

**Nativity B.V.M. JULY 2ND, 2023
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

WE ARE CALLED TO CARRY OUR CROSS AND FOLLOW JESUS.

The readings today reflect on what we gain through sacrifice. Sacrifice is not just about what we give up, but rather what we discern to be unnecessary or in vain. When we put these things aside, we then can find what is most important. Jesus teaches us that through sacrifice, we find our true reward with him.



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Skip and Marie Portas, Katherine Rester, Glynn Clark, Anne Godlewski, Robert Barq, George Ziz, Marie Portas, Rosalind D'Antoni, Aimee & Dr. David Dugger, Slade Lochner, Robert Cade, Anthony Porpiglia, Tom Peresich, Colton Vollmuth, Eileen Donovan, Joy Tucei, Josh Sniffen, Trent Hartzog, Dan Scott, Mary Parker, Sr. Jackie Tarrant, Amy Elizabeth Wheeler, Keaton Morano, Robert Moniot, Lee Slater, Steve Lyons, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Sondra Fox, Tommy Ardoline, 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 Bellias Dominick, Mickey Bradley, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr. and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

From the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation: New Wine Groups to Begin August 2023

The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi will again offer a 3 year program called "New Wine" beginning in August of this year. The program provides education and formation for adults interested in being involved in lay ministry. Interested individuals should contact their Pastor, Principal, DRE or Parish Religion Coordinator no later than July 21, 2023, for more information.

"CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS": Throughout the history of Christendom – symbols were used to remind the faithful of our universal beliefs. The "butterfly" for example is a symbol for the "Resurrection." Bread, the cornerstone, a candle, a bridge are symbols of Jesus the Christ. In our beautiful flower arrangement last week prepared by Ms. Doreen from the Flower Basket for our Patriotic Concert/weekend celebrations, she used another symbol for Christ – the "anchor." This is the seamen's symbol for both Jesus and the resurrection. The anchor is viewed as the "upside" down "cross" of resurrection and "bride" to eternal life through Jesus.



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Jul 03	Eph 2:19-22, Jn 20:24-29
Tue	Jul 04	Gn 19:15-29, Mt 8:23-27
Wed	Jul 05	Gn 21:5, 8-20a, Mt 8:28-34
Thu	Jul 06	Gn 22:1b-19, Mt 9:1-8
Fri	Jul 07	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67
Sat	Jul 08	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29, Mt 9:14-17
Sun	Jul 09	Zec 9:9-10, Rom 8:9, 11-13, Mt 11:25-30

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	9,987.81
Maintenance	\$	1,504.00
Capital Improvement	\$	536.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	125.00
Miscellaneous	\$	480.00

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 12,632.81

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mon. Jul 03** (NO) Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
Adoration, Chapel at 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
- Tues. Jul 04** RECTORY CLOSED
Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.
(NO BINGO) Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed. Jul 05** **Cleaning TEAM C**
- Thur. Jul 06** Adoration, Chapel 6:00 p.m.

HOOR OF GRACE

Hour of Grace will resume on August 3, 2023.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this weekend are for Andrew Gilich in honor of his birthday.

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS & THE SHUCKERS": On Tuesday, August 22nd – our Choral Society will sing the National Anthem for the Shuckers Baseball Game.

Independence Day
PRAYER

Dear God our Father,
we praise You today for who You are—a God of love,
who reveals to us that love is truth and freedom.
Thank You for our country, the United States of America,
conceived in liberty, and for all those who have
sacrificed that we might enjoy these freedoms.

Like a city on a mountaintop, help us to share our blessings
with the world, and to allow the light of Your Holy Spirit
within us to set others free in spirit, soul, and body.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Have a Blessed Holiday

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS		LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	
Jul 08	4:00 pm	Jul 08 Janey Mattina	4:00 pm	Jul 08 James Watts
Deacon				Birdie Watts
Jul 09	7:00 am	Jul 09 David Gentile	7:00 am	Jul 09 Triston Davis
Deacon				Kingston Davis
	9:00 am	Peter Abide	9:00 am	
Deacon		Alicia Tarrant	9:00 am	Harper Corley
	11:00 am	Laura Junkert	11:00 am	Tarrant Family
Deacon		CANTORS		
	5:30 pm	Jul 08 KC Arnold	4:00 pm	Bentley Puz
Deacon		Jul 09 John Welter	9:00 am	
		Elizabeth Cobb	11:00 am	
		Sabree Puz	5:30 pm	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Next Sunday, July 9th at noon in the SHC we will host a **SUMMER CELEBRATION OF LIFE – our own Fr. Godfrey Andoh reaches the wise age of 50!** Come join the Men’s Club, who will be providing pulled pork, burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, cake and fellowship! A Basket will be provided for “Birthday cards and stipends”. We look forward to seeing you all after the 11:00 Mass.

