

**Nativity B.V.M. December 19, 2021**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES ARE CALLED TO SHARE IN JOY**

The interaction between Mary and Elizabeth can teach us about Christian community. The women share in the joy of being a part of God's plan. Likewise, Christians can draw together to celebrate with one another, as well as to support one another.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

The Nativity Cathedral Advent Penance Service will take place on Tuesday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m. We will have several priests available to hear confessions. Take this opportunity during the holy season of Advent to prepare for the coming Christmas festivities.



**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 Semske, 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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 20</b>	Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a, Lk 1:39-45
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec 22</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28, 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8b, Lk 1:46-56
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Dec 23</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec 24</b>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79 Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Dec 25</b>	Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 26</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28, 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24, Lk 2:41-52



**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	14,671.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	725.00
Maintenance	\$	547.00
Capital Improvement	\$	366.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	215.00
Miscellaneous	\$	500.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,023.00</b>

**Thank you for your generous contribution!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Tues. Dec 21</b>	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. RCIA, SHC, 6:00 p.m. Penance Service 6:00 p.m.
<b>Wed. Dec 22</b>	<b>Cleaning TEAM A</b> CCD Class, 5:30 p.m., SHC

**Nativity Cathedral rectory will be closed Wednesday, December 22nd through December 26th. We will also be closed on Friday, December 31st.**



**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 (THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES)
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**NEW YEAR'S DAY (JANUARY 1, 2022)**

**THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

10:00 AM	IN THE CATHEDRAL (NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) (THERE WILL NO 8:00 AM MASS)
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Christmas Eve -Cathedral</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> John Sherman	<b>Christmas Eve -Cathedral</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> Sarah Barhonovich	<b>Christmas Eve - Cathedral</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> McKinzy Lawson
<b>Christmas Eve – SHC</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> Nancy Powell	<b>Christmas Eve – SHC</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> Joe Powell	Riggs Williams Aleigh Gruich Bridie Watts
<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Sandy Steckler	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Maggy Landry	<b>Christmas Eve – SHC</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> Alex & Wyeth Stewart
<b>Midnight Mass</b> <b>11:00 pm</b> Seminarians	<b>Midnight Mass</b> <b>11:00 pm</b> Jim Shugart	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Tarrant Family
<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Sharon Tash	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Liz Wilkinson	<b>11:00 pm</b> Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich
<b>December 26</b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus</b> <b>7:00 am</b> Linda Stewart	<b>December 26</b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus</b> <b>7:00 am</b> Marcia Mayfield	<b>Christmas Day 10:00 am</b> <b>TBD</b>
<b>9:00 am</b> Judy Trahan	<b>9:00 am</b> Al Simons, Sr.	<b>December 26</b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus</b> <b>7:00 am</b> Wyeth & Alex Stewart
<b>11:00 am</b> Deacon Johnny	<b>11:00 am</b> Peter Abide	<b>9:00 am</b> Sophia Carreon
<b>5:30 pm</b> Teresa Ballinger	<b>5:30 pm</b> Randi Pope	Olivia Codella Riggs Williams
	<b>CANTORS</b>	Tarrant Family
	<b>Dec 24</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> Cathedral	<b>11:00 am</b> Madison Price
	<b>NES Children's Choir</b> <b>Dec 24</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> SHC	<b>5:30 pm</b>
	John Welter	
	Sabree Puz	
	<b>11:00 pm</b> Phil Frisby Cathedral Choir	
	Christmas Day 10:00 am Terry Maddox	
	<b>December 26</b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Chantel Pilet	
	<b>11:00 am</b> John Welter Cathedral Choir	

**6:30 AM**

**8:00 AM**

<b>Mon Dec 20</b>	Collins-Sims Fly.	Norine & Jacinto Baltar
<b>Tue Dec 21</b>	Benjamin Baucan	Neil Broussard
<b>Wed Dec 22</b>	Bob & Penny Rogalin	Charles Merlin Hosey
<b>Thur Dec 23</b>	Roy Ebberman	Paul H. Boudreaux, Sr.
<b>Fri Dec 24</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> Deceased Ardoline/Sherman Family	
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Gaspar/Mary Pisarich	
	<b>11:00 pm</b> Josh Bozeman	
<b>Sat Dec 25</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> Hank Rogers	
<b>Sun Dec 26</b>	<b>7</b> Velma Baker	<b>9</b> FTP
	<b>11:00</b> Amelia Barhonovich	<b>5:30</b> Michael Severson

### **THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

Our Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week from Dennis and Nanette Burke, in thanksgiving to God for fifty years of marriage.

### **FROM THE MUSIC & FINE ARTS MINISTRY:**

**Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - 4 pm & Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – 11 am Masses –THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**

Opening Hymn:	“Savior of the Nations Come”	# 53
Offertory:	“Hail Mary: Gentle Woman”	# 704
Communion:	“The Cry of the Poor”	# 623
Recessional:	“The Advent of Our King”	# 58

<b><u>CANTORS:</u></b>	Saturday –	4 p.m.	KC Arnold
	Sunday –	9 a.m.	Elizabeth Cobb
		11 a.m.	Chantel Pilet
			Cathedral Choir

### **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:

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 p.m.** – Children's Choir Pre-Service to 4 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Mass in the Cathedral.

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 p.m.** – Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass Preservice with the Cathedral Choir, Violinist & Harpist.

### **“ADVENT JESSE TREE”:**

This Sunday, - December 19<sup>th</sup> - the Fourth Sunday of Advent - our Cathedral will reflect upon the lineage and prophecies of Jesus Our Lord by remembering Jonah, his refusal to journey to Nineveh and his reflective period in the belly of a whale. All this because Jonah knew that God in his great compassion and “Love” would forgive the people of Nineveh. This Sunday is the Sunday reflective of “Love” in our Advent journey. Today, members of Nativity Elementary's Cantor Academy will adorn the Jesse Tree with whale ornaments remembering Jonah's experience. They will also share the Prayers of the People for the Mass.

This weekend concludes our Advent Jesse Tree Offering in which we have ornament symbols on our tree reflective of Adam & Eve and the Creation Story, Noah and the Great Flood, King David and finally Jonah and the whale. This austere tree adorned with Christian ornament symbols will now give way to the evergreen trees and white lights of Christmas representing Jesus' arrival and everlasting life.

### **WITH “THANKS!”:**

Many, many “Thanks” to all who contributed to the funding needs for our guest musicians for our Christmas Eve Services. We pray God's rich blessings upon you this holiday season! We appreciate you!

### **RCIA**

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens, Candidates and their Sponsors during this Christmas Season. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

### **BINGO MANIA**

**We will not have Bingo Mania on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> or Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Doors will reopen at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday January 4, 2022.**

The following families are scheduled for January 4, 2022: Stevenson (Mark & Chere), Stoddard (Bryan & Kerry), Strayham (Nicolas & Tracie), Sullivan (John & Valerie), Talley (Bart & NiCole), Tenoria (James & Shelia) and Thames (Jeremy & Andrea). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**