

Nativity B.V.M. December 5, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Prepare the Way
of the Lord**

MAKE STRAIGHT A PATH UNTO THE LORD

Today we hear that John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. While repentance is a sobering act of admission of guilt, being forgiven of sin is a hope-filled relief that lifts the soul. Let us seek to prepare a straight path unto the Lord by pondering the lofty mountains we may have in our lives that need to be made low; and the age-old depths and gorges in our own character or soul that must be filled to level ground.



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Linden Brashier, Ansley Jones, Ann Marie Andrews, Fr. Beau Roberts, Sondra Fox, Tommy Ardoline, Robert McClellan, Brandon Brashier, Dr. David and Aimee Dugger, Julie Martel, Matthew Martel, Larry Kostmayer, Ansley Gilich, Adonna Creel Currie, Jackie Clark, Ivan Kovacevich, Rocky Long, Peter Skrmetta, Kay Semski, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Lehwmon Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Mickey Bradley, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr. and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

RCIA

This week the RCIA class will be learning about Mariology with Mike Bruffey. Please continue to pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors as they are on this journey of faith together learning and experiencing the teachings and traditions of our Catholic faith. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

For us to include your name and the names of your loved ones in our Christmas bulletin, please put your "Christmas Flower" envelopes in the collection with your loved ones names on them. We appreciate your contribution toward the flowers for the Cathedral at Christmas.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Please join us at Nativity for Youth Group on Sunday nights from 4-5:15! We will have fun, fellowship, and food! Please contact Lindsey Martin (228-861-8912) with any questions or for more information. We hope to see you there!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 06	Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26
Tue	Dec 07	Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14, Eph 3:8-12, Jn 10:11-16
Wed	Dec 08	Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38
Thu	Dec 09	Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15
Fri	Dec 10	Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19
Sat	Dec 11	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun	Dec 12	Zep 3:14-18a, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:10-18



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	8,447.00
Maintenance	\$	2,341.00
Capital Improvement	\$	497.00
Nativity Elementary	\$	5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	582.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	11,872.00

Thank you for your generous contribution!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tues. Dec 07	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m. RCIA, SHC, 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec 08	Cleaning TEAM C Rectory Closed CCD Class, 5:30 p.m., SHC

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE:

4:00 PM	CHILDREN'S MASS IN CATHEDRAL
4:00 PM	SIMULTANEOUS MASS IN THE SHC
7:00 PM	VIGIL MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL
11:00 PM	MIDNIGHT MASS WITH A 10:30 PM CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM	CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS
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NEW YEAR'S EVE:

6:00 PM	IN THE CATHEDRAL
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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on
December 18, 2021 at 3:00 pm**

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration December 18th at 3pm in the Cathedral. Eucharistic Adoration is an act of thanksgiving and worship to Jesus Christ, Lord and Saviour, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. We hope you will join us.

EAST BILOXI LIFE TEEN WAFFLE HOUSE PIE SALE

Let's help our youth (grades 8-12) get to Diocesan Encounters by placing orders for pies. You have a choice of Chocolate, Pecan or Apple. Pies are \$10.00 each. Place your order with a youth. The deadline to order and pay is December 12th. The pies will arrive frozen on December 15th. Just in time for all of your holiday celebrations!

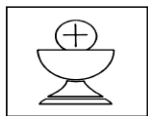


Our Cathedral is equipped with the hearing loop system which enables those of us with hearing deficiencies to hear the Mass clearly. Access this loop by turning your T-cell hearing aids to the T-cell mode or pick up a receiver in the rear of the Church from the ushers.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
Dec 11 4:00 pm Deacon Johnny	Dec 07 6:00 pm Randi Pope	Dec 11 4:00 pm Madison Price Iris Ellis
Dec 12 7:00 am Deacon Johnny	Dec 08 Noon Corri Gulino	Dec 12 7:00 am Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart
9:00 am Sharon Tash	6:00 pm Bill Lawson	9:00 am Sophia Carreon Banks Ellis Riggs Williams
11:00 am Deacon Johnny	Dec 11 4:00 pm Kristi Pope	
5:30 pm Deacon Johnny	Dec 12 7:00 am Jim Shugart	11:00 am Aleigh Gruich Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich
	9:00 am Steve Theobald	
	11:00 am Sarah Barhonovich	5:30 pm Dylan Mitchell Rhett Pitalo
	5:30 pm Laura Johnson	
	CANTORS	
	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
	Dec 08 6:00 pm Dennis Burke & Cathedral Choir	
	Dec 11 4:00 pm Elizabeth Cobb	
	Dec 12 9:00 am Sabree Puzz Cathedral Choir	
	11:00 am Phil Frisby	

