light into allegories. They are just images. Both images are making the same point: Jesus' disciples have a vital role to play in the world through their good deeds. When the disciples stop witnessing through their deeds, they become as useless as salt that has lost its taste or a lamp that doesn't give light.

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

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.

 You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Thursday, February 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 Villa Maria on Saturday, February 14th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!

 The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (no cooking involved) the week of February 23rd – 27th.

If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Jamie Lloyd at 713-818-6071. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

 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.

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 Herbert Mullen, February 12, 1984

Reverend Michael Kelleher, February 13, 2020

Reverend Patrick Hannelly, February 14, 1990

Reverend Msgr. James Russell, February 15, 2002

Deacon Charles Biasi, February 19, 1992

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
6:30 a.m. Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m. Mr. Richard (Dick) Smith

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
6:30 a.m. Mr. Marvin Smith
8:15 a.m. Int. Carmelites

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11

1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
6:30 a.m. Int. Ms. Mary Katherine Sablich
8:15 a.m. Int. Honor Guardian Angel

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
6:30 a.m. Mr. Percy Ferron
8:15 a.m. Ms. Maria Luisa Salvatierra

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37
6:30 a.m. Int. Ms. Lynda Krishnan & Family
8:15 a.m. Mr. Jeremy Forehand

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10
8:15 a.m. The Jordan Family
The Pitalo Family
4:00 p.m. Mr. Glen Skelton

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15

Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37
7:30 a.m. Mr. Skip Murphy
9:00 a.m. Mr. Key Bounds
11:30 a.m. Mr. Robert Pisarich
5:30 p.m. Congregation

 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., Terése 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 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 8: Chapters 13, 14 and 15:9

February 15: Chapters 15 and 16



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

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



Catholic Charismatic Renewal of South MS

Second Saturday of every month (February 14, 2026)
Christ the King Catholic Church in Latimer
10601 Daisy Vestry Rd. Latimer 39565.

10 minutes north of I 10. Adoration and Reconciliation starts at 9:00am
Mass and Prayer Meeting/Praise & Worship 9:30 a.m.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Lester J. McMackin, Jr., father of Les (Beth) McMackin, of this parish, who passed away January 27th in Somerset, PA.

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



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of our Priests, Deacons & Religious in the Diocese of Biloxi



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and please join us in praying the Healing of the Family Tree ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT and CONFESSION will also be available on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH in Ocean Springs.

The month of February is dedicated 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.

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!!



The Second Sunday Collection for Walking With Moms in Need will be held next weekend, February 14th and 15th. They continue to need all sizes of diapers, especially size 5 and

newborn, and baby wipes. Donations of gift cards of \$20 or less from Visa, Walmart, Target, any grocery store, and fast food restaurants are very helpful for emergency situations or for needs they don't supply. Baby necessities and baby equipment are in constant demand. The cold weather increased their need for winter clothes, coats, jackets, and sweaters, both new and gently used. As always, they thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.

Contacts: Margaret at 228-217-4742 or Mary at 228-348-6092.



You are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for a special 50 Year and more Anniversary Couples Dinner as they celebrate five decades of love, commitment, and shared memories. The evening will take place on Saturday,

February 28th at 5:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club Hall (KC Hall). Couples are invited to enjoy a warm, elegant dinner and an evening of fellowship as we honor this meaningful milestone together. They look forward to celebrating with you. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule of the church for anyone interested in attending.



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.....	\$10,211.50
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 2,230.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 3,184.00