

# Nativity B.V.M. MARCH 6, 2022

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



### **FAITHFULNESS TO GOD IS REWARDED WITH GRACE AND STRENGTH**

The Church has begun the spiritual journey of this holy season of Lent. With Christ, we enter the desert – to confront the Evil One and resist his false and empty promises. Once again, we seek the abundant mercy and power of God.



### **PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Ginny Kirkland, Michael J. Kessler, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., 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, Lehmon Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Mickey Bradley, , Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr. and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

### **CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL**

This weekend is the start of the 2022 Catholic Sharing Appeal with the theme of "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust" Bishop Kihneman invites each of us to help through our prayerful and financial support of this year's appeal. Father will read a letter from the Bishop during the homily and invite us to join him in supporting our parish and our diocese through this annual appeal. It is our goal to reach 100% participation for our parish. Thank you!

### **Nativity BVM Catholic School**

Registration for the 22-23 school year has begun. Currently, there are openings in all grades, PK2-6th. PK3 and Kindergarten have very limited space. Call today to set up a private tour with Mrs. Kessler, the principal, and see what sets our school apart. 228-432-2269. The link to apply for admission can be found on the website: [nativitybvm.org](http://nativitybvm.org). Choose Christ. Choose Love. Choose Nativity.

### **ULTREYA**

Nativity BVM will be hosting the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi's Ultreya on **Thursday, March 10, at 7pm** at St. Michael Church in Biloxi. All Cursillistas and their guests are welcomed to attend. The Lay Speaker will be Mrs. Belinda Corley and the Spiritual Speaker will be Deacon Johnny Williams both of Nativity Parish. Snacks and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Dale Dorcik at 228-365-4057.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mar 07</b>	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Mar 08</b>	Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar 09</b>	Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Mar 10</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Mt 7:7-12
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Mar 11</b>	Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar 12</b>	Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 13</b>	Gn 15:5-12, 17-28, Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1, Lk 9:28b-36



### **YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	8,426.00
Maintenance	\$	1,231.00
Capital Improvement	\$	506.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	5.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,143.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,311.00</b>

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Tues. Mar 08</b>	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. RCIA, SHC, 6:00 p.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 pm
<b>Wed. Mar 09</b>	<b>Cleaning TEAM D</b> CCD Class, 5:30 p.m., SHC
<b>Fri. Mar 11</b>	Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.

### **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR – MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Cathedral of the Nativity BVM is planning a St. Joseph's Altar on Friday, March 18, 2022, in the Sacred Heart Center (Behind the Cathedral). We would like to invite all members of all parishes around the area and also all visitors in tow to view the altar from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. Donations are appreciated. Mark your calendar and join us!

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross are observed every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church. Come and walk with Jesus on his way to the cross in Lent.

### **RCIA**

This weekend the RCIA Candidates are celebrating their Rite of Sending Forth. This is an important step towards their Sacraments of Initiation and full participation in the Catholic faith community at the Easter Vigil. Please remember that we are called to accept them into our Community of Faith and we are to pray for each of them as they continue their faith journey. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

### **BINGO MANIA**

**Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 8, 2022. The following families are scheduled for March 8, 2022:** Killen (Deedy & Gene), Lamey (Kevin & Dana), Langford (Ryan & Hayley), Lyons (Patrick & Kimberly), Mabary (Kendra), Mathers (Jeffrey & Christian) and Mattina (Anthony & Candy). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Mar 12 4:00 pm</b> Deacon Johnny  <b>Mar 13 7:00 am</b> Deacon Johnny  <b>9:00 am</b> Melissa Stanfield  <b>11:00 am</b> Deacon Johnny  <b>5:30 pm</b>   Deacon Johnny	<b>Mar 12 4:00 pm</b> Janey Mattina  <b>Mar 13 7:00 am</b> David Gentile  <b>9:00 am</b> Steve Theobald  <b>11:00 am</b> Ava Stoddard  <b>5:30 pm</b> Laura Johnson  <b>CANTORS</b>  <b>Mar 12 4:00 pm</b> Dennis Burke CATHEDRAL CHOIR  <b>Mar 13 9:00 am</b> Phil Frisby  <b>11:00 am</b> Jordan Lancon	<b>Mar 12 4:00 pm</b> Julia Landry  <b>Mar 13 7:00 am</b> B. C. Stoddard  <b>9:00 am</b> Sam Burke Banks Ellis  <b>11:00 am</b> Tarrant Family  <b>5:30 pm</b> Dylan Mitchell



the ushers.

