

# Nativity B.V.M. SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

## THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### WE CANNOT CLAIM FORGIVENESS ONLY FOR OURSELVES; GOD'S MERCY IS FOR ALL

We are all the same flesh: fellow sinners, servants, and debtors, and God's mercy is for us all. We cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. We must forgive as we have been forgiven. In the community of God's covenant, mercy is shared, not seven times but seventy-seven times, as Jesus teaches.



### PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ginny Kirkland, Maureen Moniot, Patsy Merrill, Connie Galle, Robert Baucan, Skip and Marie Portas, Katherine Rester, Glynn Clark, Jennifer Fink, Anne Godlewski, Robert Barq, George Ziz, Rosalind D'Antoni, Aimee & Dr. David Dugger, Slade Lochner, Robert Cade, Anthony Porpiglia, Colton Vollmuth, Eileen Donovan, Joy Tucei, Josh Sniffen, Trent Hartzog, 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, 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.

### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for the Senseney and Vanacore Families from their loved ones.

### RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge, in the Roman Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. The Nativity Parish will begin R.C.I.A. classes again in the Fall. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Sacred Heart Center. If you are interested, please contact Greg or Penny Payne at 228-365-6348.

### 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

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|------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Mon</b> | <b>Sep 18</b> | 1 Tm 2:1-8, Lk 7:1-10   |
| <b>Tue</b> | <b>Sep 19</b> | 1 Tm 3:1-13, Lk 7:11-17   |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>Sep 20</b> | 1 Tm 3:14-16, Lk 7:31-35, Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31b-39, Lk 9:23-26 |
| <b>Thu</b> | <b>Sep 21</b> | Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mt 9:9-13                                     |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>Sep 22</b> | 1 Tm 6:2c-12, Lk 8:1-3  |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>Sep 23</b> | 1 Tm 6:13-16, Lk 8:4-15, Gal 2:19-20, Mt 16:24-27               |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>Sep 24</b> | Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a, Mt 20:1-16a                      |

### YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

|                         |           |                  |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Regular Collections     | \$        | 9,053.60         |
| Maintenance             | \$        | 1,175.00         |
| Capital Improvement     | \$        | 246.00           |
| Nativity Elem.          | \$        | 358.00           |
| Miscellaneous           | \$        | 1,711.90         |
| <b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>12,543.90</b> |

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| <b>Mon.</b>  | <b>Sep 18</b> | Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.<br>Adoration, Chapel at 7:00 -7:55 a.m. |
| <b>Tues.</b> | <b>Sep 19</b> | Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.<br>Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.           |
| <b>Wed.</b>  | <b>Sep 20</b> | <b>Cleaning TEAM B</b>   |
| <b>Thur.</b> | <b>Sep 21</b> | Adoration, 6:00 p.m.   |

### DIOCESAN ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MASS

This Sunday, September 17, 2023, at the 11:00 Mass, Nativity Cathedral will have an annual Mass for the various St. Vincent de Paul Societies who operate in the Diocese of Biloxi. Vincentians who care for the poor in our diocesan parishes will come together to celebrate with Bishop Kihneman.

### Eucharistic Revival Small Group Contemplation

Prayer group materials for the national revival are finally ready! Jesus and the Eucharist is a seven-session study created by the USCCB specifically for use at the parish level. Parishioners will experience a video presentation followed by time to discuss the content with individual tables/groups. Meetings will take place in the Sacred Heart Center. To accommodate the greatest number of people, there will be a morning meeting and an evening meeting. Session 1-"What's Our Story?"- will be Monday, September 25, at 9:30 a.m. OR 6:00 p.m. If you would like to help facilitate a small group, please send your information to [colleenkavanagh64@gmail.com](mailto:colleenkavanagh64@gmail.com).

### THE INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL PILGRIM IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The International Centennial Pilgrim Image of our Lady of Fatima will be at Nativity Cathedral the weekend of September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Theme this year is "The Urgent Call for Prayer and Reparation: The Appeal of Our Lady of Fatima". More information will be forthcoming.

### 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.**

| EXTRAORDINARY<br>MINISTERS             | LECTORS   | ALTAR SERVERS   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Sep 23 4:00 pm</b><br>Jim Shugart   | <b>Sep 23 4:00 pm</b><br>Jim Shugart            | <b>Sep 23 4:00 pm</b><br>McKinzy Lawson                                     |
| <b>Sep 24 7:00 am</b><br>Linda Stewart | <b>Sep 24 7:00 am</b><br>David Gentile          | <b>Sep 24 7:00 am</b><br>Alex Stewart                                       |
| <b>9:00 am</b><br>Melissa Stanfield    | <b>9:00 am</b><br>Peter Abide                   | <b>9:00 am</b><br>Banks Ellis   |
| <b>11:00 am</b><br>Sarah Barhonovich   | <b>11:00 am</b><br>Nativity Elem.               | <b>11:00 am</b><br>Brady Barhonovich<br>Victoria Barhonovich<br>James Watts |
| <b>5:30 pm</b><br>Teresa Ballinger     | <b>5:30 pm</b><br>Jordan Lancon                 | <b>5:30 pm</b><br>Nicholas Arguelles<br>Patrick Arguelles                   |
|  | <b>CANTORS</b>                                  |   |
|  | <b>Sep 23 4:00 pm</b><br>Dennis Burke           |   |
|  | <b>CATHEDRAL CHOIR</b>                          |   |
|  | <b>Sep 24 9:00 am</b><br>Michael Kessler        |   |
|  | <b>11:00 am</b><br>CATHEDRAL<br>CHILDREN'S MASS |   |
|  | <b>5:30 pm</b><br>Sabree Puz                    |   |

### CCD / Life Teen Inter-Parish Program

Our 2023-2024 CCD/Life Teen programs, for youth in Kindergarten - 12th Grade, has begun. More specifics will be available in coming weeks. Scan this QR code to access the registration form or pick one up in the vestibule of the church. Please mail Registration to: CCD/Life Teen Registration, 870 Howard Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530. Questions? Contact Lauren Ellis (228)324-0447 or Kristy Arguelles (228)324-9934.



