

**Jeremiah indicts the official leaders for neglecting their duties towards the people (First Reading).** They must shoulder the blame for the misfortune that has befallen the people. But God will not let his people languish. He himself will assume the mantle of leadership, and entrust the flock to good and faithful shepherds.

This ties in neatly with the Gospel. Jeremiah's promise is fulfilled in Jesus. We see Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in action. Firstly, we see his care for the Twelve, who have just returned from their missionary work and need a break. Secondly, we see his care for the ordinary people, whom he teaches at length. What a contrast there is between him and the official leaders of his time. Little wonder that the people flocked to him. In Jesus we see the divine compassion in action.



**The 8:15 a.m. Daily Mass will be held in the Chapel this coming week (July 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>)**



**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.



**The Lord Is My Help** needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) during the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Jean Petricca at 818-2460. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**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.



**Parishioner Registration:** When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass. It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.



**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, Olga Cruz, John Patrick Curley, Lori Donald, Marge DuBois, Jacki Dudley, Betty Dugan, Marthann Ello, Jackie Endt, Loretta Foster, Joey Fountain, Pam Green, Paul Gutierrez, Megan Hawkins, Doris Haynes, Kim Hicks, Natalie Hightower, Luther Holcomb, Maureen Holley, Jay Holtorf, Chip Houllahan, 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 Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, 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, Jean Smith, Elba Smolcich, Edna Spell, Tim Spiriti, Danielle Stafford, Robin Stewart, Katie Swanson, Brenda Szumigala, Hannah Tapper, Ethan Thomas, Tanya Vitanovich, Timothy Wavra, Beth Webb, Kellye Weinhofer and Sarah Westbrook.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 20</b>
Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42	
6:30 am	Mr. Smokey Hill
8:15 am	Mr. Richard Mayfield
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 21</b>
Exodus 14:21—15:1; Matthew 12:46-50	
6:30 am	Int. Mr. Steve Karp
8:15 am	Ms. Vickie Cole Wytalier
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 22</b>
Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; John 20:1-2, 11-18	
6:30 am	Thanks to St. Jude
8:15 am	Mr. Michael Szumigala
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 23</b>
Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17	
6:30 am	Mr. Charles Carroll
8:15 am	Ms. Armella "Melsie" Mangin
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 24</b>
Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23	
6:30 am	Ms. Maxine Impey
8:15 am	Ms. Yadira Duarte
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 25</b>
2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28	
8:15 am	Mr. Leo Noble
	Int. Mr. Jordan T. Moon
	Int. Mr. Gary Moon
	Ms. Anita Grace White
	Msgr. Gregory Kennedy
4:00 pm	Ms. Kathy Broussard
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 26</b>
2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15	
7:30 am	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
9:00 am	Congregation
11:30 am	Mr. Mark Seymour
5:30 pm	Mr. William Ray

**Altar Society Members for next week are:  
Kay Brochard and Norma Williams**

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,391.14  
Peter's Pence Collection.....\$ 2,408.74  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**The Flowers on the Altar  
are in Memory of Michael Szumigala**



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of  
Bill & Dot Collins, William G. Collins,  
Evelyn Collins and Jane Buck Collins**

**Pray for Vocations:** For information, go to  
[www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org)

## Religious Education News

**Pat Cronin – 872-2652; [pcronin@cableone.net](mailto:pcronin@cableone.net); [www.stal.cc](http://www.stal.cc)**



**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.



**Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Roman Catholic Church,** joining the Church, refreshing your memory, receiving Confirmation – then **RCIA** is the place for you. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information or to register.



**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

**July 20:** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Movie Night, Meet Parish Hall 6:00 p.m.  
**July 22:** YFM Adoration 5 pm; Mass 6 pm; Dinner 6:45 pm  
**July 24:** 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Movie Night, Meet Parish Hall 6:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Women's Retreat at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center in Metairie** (formerly the Cenacle):  
July 23-29: Come to the Quiet (5 day silent directed retreat)  
Aug 7-9: Living as a Fully Alive Catholic  
For more information or to register call 504-267-9604 or go to [retreats.arch-no.org](http://retreats.arch-no.org).

**Financial Peace University (FPU) Class:** Having issues with spending and saving? Need help developing a budget or saving for retirement? Are you tired of all the monthly debt payments? Need to save for your kid's college? Dave Ramsey's FPU class addresses these concerns and much more. The class will be offered at St. Joseph Catholic Church (12290 DePew Road, Gulfport) in Depew Hall on Monday nights at 6:00 p.m. starting in July. **Class 1 of FPU Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** (and every Monday after for 9 total). The class is open to all. Cost is just under \$100 per family. For more information, contact Ed Brennan at 228-234-7601.

**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. Payment by August 3<sup>rd</sup> will ensure that you receive your materials on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. To register please call Sharon Jones at 228-273-4555.

## \*\*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

**July 21:** Final Registration in KC Hall 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**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.

### UPCOMING TRAVELS

**TRAVEL TO ITALY WITH FATHER TOMMY CONWAY!!** The Gulf Pine Catholic invites you on a Pilgrimage of Italy with Father Tommy Conway to Rome • Assisi • Florence • Milan. 10 days only \$3,998 • Departing January 25, 2016 out of New Orleans. For more information, call 1-800-CATHOLIC or visit [www.Regina-Tours.com](http://www.Regina-Tours.com)

**European Shrines Tour with Fr. Joseph Uko April 25-May 7, 2016:** Places and Shrines to see: Lisbon, Alcobaca, Fatima, Braga (Portugal), Santiago de Compostela, Burgos, San Ignacio de Loyola, Barcelona (Spain), Lourdes, Carcassonne (France). Cost is \$2,999 per person from Gulfport. For more information, contact Cynthia Dominguez at 228-896-4905 or [Cynthia.d1973@yahoo.com](mailto:Cynthia.d1973@yahoo.com)

**SUMMER 2016 TRIP TO IRELAND:** Fr. Henry McInerney is presently offering an 11 day tour of Ireland for 2016. It will probably be in late June/early July, costing approximately \$4000.00 per person/sharing. Tentatively it will consist of 3 nights in Dublin, 3 in Galway, 3 in Killarney and the last night in the Shannon region. Cost will include almost everything, (except daily lunches), most dinners, all admissions, tour bus at our disposal at all times, hotels and of course return air fare – Gulfport – Dublin – Shannon – Gulfport. A meeting for anyone interested will be held at Fatima in late August. If you think you may be interested just call Fatima office 388-3887 to put your name on the list. It will be limited to 40 to 50 persons. A valid passport will be required but not a visa. Call 388-3887 for more info.

### HURRICANE PRAYER

**O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.  
Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.  
We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**