“ADVENT JESSE TREE”: This Sunday, - December 5th - the Second Sunday of Advent - our Cathedral will reflect upon the lineage and prophecies of Jesus Our Lord. We continue our journey of remembrance of those aspects of Jesus’ family tree from the Old Testament. Today, our NES staff and students will share symbols of “The Story of Noah” and will adorn the Jesse Tree with artwork ornaments representing aspects of this story that were made/created in Mrs. Kim Everet’s Art Classes. Our Advent Theme of the day is “Peace”. They will also share the Prayers of the People for the day. Walk with us in this very special new feature of our Cathedral’s Advent reflections.

COMMUNION VISITATION



Jesus says of you and me, “You are the salt of the earth”. No one should be deprived of the Most Holy Eucharist because they are homebound, elderly, have no means of getting to Mass and/or sick in their home.

Sister Jackie Tarrant, RSM will gladly bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Together we can be “salt of the earth”. Sister can be reached at the rectory at 228-374-1717.

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday December 7, 2021. The following families are scheduled for December 7, 2021: Seymour (Amanda), Simnicht (Ron & Dusti), Smith (Scot & Alexandra), Snyder (Tommy & Alexandra), Byers (Rob & Jen), Carreon (Jose & Rocio) and Davis (Andy & Jennifer). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

6:30 AM

8:00 AM

Mon Dec 06	Collins/Sims Fly.	Chester Balias
Tue Dec 07	Joseph Koonce	Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
	6:00 PM	Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
Wed Dec 08	Rose Collins	Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
	NOON	Jean Kridle
	6:00 PM	Sr. Carolyn Oberkerch
Thur Dec 09	Bob & Penny Rogalin	Rose Collins
Fri Dec 10	Joseph Koonce	Herbert & Bertha McDonnell
Sat Dec 11	8 Roy Ebberman	4 John Pemmell
Sun Dec 12	7 Josh Bozeman	9 FTP
	11:00	Collins/Sims Fly
	5:30	Chester Balias

FROM THE MUSIC & FINE ARTS MINISTRY:

Saturday, December 4 th - 4 pm & Sunday, December 11th – 11 am Masses – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Opening Hymn:	“On Jordan’s Bank ”	# 40
Offertory:	“Comfort, Comfort, O My People”	# 59
Communion:	“There Is a Longing”	# 405
Recessional:	“The King of Glory”	# 728

CANTORS: Saturday – 4 p.m. KC Arnold + Cathedral Choir
Sunday – 9 a.m. NES Children’s Mass 11 a.m. Phil Frisby

“NATIVITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL” UPCOMING MASSES:

We welcome the NES Children & Children’s Choir to our 9 am Mass this weekend. This Mass will also feature an enactment of “The Annunciation Story” by the School’s “Arts Alive” Thespian Troupe under the direction of Ms. Wanda Sullivan & Mrs. Kelly Pennell. The Mass will be by Mrs. Zina Puzs’s 4th grade class this Sunday and the Second Sunday of our Advent Tree Project will be shared remembering Noah and the Ark. Cantors for this Mass will be Lexi Lyons & Ava Grace Simnicht. The next NES School Mass Celebration will be for the observance of the Immaculate Conception and will be held on Wednesday, December 8th at 9 am. Victoria Barhonovich & Lila Grace Watts will serve as our cantors.

Nativity Cathedral & Elementary School’s Concert

Season Events: The following listed events are the next in a series of special holiday offerings by the Music & Fine Arts Ministries of the Cathedral and our Elementary School:

Thursday, December 9th – 10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. – Nativity Elementary offers their annual Children’s Choir Christmas Concert in the School’s gymnasium.

Thursday, December 16th – 5:30 p.m. – Nativity Elementary offers their annual All School – 6th Grade Christmas Pageant Musical.

Sunday, December 19th – 4:00 p.m. – A new offering by the Cathedral’s Music Ministry Program – A Christmas Concert: “Where Are You Christmas?” will be presented by our own “Gloria In Excelsis” Community Choir and the “Mobile Vocal Arts” Community Choir.

I GIVE CATHOLIC: Many, many “Thanks” to all who contributed to our “I Give Catholic” Campaign to benefit the Music & Fine Arts Ministries of both the School & the Cathedral!