### East Biloxi Life Teen

Our Inter-parish youth ministry program will kick off THIS Sunday, September 17, 6:40 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Nativity, Sacred Heart Center. Youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. Parents/guardians are asked to attend with their youth on September 24th at 6:40 p.m. Scan this QR code for the registration form. Questions? Contact Kristy Arguelles (228)324-9934 or [EastBiloxiyouthisministry@gmail.com](mailto:EastBiloxiyouthisministry@gmail.com).

### BINGO MANIA.

**Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 19, 2023. Following families are scheduled for September 19, 2023:** Blackmon (Kelly), Boney (Elizabeth), Bruno (Ria & Fuller, Jared), Burke (Samuel & Sarah), Butterfield (Jonathan & Meghan), Byers (Brently & Briana) and Carden (Ronna). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

### NATIVITY ELEMENTARY 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL!

Please join Nativity BVM Catholic Elementary School for its 65th Annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 14. Kicking off Carnival at 11:30 will be a concert in the gym by the Nativity School Choir. Mass will take place at Noon in the gym and the booths will open at 1. Carnival will be open throughout the day and will close at 8PM. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, along with lots of games, activities and an amazing silent auction! This is a family friendly event and open to the public. This is Nativity School's biggest fundraiser each year and we hope to see you there supporting our Nativity Saints! For more information, please contact the school at 228.432.2269 or visit our Facebook event page. We hope to see you there!.

**6:30 AM**

**8:00 AM**

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| <b>Mon Sep 18</b> | Earl Hammond               | Tucei Family              |
| <b>Tue Sep 19</b> | David Riemann              | Andrew & Jackie Gilich    |
| <b>Wed Sep 20</b> | Chester Balus Family       | Sr. Jackie Tarrant (S.I.) |
| <b>Thu Sep 21</b> | Collins-Sims Family        | Charles Arguelles         |
| <b>Fri Sep 22</b> | Robert Moniot (S.I.)       | Glenn & Joyce Pisarich    |
| <b>Sat Sep 23</b> | Earl Hammond               | 4 PM Roy Ebberman, Jr.    |
| <b>Sun Sep 24</b> | 7 George Omas              | 9 FTP                     |
| <b>11:00</b>      | James Leonard Tarrant, Jr. | 5:30 Victor Mavar         |

**Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, September 16th & Sunday, September 17th – 9, 11 am & 5:30 pm Masses for the Twenty-**

### **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time:**

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| Opening Hymn:     | "Gather Us In"    | # 302 |
|                   | "All Are Welcome" | # 317 |
| Offertory Hymn:   | "Hosea"           | # 665 |
| Communion Song:   | "Take and Eat"    | # 359 |
| Recessional Song: | "City of God"     | # 390 |

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| Cantors: | Saturday   | 4 pm  | John Welter      |
|          | Sunday   | 9 am  | Phil Frisby      |
|          |  | 11 am | Dennis Burke and |
|          | Cathedral Choir St. Vincent de Paul Diocese Mass |       |                  |
|          | 5:30 pm  |       | Jordan Lancon    |

**NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY:** September 21st – 9 am – School Mass celebrating "Grandparents". Student Cantors: Shielynna Tenoria and Conner Lewis. September 24th – Cathedral Mass offered by Mrs. Lyons Fifth Grade Class and offering our NEW Cherub Choir as music leaders for our celebration. Student Cantors: Harper Lamey & Shielynna Tenoria.

**WELCOME:** This Sunday, September 17th, we welcome at our 11 am Mass our Diocese' "St. Vincent de Paul" Ministry workers and extend to God and to them - our thanksgiving for all their fine work towards aiding the needy of our Diocese.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY – CHORAL PROGRAM:**

**"Gloria In Excelsis"** – Our Choral Society continues its Seventh Season with rehearsals every Tuesday at 6:45 pm in the Youth Ministry Hall in the SHC. Any interested singers are invited to join our Choral Society at any point in the year. We are currently preparing John Rutter's "Requiem" as a part of our annual "All Souls Concert" set to be shared on Sunday, October 29th at 4 pm with an orchestral chamber ensemble.

**"The Cathedral Choir"** – The Cathedral Choir continues their rehearsals at 6:45 pm on the stage in the Great Hall of the SHC Wednesday evenings. We invite any interested singers to join us at any point in the year.

**"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. Can you play a guitar, an instrument, a drum??? Would you consider joining the Sunday evening 5:30 p.m. Youth Choir and "make a joyful noise" with us? If interested, contact Terry Maddox.

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!

### **WHAT IS THE TRUE MEANING OF THE WORD –**

**"REQUIEM"?:** Requiem is a Mass for the dead from Middle English. It comes from the Latin foundation meaning "Rest". It is taken from the first word of the phrase: "Requiem aeternum dona eis" translated as "Eternal rest grant to them." This is said or sung at the beginning of this version of the Mass. In our annual "All Souls" Concert – we share John Rutter's musical composition of the "Requiem" which sets parts of the "Requiem" Mass to music. In Rutter work's – he steps out of the confines of the traditional setting of just the parts of the Mass found in the liturgy and includes two Psalm settings – Psalm #130 & #23. On Sunday, October 29th at 4:00 pm we will offer this concert of Rutter's "Requiem" as a token of remembrance of all the souls we have lost this year and of those we wish to remember who have gone before us – in faith and love for their God.