

**Nativity B.V.M. APRIL 16, 2023**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Apr 17</b>	Acts 4:23-31, Jn 3:1-8
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>	Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Apr 20</b>	Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Apr 23</b>	Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21

**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	15,435.00
Maintenance	\$	1,473.00
Capital Improvement	\$	135.00
Easter Flowers	\$	231.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	497.00
Music Ministry	\$	50.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,588.00

**TOTAL COLLECTION** **\$ 19,409.00**

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Apr 17</b>	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel at 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m. <b>RCIA, 6:00 p.m., SHC</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Cleaning TEAM D</b> CCD 5:30 p.m.
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>Adoration, 6:00 p.m.</b>

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

This Sunday, April 16, 2023, The Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, at 3:00 p.m., the Cathedral. Come let us encounter the Mercy of God.

**THIS SUNDAY!!!Breakfast in the Sacred Heart Center**

Nativity's Eucharistic Revival Team would like to treat you to breakfast! Come have doughnuts, coffee, and juice this Sunday in the Sacred Heart Center following all morning Masses and.... Ask questions about the revival - Sign-up for small group prayer and study on the Eucharist. Win a **DOOR PRIZE** - Kids, color a picture - Enjoy some fellowship! Please come and spend some time with your church family and the Eucharistic Revival Team.

**Save the Date!!!** Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral will hold our Vacation Bible School June 26 - 30, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon daily. The participant ages: Rising 1st graders - Rising 6th graders (just completed Kindergarten - 5th grade). Cost \$30 per child. Volunteers needed!!!! Rising 7th graders through Adults are welcome to join us and volunteer for 1 day, or all 5 days!

**Teen A.C.T.S. Retreat (Adoration-Community-Theology-Service)** will be held June 22-25, 2023, at Paul B. Johnson State Park. This is a GREAT retreat for high school students (rising 9th graders - graduating high school seniors). Please reach out to retreat team members from our parish if you have questions: Kristy Arguelles (228-324-9934), Jacob Arguelles, Terrence McDonald, Brett Mitchell, Michele Mitchell.

**THE LORD INVITES US TO TOUCH HIS WOUNDS AND ENCOUNTER THE FONT OF ALL MERCY**

Jesus gives Thomas a great gift when he invites Thomas to touch his wounds. In his wounds, Christ displays his response of mercy to our sinfulness. When we doubt, we can ask the Lord for the grace to touch his wounds through prayer and to receive his mercy for us.



**PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Marianne Sherman, Aimee & Dr. David Dugger, Slade Lochner, Robert Cade, Anthony Porpiglia, Tom Peresich, Colton Vollmuth, Eileen Donovan, Joy Tucei, Josh Sniffen, Trent Hartzog, Dan Scott, Derrel Netter, Sienna Anderson, Mary Parker, Susan Gary Sigurnjak, Sr. Jackie Tarrant, Amy Elizabeth Wheeler, Keaton Morano, Charlie Arguelles, Robert Moniot, Lee Slater, Paul Vitale, Steve Lyons, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Sondra Fox, Tommy Ardoline, Ansley Gilich, Adonna Creel Currie, Jackie Clark, Ivan Kovacevich, Peter Skrmetta, Kay Semske, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Buck O'Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Lehwmon Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellias Dominick, Mickey Bradley, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr. and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

**MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS**

Beginning next weekend, we will have Mother's Day Mass cards available in the back of the Cathedral. We will also have them available in the office. Please write the name of the mother being honored on the large envelope and place your donation inside. Keep the card and smaller envelope to send to the person for whom the Mass is being celebrated. If you are honoring a deceased mother, please use the "In Memory of a Mother" envelope. \*\*\*Please return the large envelope with the names so the Mass intentions may be kept on the altar during the month of May.\*\*\*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Apr 22 4:00 pm</b> Jim Shugart	<b>Apr 22 4:00 pm</b> Janey Mattina	<b>Apr 22 4:00 pm</b> Iris Ellis
<b>Apr 23 7:00 am</b> Susie Davis	<b>Apr 23 7:00 am</b> David Gentile	<b>Apr 23 7:00 am</b> Tristan Davis
<b>9:00 am</b> Belinda Corley	<b>9:00 am</b> Nativity Elem.	<b>9:00 am</b> Kingston Davis
<b>11:00 am</b> Sarah Barhonovich	<b>11:00 am</b> Sarah Barhonovich	<b>9:00 am</b> Banks Ellis
<b>5:30 pm</b> Teresa Ballinger	<b>5:30 pm</b> Nativity Youth	<b>11:00 am</b> Ramsey Strayham
	<b>CANTORS</b>	<b>11:00 am</b> Brady Barhonovich
	<b>Apr 22 4:00 pm</b> Chantel Pilet	<b>5:30 pm</b> Victoria Barhonovich
	<b>Apr 23 9:00 am</b> NES Children's Mass	<b>5:30 pm</b> Bentley Puz
	<b>11:00 am</b> Elizabeth Cobb	
	<b>CATHEDRAL CHOIR</b>	
	<b>5:30 pm</b> Sabree Puz	

