

Nativity B.V.M. DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Beth Rush, Gene Endris, Matthew Centifanto, 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We will have a Mass on December 7th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. We will also have Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., Noon and 6:00 p.m. on December 8th.

"The Eucharist-Our Bridge to Heaven" – An Advent Reflection/Prayer Service

As we continue our Advent Journey for the season, we come upon the opportunity to reflect and do penance. In an effort to prepare our hearts and minds to greet the Babe of Bethlehem, the Cathedral will offer its annual Penance Service on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. To aid our congregation in our prayerful reflection, our Rector – Fr. Godfrey Andoh will offer a special Advent Reflection/Prayer Service entitled: "The Eucharist-Our Bridge to Heaven" on Monday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. Tying into our Diocese "Year of the Eucharist". Mark your calendars and consider making this one of your "gifts" to the Baby Jesus this season.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

The Nativity Cathedral Advent Penance Service will take place on Tuesday, December 12th 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.

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 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity Cathedral located at 870 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530. Come and be renewed by the Lord!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 04	Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11
Tue	Dec 05	Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24
Wed	Dec 06	Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37
Thu	Dec 07	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri	Dec 08	Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38
Sat	Dec 09	Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun	Dec 10	Is 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	8,893.50
Maintenance	\$	1,797.65
Capital Improvement	\$	400.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	280.00
Miscellaneous	\$	0.00

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 11,471.15

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon.	Dec 04	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel at 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
Tues.	Dec 05	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
Wed.	Dec 06	Cleaning TEAM A
Thur.	Dec 07	Immaculate Conception, 6:00 p.m.
Fri.	Dec 08	Immaculate Conception, 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., Noon & 6:00 p.m. RECTORY CLOSED

RCIA

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens, Candidates and their Sponsors during this Christmas Season. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

For us to include your name and the names of your loved ones in our Christmas bulletin, please put your "Christmas Flower" envelopes in the collection with your loved ones names on them. We appreciate your contribution toward the flowers for the Cathedral at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023, CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00 A.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL
11:00 A.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL
4:00 P.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL
4:00 P.M. MASS IN THE SACRED HEART CENTER
11:00 P.M. CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 A.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023, NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:00 A.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL
11:00 A.M. CATHEDRAL
4:00 P.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL
11:00 P.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024, SOLEMNITY OF MARY

NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:00 A.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL

(WE WILL NOT HAVE 9:00 A.M. MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR NEW YEAR'S EVE)

EXTRAORDINARY	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Dec 09 Deacon	Dec. 07 6:00 pm Immaculate Conception Vigil	Dec 09 4:00 pm Iris Ellis Dalton Bounds
Dec 10 Deacon	Harry Joachim	Dec 10 7:00 am Tristan Davis Kingston Davis
9:00 am Deacon	Dec. 08 Noon Immaculate Conception	9:00 am Harper Corley Banks Ellis Addison Whitehead
11:00 am Deacon	Corri Gulino	11:00 am Tarrant Family Harper Lamey
5:30 pm Deacon	Dec. 08 6:00 pm Immaculate Conception	5:30 pm Bentley Puzz
	Mike Gulino	
	Dec 09 4:00 pm Mike Bruffey	
	Dec 10 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield	
	9:00 am Jim Compton	
	11:00 am M/M Tarrant	
	5:30 pm Kristi Arguelles	
	CANTORS	
	Dec. 07 6:00 pm Immaculate Conception Vigil	
	Dennis Burke	
	Dec. 08 6:00 pm Immaculate Conception	
	Michael Kessler	
	Dec 09 4:00 pm John Welter	
	Dec 10 9:00 am Elizabeth Cobb CATHEDRAL CHOIR	
	11:00 am Phil Frisby	
	5:30 pm Jordan Lancon	

BINGO MANIA.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.
Following families are scheduled for December 5, 2023: Mitchell (Brent & Michelle), Nguyen (Kim), Nichols (Rachel & Scott), O'Grady (Kathryn & Michael), Papale (Marie), Payne (Tiffany) & Pierce (Ashton & Brantley). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

CAN YOU HELP?

We are planning to offer a string trio or quartet for our Pre-Service and 11 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Would you consider contributing to the cost of these musicians for this programming? Contribution can be made as memorials &/or honorariums and should be marked as "Donations for Christmas Musicians." It would also be helpful to give this to or notify Terry Maddox, our Music Minister.

6:30 AM

8:00 AM

Mon Dec 04	Collins-Sims Family	Tom Bergman
Tue Dec 05	Irene Schwan	Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
Wed Dec 06	Chester Balias Family	Irene Schwan
Thu Dec 07	Tucei Family	Irene Schwan
Fri Dec 08	6:00 PM Irene Schwan	Gaspar & Mary Pisarich
NOON	Irene Schwan	6:00 PM Victor Mavar
Sat Dec 09	Irene Schwan	Gabe & Doris Kasovich
Sun Dec 10	7 Irene Schwan	9 FTP
11:00	Daniel Scott (Scotty)	5:30 Victor Mavar

Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, December 2nd at 4 pm & Sunday, December 3rd – 11 am & 5:30 pm Masses for Christ the King Sunday:

Opening Hymn:	"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"	# 39
Offertory Hymn:	"Come, Lord Jesus"	# 40
Communion Song:	"Only This I Want"	# 505
Recessional Song:	"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"	# 39

Cantors:	Saturday 4 pm	Dennis Burke + Cathedral Choir
	Sunday 9 am	Nativity BVM Elementary
	11 am	Jordan Lancon
	5:30 pm	Sabree Puzz

ANNUAL "ADVENT LESSONS & REFLECTIONS" – CONCERT-SERVICE:

This Saturday, December 2nd at 3:00 p.m. – just prior to our 4 p.m. Mass, we will offer as a continuing part of our Music Ministry-Concert Series 2023 program, our annual "Advent Lessons & Reflections" Concert Service. This beautiful service of lessons from the prophets of the Old Testament aids us in our journey through Advent to the Baby in the manger in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. This program is free and open to the public.

ADVENT ARRIVES:

This weekend the liturgical season of Advent arrives. Vestments change their colors to purple. The Jesse Tree, with its symbols of the lineage of Jesus from the Old Testament, offered by our various Youth & Children's Ministry representatives, will reappear in our worship services. Concert and penance services will be offered, and we welcome in the New Liturgical year of Cycle "B". Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the beautiful season of preparation and reflection.

At our first Mass of the New Year – we welcome members of Nativity BVM Cathedral's CCD Classes & their Director, Mrs. Lauren Ellis. They will make the first presentation of the symbols of the Jesse Tree in our celebration.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY:

This Sunday, December 3rd, Nativity School's Cherub & Children's Choirs, along with members of Arts Alive, will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent with its annual Fine Arts presentation of the Gospel. Representatives from the School will make our second presentation of symbols for our Jesse Tree. Our Youth Cantors will be Shanielia Collins, Nora Parker and Julep Rasmussen.

On Wednesday, December 6th, Nativity School's Cherub & Children's Choir will share their annual Christmas Concert. Presentations will be made in the School's Gymnasium at 9 am & 5:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

On Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m. in our Cathedral, the Music & Fine Arts Ministry will present its annual "Christmas Concert" – free and open to the public.

On Thursday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m. – the Cathedral's Music & Fine Arts Ministry will present our Second Annual "Caroling on Cathedral Square" in front of our Cathedral.