INTERNATIONAL BUY YOUR PRIEST A BEER DAY!

Nativity Cathedral’s Vocations Ministry will be sponsoring our first “International Buy Your Priest a Beer Day” on Saturday, September 9th, 2023. We will celebrate our priests by gathering in the SHC following the 4 p.m. Mass. Free food and drink will be provided. This event is to honor Fr. Godfrey, Fr. Bart and Fr. Tony and to promote the vocations of priesthood. For more information, please contact Lauren Ellis at 228-324-0447. **Donations to this event are greatly appreciated.**

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 - NO BINGO ON JULY 4TH.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday July 11, 2023. Following families are scheduled for July 11, 2023: Corley (James & Kren), Croncich (April), Dailey (Evan & Sarah), Davis (Reed & Jacqueline), Dorcik (Sean & Alicia), Ellis (Jeffery & Dallas) and Felter (Michael & Jessica). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

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.

6:30 AM

Mon	Jul 03	Tucei Family	8:00 AM	Harry Geners & Audrey Wilkes
Tue	Jul 04			Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
Wed	Jul 05	Collins-Sims Family		Walker Tucei
Thu	Jul 06	Paul Vitale		Robert Moniot (S.I.)
Fri	Jul 07	Earl Hammond		Herbert & Bertha McDonnell
Sat	Jul 08	Chester Balius Fly.	4 PM	Gabe & Doris Kasovich
Sun	Jul 09	Betty Lou Callegari	9	FTP
11:00		Dr. Texel Dewine Johnson	5:30	Victor Mavar

Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, July 1st - 4 p.m. and Sunday, July 2nd – 9, & 11 am Masses for Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Opening Hymn:	“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”	# 563
	“Shine, Jesus Shine” - VBS Song	4:00 pm
Offertory Hymn:	“We Are Many Parts”	# 587
	“Lead Me, Guide Me” – BVS Song	4:00 pm
5:30 pm	“10,000 Reasons”	# 562
Communion Song:	“Whatsoever You Do”	# 627
	“Come Alive (Dry Bones) - Iris Ellis	4:00 pm
Recessional Song:	“Blest Be The Lord”	# 447
	“America the Beautiful”	4:00 pm # 745

Cantors:

Saturday 4 pm	Iris Ellis + VBS Kids Choir
Sunday 9 am	John Welter
11 am	Phil Frisby
5:30 pm	Jordan Lancon

“VBS MASS”: At this weekend’s Saturday, July 1st - 4:00 pm Mass – participants in our “Fun in the Sun – VBS – 2023” program will participate/share. We welcome them and our Youth Cantor for the Mass - Iris Ellis. Our VBS “Campers” will sing a song or two for our congregational family as the Offertory. This is our future Church! Encourage and support them as they grow in their faith and service!

MUSIC MINISTRY – CHORAL PROGRAM:

“Gloria In Excelsis” – Our Choral Society is on hiatus for the summer until Tuesday, August 8th. Plans for our 2023-2024 include: John Rutter’s “Requiem” for our “All Soul’s” Concert on October 29th, our annual Advent Concert Service in early December, our annual Christmas Concert in late December, John Stainer’s “Crucifixion” for Lent, our annual Armed Forces Concert in May and Randall Thompson’s “Testament of Freedom” in June, 2024.

“The Cathedral Choir” – The Cathedral Choir will be on summer hiatus until Wednesday, August 9th.

“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 pm 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!

A WORD OF THANKS!: We extend a big word of “Thanks” to our Choral Society – “Gloria In Excelsis” and the members of the “Mobile Vocal Arts” Chorale from Mobile, AL who shared in our Patriotic Concert and Mass last weekend. These individuals have offered their time and talent and have provided some meaningful and moving concerts & services to the Glory of God and enrichment of our Ministry here at Nativity BVM Cathedral. We give thanks to our God for their dedication and service.