

Nativity B.V.M. NOVEMBER 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



AS WE ENTER INTO ADVENT, WE WATCH FOR AND EAGERLY AWAIT THE DAWN THAT BREAKS OVER THE HORIZON

The promise of Advent is the promise of a candle in a dark room – of the dawn breaking over the horizon. It is the promise that the darkness cannot stand in the presence of the light. In this holy season, we must be watchers, searing for Christ's light, eagerly awaiting the dawn. Are we awake? Are we prepared?



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sienna Anderson, Mary Parker, Allen Tye, Sr. Jackie Tarrant, Amy Elizabeth Wheeler, Keaton Morano, Lynn Frisby, Charlie Arguelles, Helen Languirand, Robert Moniot, Susan Gary Sigurnjak, Lee Slater, Paul Vitale, Steve Lyons, Michael J. Kessler, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Sondra Fox, Tommy Ardoline, Robert McClellan, Ansley Gilich, Adonna Creel Currie, Jackie Clark, Ivan Kovacevich, Peter Skrmetta, Kay Semski, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Buck O'Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Lehmon Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Mickey Bradley, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr. and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

RCIA

This week the RCIA class will be learning about the Life in Christ with Deacon Johnny Williams. 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.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Nov 28	Is 4:2-6, Mt 8:5-11
Tue	Nov 29	Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24
Wed	Nov 30	Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22
Thu	Dec 01	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21-24-27
Fri	Dec 02	Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31
Sat	Dec 03	Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun	Dec 04	Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	7,885.00
Maintenance	\$	1,483.66
Capital Improvement	\$	126.00
Nativity Elem	\$	105.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	954.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,097.00

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 11,650.66

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon.	Nov 28	Adoration, Chapel at 7:00 -7:55 a.m. Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
Tues.	Nov 29	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m. RCIA, 6:00 p.m., SHC
Wed.	Nov 30	Cleaning TEAM B CCD 5:30 p.m.
Thur.	Dec 01	Hour of Grace, 6:00 pm

HOOR OF GRACE

Hour of Grace is a time of encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ present to us in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar; an opportunity to lift our voices and hearts to Christ in worship as He pours His graces upon us. This Hour of Grace will be on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Come and be renewed by the Lord!



HEAR MASS WITH CLARITY

Do you have trouble hearing or distinctly understanding Mass? If so, we have a treat for you. Our Cathedral parish has the hearing loop system for use by all persons who wear hearing aids, have cochlear implants or are hard of hearing. Pick up a receiver in the back of the church from an usher and be surprised at how clearly you can hear.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVdP provides assistance each Tuesday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. For those wishing to make regular contributions, envelopes are located in the vestibule. We also value your one time gift! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Dec 03 4:00 pm Kathleen Coskey	Dec 03 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey	
Dec 04 7:00 am Nancy Powell	Dec 04 7:00 am David Gentile	Dec 03 4:00 pm Iris Ellis McKinzy Lawson
9:00 am Judy Trahan	9:00 am Nativity Elem.	Dec 04 7:00 am BC Stoddard
11:00 am Sandy Steckler	11:00 am Don Marie	9:00 am Harper Corley Banks Ellis
5:30 pm Teresa Ballinger	5:30 pm Ava Stoddard	11:00 am Sofia Carreon Blake Walli Kendall Walli
	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	5:30 pm Bentley Puzz
	Dec 07 6:00 pm Mike Gulino	
	Dec 08 Noon Corri Gulino	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
	6:00 pm Maggie Landry	Dec 07 6:00 pm Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart
	CANTORS	
	Dec 03 4:00 pm KC Arnold	Dec 08 6:00 pm Julia Landry
	CATHEDRAL CHOIR	
	Dec 04 9:00 am Nativity Elem	
	CHILDREN CHOIR	
	11:00 am Jordan Lancon	
	5:30 pm Sabree Puzz	
	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
	Dec 08 Noon Dennis Burke	
	6:00 pm Michael Kessler	

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in honor of Josh Bozeman on the occasion of his birthday! With love from his parents, Mike and Pam Bozeman.

WELCOME ADVENT: The Season of watching and preparedness begins this weekend and features songs of expectation and wonderment – often in minor keys. We enter the new Church Liturgical Year A and our Memorial Acclamation we change to “We Proclaim Your Death.” Our Jesse Tree will return as our link to the heritage of the lineage of Jesus from the Old Testament – once again led by our children & youth. Many special programs are offered this month by both our Cathedral and our School. We encourage you to avail yourself to all the “specialness” of the season and expect God’s rich blessings!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

The Nativity Cathedral Advent Penance Service will take place on Tuesday, December 20th 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.