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Mon Apr 17</b> Robert Moniot (S.I.)	<b>Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)</b>
<b>Tue Apr 18</b> Chester Balias Family	<b>Jim &amp; Annette Luther (S.I.)</b>
<b>Wed Apr 19</b> Nora Ziz	<b>Collins-Sim Family</b>
<b>Thu Apr 20</b> Tucei Family	<b>Collin Hilton (S.I.)</b>
<b>Fri Apr 21</b> Earl Hammond	<b>Raymond &amp; Johanna Egers</b>
<b>Sat Apr 22</b> Gasper & Mary Pisarich	<b>4 PM Ray Ebberman, Jr</b>
<b>Sun Apr 23 7:00 am</b> Ann & Harry Schmidt	<b>9:00 am FTP</b>
<b>11:00 am</b> (S.I.) Brothers Jordan & Gary	<b>5:30 pm Jeanette Capuano</b>

### Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, April 15th - 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 16th - 9, 11 am & 5:30 p.m. Masses for Divine Mercy Sunday:

Opening Hymn:	"Alleluia! Alleluia! Let The Holy Anthem Rise"	# 169
Offertory Hymn:	"The Day of Resurrection"	# 167
Communion Song:	"At The Lamb's High Feast"	# 168
Recessional Song:	"Alleluia #1"	# 572

Cantors:	Saturday 4 pm	Dennis Burke
	Sunday 9 am	Michael Kessler
	11 am	John Welter
	5:30 pm	Jordan Lancon

### NATIVITY BVM CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY LITURGY SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, April 23rd at 9 a.m.:** Nativity Elementary School will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral. Our Children's Choir will join the Sixth Grade to offer the celebration. Our Children's Cantors will be Shanielia Collins and Harper Lamey.

### NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL'S SPRING CONCERT SERIES:

The Music & Fine Arts Ministry welcomes the Gulf Coast Wind Ensemble to the Cathedral to present their Spring Concert in our Church Home. The Concert is free and open to the public. The Concert will be on Saturday, April 22nd at 1 p.m.

### THANK YOU "FINE ARTS COMMITTEE" MEMBERS:

We sincerely thank all of the individuals who served as the Lent/Holy Week "Fine Arts Crew" in preparing and adorning our beautiful Cathedral and Chapel for our Mass observances for these very special liturgical seasons. With apologies for anyone we may miss here - we are grateful to Elizabeth Cobb, Victoria Conway, Colleen & Danny Kavanagh and family, Michael Kessler, Barbara Moon, Gerard Tarrant, and Zina and Don Puz. Additionally, much "Thanks" to Nativity BVM Cathedral's Men's Club for the many hours of hard work removing old bushes, cleaning flower beds, power washing various parts of the Cathedral grounds and planting flowers in the gardens.

### MUSIC MINISTRY - CHORAL PROGRAM:

**"Gloria In Excelsis"** - We continue our rehearsals on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the Youth Ministry Hall. We are currently preparing music for a "Pops/Easy Listening & Patriotic" combined series of concerts.

**"The Cathedral Choir"** - We continue our rehearsals on Wednesday evenings on the stage of the SHC at 6:30 p.m.

**"YOUTH CHOIR":** Our Youth Choir welcomes new members at any time throughout the year. We rehearse on the stage in the SHC at 4:30 p.m. and sing for the 5:30 pm Mass every Sunday evening.

All choirs/ensembles listed here are in need of new members and welcome any interested singers to join us at any time throughout the year! All that's needed is a desire to try and a willingness to share and give! God will do the rest!

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are a recently registered new parishioner or if you are interested in joining our community - we extend a very warm word of "Welcome!" to you. We would love the opportunity to speak with you! Please contact the Rectory Office at 228-374-1717 and leave your name and contact information and Deacon Keith Gibson and/or a member of our "Welcome to the Parish" Team will contact you to aid you in learning more about us and we about you. We are delighted that you are with us! Also, do not hesitate to speak with a clergy or staff member of the Cathedral for further information as well!

### BINGO MANIA

**Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 18, 2023. Following families are scheduled for April 18, 2023:** Green (Trevor & Kelly), Guittierrez (Weldon & Hill, Jillian), Hargrove (Robert & Shanna), Hargrove (Stephanie), Hebert (Scottie & Erin), Hennig (Caitlin & Cvitanovich, Dominic) and Hosey (Aaron & Leon Hosey, Irma). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

### NATIVITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Nativity BVM Catholic School is now enrolling for the 23-24 school year. Applications for ACE Scholarships, which pay up to half of the tuition, are now open. To schedule a tour or to receive additional information, please contact Principal Traci Kessler at [tkessler@nativitybvm.org](mailto:tkessler@nativitybvm.org) or at 228-432-2269.



### 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.