

**The First Reading gives us a glimpse into the heart of a prophet, and we see how very human he is.** Elijah, the great champion of God, flees into the desert, a broken and dispirited man. But like the Israelites of old, he is fed with 'bread from heaven'. Strengthened by this food he continues his journey to Horeb, the mountain of God.

In the Gospel Jesus declares that he is 'the bread that has come down from heaven'. The bread in question is primarily the revelation given to people by Jesus. Only at a secondary level does it envisage the Eucharist. The fundamental reaction called for is one of 'coming to him', which is a synonym of belief. Even though faith is a gift from God it does demand openness on our part.

**A Note from the St. Alphonsus Catholic Church St. Vincent De Paul Society:** Each year the St. Vincent De Paul Society provides an interim nine (9) month report to the Parish on our activities at this point in time. We use this occasion as an opportunity to thank the parishioners and regular donors for your continuing support and contributions. For the past nine months, we have visited 128 households in the Ocean Springs/St. Martin communities; and have disbursed \$39,467.14 to families or individuals in need of assistance. This assistance included rent, power, gas, water, medicines, food, gasoline vouchers, and a few bus tickets to return home for those stranded in our community. A significant portion of our funds come from the monthly collection for the poor and other donations. In addition, our Society members contributed just over 1000 hours during this nine month period. We wish to thank you for your generous donations, and ask all of you to support the Knights of Columbus Draw Down this year.

**The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul** are having a drawdown to raise money to support the many needy in our area. The drawdown will be held in the Gym on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each and admit two. Grand prize will be \$3,000 and a maximum of 400 tickets will be sold. Tickets may be purchased by calling Carl at 228-327-0066.

**Check out the Books and CD's available on the Lighthouse Media Kiosk** by the back entrance of the Church. Donation amounts for each are listed on the Kiosk. Please deposit the money for the books and CD's in the money slot located on the Kiosk.

**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Susan Joyce Bradley, Audrey Brou, Gregory Brou, David Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Heseby Karl Byrd, James Cagle, Barbara Cavalier, Joann Chapman, Eric Chatman, David Coward, Olga Cruz, John Patrick Curley, Vance DeMoran, Lori Donald, Marge DuBois, Jacki Dudley, Betty Dugan, Marthann Ello, Jackie Endt, Loretta Foster, Joey Fountain, Carmen Gaethe, Pam Green, Paul Gutierrez, Megan Hawkins, Doris Haynes, Kim Hicks, Natalie Hightower, Luther Holcomb, Maureen Holley, Jay Holtorf, Chip Houlahan, Courtney Hubbard, Doris Jarrett, Isabella Jones, Reba Koski, Daisie Laborde, Nathaniel LaSalle, Joe Latil, Melissa Roberts Lee, Bob Mayer, Linda Mayer, Bernie McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Patricia Merlau, Deacon Greg Miller, Eunice Misko, Robert M. Mitchell, Betty Moore, Margaret Murray, Patricia Ann Liscoe Nance, Leonard Necaice, Peggy and Edward Necaice, Brenda Nelson, Charley Noel, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judith Pitalo Peebles, Amy Pettijean, William Picciano, Nony Raether, Beverly Richard, Anna Riley, Vida Risk, Kim Cronin Roe, Julie Ryan, Connie Seymour, Jean Smith, Elba Smolcich, Edna Spell, Tim Spiriti, Danielle Stafford, Robin Stewart, Katie Swanson, Brenda Szumigala, Hannah Tapper, Ethan Thomas, Tanya Vitonovich, Timothy Wavra, Beth Webb, Kellye Weinhofer and Sarah Westbrook.

**Altar Society Member for next week is Linda Mayer**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY AUGUST 10**  
 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26  
 6:30 am Mr. Joe Prejean  
 8:15 am Int. Ms. Rachel Fusselman

**TUESDAY AUGUST 11**  
 Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 6:30 am Mr. Manuel Olavarria  
 8:15 am Dr. Michael A. Finan, MD

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12**  
 Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20  
 6:30 am Ms. Mary Mockler  
 8:15 am Conard and Willmetti Ferguson

**THURSDAY AUGUST 13**  
 Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21—19:1  
 6:30 am Mr. Eldon Cazaubon  
 8:15 am Ms. Betty Magee

**FRIDAY AUGUST 14**  
 Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12  
 6:30 am Mr. Steve Sema  
 8:15 am Int. Ms. Olivia Karp

**SATURDAY AUGUST 15**  
 Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56  
 8:15 am Ms. Dorothy Collins  
 Mr. Nolan Fremin  
 Mr. Harry Leaghty  
 Ms. Clara McBride

4:00 pm Mr. Danny Ross

**SUNDAY AUGUST 16**  
 Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58  
 7:30 am Mr. Bobby Beaugez  
 9:00 am Ms. Ernestine Beaugez  
 11:30 am Fred and Vera Lusk  
 5:30 pm Congregation

