

In today’s Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes. Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities. Jesus’ response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites. Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar’s image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God. Jesus’ response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God? --Loyola Press

 In observance of Right to Life Month, Walking with Moms in Need is hosting a month-long baby shower throughout October. Collection boxes will be available at each church entrance for diapers of all sizes, wipes, formula, new or gently used baby and toddler clothing, toiletries, equipment, and other baby essentials. For questions or more information, call Margaret at 228-217-4742 or Mary at 228-348-6092.

 Mr. Ray Kelly, the sales representative from Diocesan (the provider of our weekly bulletin), will be at the Rectory Monday, October 19th - Wednesday, October 21st. He will be contacting all businesses who presently have ads on our bulletin cover. If you wish to purchase an ad, you may contact him by calling the Rectory during this time or at rkelly@diocesan.com or 504-338-3058.

 The Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, October 21st at 9:30 a.m. in the KC Hall. All are welcome to attend.

 For the month of November, we offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones. Envelopes are available either in your monthly contribution package or at the exits of the Church. Please include the names of your loved ones along with your contribution and return it prior to November 1st if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.

 October is traditionally dedicated to the Rosary. Lectors will lead the congregation in the Rosary, beginning 20 minutes before Mass.

As we pray the Rosary before each Mass, consider making it a daily practice at home with your family—or simply with your spouse. Praying together is a meaningful way to strengthen family unity. As the saying goes, “The family that prays together stays together.”

 The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of the St. Alphonsus Altar Society

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 19
Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 6:30 a.m.	12:13-21
8:15 a.m.	Mr. R.J. Domingue
TUESDAY	Int. Jonathan and Whitney Olier
Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 6:30 a.m.	OCTOBER 20
8:15 a.m.	12:35-38
Int. Mr. David Ronald Learned	
Ms. Kathy Battistella	
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 21
Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 6:30 a.m.	12:39-48
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Carolyn Castleman
Int. Ms. Tallulah Severino	
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 22
Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 6:30 a.m.	12:49-53
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Allison Dickinson
Mr. Conner Bond	
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 23
Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 6:30 a.m.	12:54-59
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Christopher Bellman
Di Nardo Family Tree	
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 24
Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 8:15 a.m.	13:1-9
Int. Ms. Barbara Massony	
Ms. Anita Grace White	
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Billy Anderson
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 25
Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matt 22:34-40	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Broussard
5:30 p.m.	Int. Ms. Elizabeth Whetstone

 Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Arlene Burns, Mildred “Tootsie” Caillavet, Benny Cantin, Marshall Car, Jennifer Catchot, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Michelle Dyess, Rose Mary Eagan, Dawn Fountain, Nija Fountain, Barbara Fournier, 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, Myra Kittle, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Carol Latham, Nelda Latour, Judy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Shellie McDaniel, Mrs. McKinney, Steve Merkel, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaise, Donna and Edward Necaise Jr., Terèse Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Scott Parker, Kathy Pasquini, Janice Pepper, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Judy Picciano, MaraLou Guice Richards, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Jimmy Senac, 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. Terrie Young and all our Homebound Parishioners.

 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
The next phase of our Capital Campaign project has begun. This phase includes construction of the new entrance cover and enclosure of the breezeway between the church and school. The main front entrance and the side entrance by the school will be closed during construction. You will need to use the two side entrance doors near the altar.

 October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary in the Catholic Church. We spend this month honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary through daily prayer of the rosary while meditating on the life, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The rosary is a spiritual weapon and a powerful tool for growth in intimacy with Jesus and fulfilling God's will. What better way to honor our Mother this month than to visit her Son in our chapel. He is available to us every hour of every day. He is waiting!

Ideas to consider this month:
-Change your phone wallpaper to an image of the rosary to remind you of its beauty and to pray it daily.
-Aim to pray the rosary every day of October.
-Pray the rosary for someone elses’ intentions.
-While praying the rosary, meditate on the fruit of each mystery, asking for that fruit as it relates to your intention.
-Learn more about approved Marian apparitions.
-Buy a friend a rosary, sharing with them why you love to pray it, and spread the devotion.

"Cling to the Rosary as the creeper clings to the tree — for without Our Lady we cannot stand. The family that prays together, stays together, and if you want peace in your heart and your home, pray the Rosary every day. Our Lady has never refused me anything I have asked through the Rosary. She is our tender Mother, eager to grant all we need if only we will come to her with trust and love."
~St. Teresa of Calcutta

If you currently have a designated Adoration hour on the We Adore Him website and have not been going for three 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.

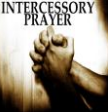
 Classes for Sunday Morning Adult Study are held after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020 or Anne McClellan at 228-327-4040. All are invited to attend.
October 18: CCC...The Creed Part 1
October 25: CCC...The Creed Part 2

 The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus are raffling a Luxury Couples Getaway. Three prizes will be awarded:
* Beau Rivage spa day, dinner, and a room with a view
* Beau Rivage his-and-hers spa day
* The President Buffet dinner for four
The drawing will be held Sunday, November 8, 2026, during the Peter Anderson Festival. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20 and are available by contacting Chuck Nannery at 228-875-0267.

 Serving at the altar is an honor and an important service to our parish. Youth who have received First Communion are eligible to serve. Hands on training for new and returning servers will be held in the Church from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. with specific training on certain parts of the Mass. Please call the office at 228-875-5419 to register for each specific training session.
Monday, November 9: Holy Communion and Purification of Vessels
2027 TBD: Benediction After Mass and Clearing of Vessels

 PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Our Lady is asking you individually or with your family or ministry to pray the Rosary together for peace, healing, hope, conversion, penance and prayer.
A sign-up sheet is in the front of the Church. You will be notified when it is your turn to take the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima home for one week. The statue will be transferred to you 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.

 Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bobby Herron Sr., father of parishioner Bobby (Cyndi) Herron II, who died on October 11th.
We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

 **EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER**
Please join us on Monday, October 19th, at 6:30 p.m. with Fr. Mike Snyder for a night of Healing, the Holy Face of Jesus, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers of Deliverance, Sacrament of Reconciliation and the prayers of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
Throughout life we all acquire wounds; whether they be physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual. They need to be healed and brought into the light of Christ. A large portion of Jesus' earthly ministry was a healing ministry; as well as to teach the Apostles: "Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness" (Matthew 10:1). That healing did not stop once Jesus ascended into heaven. Through the Sacraments and prayer, Jesus continues to give us the avenue to receive healing from Him.

PLEASE JOIN US, ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday Night Faith Formation
Next Class will be held on **October 28th**
Dinner begins at **6:00 p.m.** followed by the individual Group Classes at **6:30 p.m.**

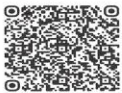
Edge for 6-8 Grades
Contact Roxanne at 228-235-8923
Life Teen for 9 & 10 Grades
Contact Christy at 228-219-6189
Confirmation Class: October 21st at 6:30 p.m.
Contact Kelley at 228-424-6234
OCIA
Contact Jammie at 228-806-2641
Adult Bible Study – Bible Timeline
Contact Beth at 228-324-4188
Adult Bible Study - Walk Through the Mass
Contact Lisa at 228-382-4996

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 6-7:30	OPEN TO ALL ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL & PARISH FAMILIES	ST. ALPHONSUS PARKING LOT

NO SCARY COSTUMES OR TRUNKS, PLEASE!
ALL COSTUMES SHOULD ADHERE TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES.

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Sunday Collection.....\$11,312.35
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