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 Diocese of Biloxi Youth Convention (DBYC) is coming up.**

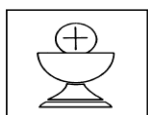
Middle School night is Friday March 11 5:30 -9:00  
High School will be Saturday March 12 AND Sunday March 13. It will be held at St. Vincent de Paul School in Long Beach. **ALL YOUTH** are invited to attend this fun and Holy Spirit filled event! You do not have to be current member of the youth group or attend a particular school. Any and all youth grades 6-12 are invited!

We are asking our parish to pray for the youth of our diocese during this event to have a closer encounter to Jesus Christ, and grow closer to our Catholic community!

### **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!

### **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.

**6:30 AM**

**8:00 AM**

<b>Mon Mar 07</b>	Bishop Roger Morin	George Plauche
<b>Tue Mar 08</b>	Gwen Gollotte	Steve Shugart
<b>Wed Mar 09</b>	Bob & Penny Rogalin	Collins-Sims Family
<b>Thu Mar 10</b>	Gwen Gollotte	Roy Ebberman, Jr.
<b>Fri Mar 11</b>	Chester Balus Family	Herbert & Bertha McDonnell
<b>Sat Mar 12</b>	Josh Bozeman	4 Roy Ebberman, Jr.
<b>Sun Mar 13</b>	7 Betty Lou Callegari	9 FTP
	11:00 Two Brothers (S.I.)	5:30 Tucei Family

### **From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:**

### **Hymns/Sacred Songs for the 9 am Mass – Sunday, March 6th:**

Opening Hymn: "Forty Days and Forty Nights" # 123  
Offertory Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling" # 682  
Communion Song: "On Eagle's Wings" # 437  
Recessional Song: "Companions on the Journey" # 591

### **Saturday – 4 p.m. Mass – NO Music**

**Cantor for 9 am Mass** – John Welter with the Cathedral Choir  
**Sunday – 11 am Mass** – NBVMCS Children & Children's Choir

**Nativity BVM Catholic School's Events:** The following are the upcoming Elementary School Masses:

**Sunday, March 6 TH – 11:00 a.m.** – Today we welcome NBVMCS's Children & Choir who will celebrate Mass with Bishop Kihneman. The Mass Celebration will be offered by Mrs. Lyon's 5 th Grade Class.

**Thursday, March 10th – 9 am** – Lenten Mass I School Mass at NBVMCS offered by Mrs. Lyon's Fifth Grade Class. The Cantors for the Mass will be Ryleigh McNeil & Lila Grace Watts.

**NEW MASS SETTING:** The Mass parts/music for Father Ricky Manalo's Mass of Spirit and Grace that we are using can be found in your Breaking Bread starting at #923 and runs consecutively through #932.

**CATHEDRAL CHOIR:** The Cathedral Choir will sing for the Saturday, March 12th 4 pm Mass. The Cathedral Choir welcomes interested/new singers at in point in time. Rehearsals are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings on the stage of the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

**"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS":** The Cathedral's Community Choral Society welcomes new members at any time. They rehearsal on Tuesdays on the stage of the Academy of Sacred Heart. GIE is preparing the "Service of the Music of Holy Week". For more information, contact Terry D. Maddox, M.M. – Minister of Music/Dir. of Fine Arts.

### **LITURGY & MUSIC & FINE ARTS COMMITTEE**

**MEETING:** The next L &M/FA Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m.

**LENT:** As we enter into the Season of Lent – the Cathedral Family is reminded that we do not sing the "Gloria" nor do we sing "Alleluia!" for the Gospel Acclamation. Please watch for other special services/events in the bulletin.