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$12,690.68  
 Poor Collection.....\$ 4,005.09  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Kathi Seymour**

### 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:

Reverend Morgan Kavanagh, August 6, 1998  
 Reverend Ivan Weis, August 7, 2007  
 Reverend Patrick C. Grant, August 9, 1991  
 Reverend John P. Robinson, August 10, 1977  
 Reverend Paul Gillis, August 14, 1995

## Religious Education News

**Pat Cronin – 872-2652; pcronin@cableone.net; www.stal.cc**

**Aug 9:** Registration for Religious Education for the coming school year will be held after each of the Masses in the Parish Hall this Sunday only. If you are unable to register today (August 9th), you may come by the Religious Education Office during regular business hours or you may register on the first day of class (Sunday, September 13). If registering on September 13<sup>th</sup> - please take your child to his/her classroom first (listed on classroom doors and posters in the halls) and then proceed to the Parish Hall to register your child/children. The suggested **donation** is \$35 for one child and \$50 for more than one--this is a **donation** more or less can be paid. .



Anyone interested in Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [process for joining the Roman Catholic Church] should call the Religious Education Office to give contact information that is necessary for the upcoming classes. The first class will be held on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. RCIA is open to anyone interested in re-investigating their own religion, joining the Catholic Church, or finding out what this "Catholic" thing is all about.



**Catechists (religion teachers) are needed for Religious Education classes this Fall.** Anyone interested in being a catechist is asked to call the Religious Education Office ASAP.



**First Holy Communion and Confirmation pictures** are in and ready for pickup from the Religious Education Office during regular business hours.



### Youth and Family Calendar

**Aug 12:** YFM Adoration 5 pm; Mass 6 pm; Dinner 6:45 pm  
**Aug 26:** Parent Registration Mtg for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders, 7 pm  
**Aug 30:** Parent Registration Mtg for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders, 7 pm  
**Sept 13:** Youth Ministry Kickoff Beach Bash 7:00 p.m.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.  
 Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



**The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$6.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.



**Teens who think they might be interested in a vocation to the religious life** are asked to please contact the Religious Education Office and/or Youth Ministry for information on a very good program happening soon.

**Bulletin Advertisers:** We thank those businesses that choose to advertise their services on our Sunday bulletin. You will note that many of them are in regular attendance in our Sunday congregation and these ads make this weekly service available at no cost to the parish. You may want to patronize these businesses next time you need their services and thank them for their support of the parish.

## \*\*School Subsidy Policy\*\*

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School. In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.
3. The family MUST attend weekend Mass with the Parish Family at St. Alphonsus.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Aug 12:** First Day of School

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Aug 12:** Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 p.m.

**Upon This Rock Scripture Study (UTRSS)** has begun registration for its fall and winter sessions, "The Book of Isaiah Program Study", which is offered by Catholic Scripture Study International. The 26 lesson program commentary is written by Fr. Mitch Pacwa and presented by Fr. Patrick Winslow. Isaiah focuses on the salvation that will come through the Messiah. He is called the evangelical prophet due to his numerous prophecies concerning the coming and character, the ministry and preaching, and the sufferings and death of the Messiah. The program begins Wednesday, September 2, 2015 and will meet each Wednesday morning through March 16, 2016 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Parish's Murray Hall on Woolmarket Road in Biloxi. The fee is \$62.00 and includes the Study Set and a DVD presentation. To register please call Sharon Jones at 228-273-4555.

**Christopher West will present "Introduction to Theology of the Body"** on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. Tickets are \$35 each (lunch and workbook) and may be bought through the Rectory Office during regular business hours. No one under 16 will be admitted. Please see the flyer located in the Vestibule of the Church. For more information or to register, email [apostlesofthetwohearts@gmail.com](mailto:apostlesofthetwohearts@gmail.com); call 601-494-0348.



**Hospital Stays:** Between this parish and St. Elizabeth Seton, we strive to visit the hospital every day of the week (except Saturday). Because of the HIPPA Act and other privacy concerns, it is increasingly difficult to find out who is in the hospital. Many parishioners can be there for an entire week (or more), yet their names never appear on the "Clergy List" that we get to see. This seems to happen especially to those who are admitted through the Emergency Room. Consequently we are reminding you that if you or a family member is going to be in the hospital and wish to be visited or receive communion while there, please call the Rectory at your earliest convenience.



**Your prayers are requested at this time for the repose of the soul of Betty Seymour**, a member of our parish community, who passed away July 30<sup>th</sup>. **Your prayers are also requested for the repose of the soul of Lelia "Sissy" Ryan**, a member of this parish community, who passed away August 4<sup>th</sup>.

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