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday November 29, 2022. The following families are scheduled for November 29, 2022: Chereskin (Alan & Jamie), Cloud (Brandon & Emily), Codella (Armondo & Renae), Codella (Rachel), Collins (Shelly Ann), Conway (Joshua & Victoria) and Cook (Clifford & Shannon). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

QUESTIONS: Should you have inquiries/questions regarding any of the program offerings of the Music & Fine Arts Ministry – please speak or contact Terry D. Maddox, M.M. – Minister of Music ~ Director of Fine Arts at either 251-406-1454 or terrydalemaddox@gmail.com.

6:30 AM

8:00 AM

Mon Nov 28	Earl Hammond	William Collins
Tue Nov 29	Josh Bozeman	Linden Brashier
Wed Nov 30	Sr. Mary Jo Mike	Collins-Sim Family
Thu Dec 01	Earl Hammond	Jean Kridle
Fri Dec 02	Earl Hammond	Gaspar & Mary Pisarich
Sat Dec 03	Earl Hammond	Roy Ebberman, Jr.
Sun Dec 04	7 Joseph Powell	9 FTP
11:00	Linden Brashier	5:30 Dec. Rene Moinot/ Marion Moniot

Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, November 26th: - 4 pm

Mass & Sunday, November 27 th: - 9 & 11 am –& 5:30 pm

Masses – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

Opening Hymn: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” # 42
5:30 pm “To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul” # 407
 Offertory Hymn: “Creator of the Stars of Night” # 68
5:30 pm “Come, Emmanuel” # 62
 Communion Song: “Beyond the Moon and Stars” # 219
5:30 pm “Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)”
 Sabree Puzz - Solo #390
 Recessional Song: “City of God”

Cantors: Saturday 4 pm Elizabeth Cobb
 Sunday 9 am Mike Kessler + Cathedral Choir
 11 am Phil Frisby
 5:30 pm Sabree Puzz

CCD PROGRAM: This weekend’s 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass will feature our Cathedral’s CCD program – administered by Mrs. Lauren Ellis. The members of the program will share the First Sunday of Advent’s first presentation of this year’s “Jesse Tree Project” and participate in leading us for our worship experience. We warmly welcome and thank them for their gifts and sharing!

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARYSCHOOL: Our next Nativity BVM Elementary “Mass at the Cathedral” service is our annual “Advent” celebration. This Mass will be offered by Mrs. Lyon’s Fifth Grade Class at 9 am Mass and will feature the Children’s Choir and a very special “Arts Alive” Advent Drama presentation along with our Jesse Tree Project.

The Nativity BVM Children’s Choir will participate in two holiday Civic events this season. The first will be the “Lighting of the Light House” to begin the holiday season officially in Biloxi. This program will be held on Thursday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. and will be televised by the local news outlets of the city.

The second program will be the Saturday morning, December 3rd -“Christmas in Biloxi” program shared in the park. Our presentation will be given at 10 am that day and we hope to have our School’s “Cheering Squad” led by Mrs. Traci Strayham involved as well. This program has also been noted by the local news outlets in times past.

WELCOME –GULF COAST “MESSIAH CHORUS”: Our second special program of the Cathedral’s “Advent/Christmas Concert Series – 2022” will be offered by the Gulf Coast “Messiah Chorus” in our Cathedral on Friday evening, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Nativity BVM Cathedral continues our long tradition of welcoming the Gulf Coast “Messiah Chorus” in their annual holiday program that begins their Concert Series. The program is free and open to the public and will also feature a “Pre-Service” music program by the new St. Patrick Catholic High School Choir under the direction of Mr. Joseph Rivera at 6:45 p.m. Our very own Youth Choir and Cantor member – Sabree Puzz is a member of this Choir.

“REFLECTIONS ON ADVENT” – A CONCERT/SERVICE: This annual program is offered by the combined members of the Mobile Vocal Arts Chorale Society of Mobile, Alabama and our cathedral’s Community Choral Society – “Gloria In Excelsis”. This program is a deeply meaningful scripture and music reflection of this year’s journey through the season of Advent that leads us to the stable of Christmas. Come share in this meaningful expression of the season. This program is free and open to the public.