

# Nativity B.V.M. DECEMBER 10, 2023

## SECOND 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 Semska, 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 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!

### 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.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Dec 12</b>	Zec 2:14-17, Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab, Lk 1:26—38 or 1:39-47
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>	Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Dec 14</b>	Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec 15</b>	Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Dec 16</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 17</b>	1 Thes 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	10,653.01
Maintenance	\$	520.00
Capital Improvement	\$	303.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	0.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	575.00
Miscellaneous	\$	620.00

**TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 12,671.01**

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel at 7:00 -7:55 a.m. ADVENT REFLECTION SERVICE, 6:00 P.M.
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Dec 12</b>	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m. ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE, 6:00 P.M.
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>	<b>Cleaning TEAM B</b>
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>HOOR OF GRACE, 6:00 P.M.</b>

### SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Michael Jon Kessler from his loving family.

### 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
<b>Dec 16</b> <u>4:00 pm</u> Jim Shugart	<b>Dec 16</b> <u>4:00 pm</u> Jim Shugart	<b>Dec 16</b> <u>4:00 pm</u> James Watts Birdie Watts
<b>Dec 17</b> <u>7:00 am</u> Linda Stewart	<b>Dec 17</b> <u>7:00 am</u> Mike Gulino	<b>Dec 17</b> <u>7:00 am</u> Alex Stewart
<u>9:00 am</u> John Brauchle	<u>9:00 am</u> Peter Abide	<u>9:00 am</u> Harper Corley Ramsey Strayham Haven Strayham
<u>11:00 am</u> Sarah Barhonovich	<u>11:00 am</u> Rosina LePre	<u>11:00 am</u> Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich
<u>5:30 pm</u> Teresa Ballinger	<u>5:30 pm</u> Laura Junkert	<u>5:30 pm</u> Nicholas Arguelles Patrick Arguelles
	<b>CANTORS</b>	
	<b>Dec 16</b> <u>4:00 pm</u> Chantel Pilet	
	<b>Dec 17</b> <u>9:00 am</u> Michael Kessler	
	<u>11:00 am</u> John Welter	
	CATHEDRAL CHOIR	
	<u>5:30 pm</u> Sabree Puzz	

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Mon Dec 11</b> Tucei Family	Tom Bergman
<b>Tue Dec 12</b> Josh Bozeman	Susan Baugh (S.I.)
<b>Wed Dec 13</b> Irene Schwan	Michael Jon Kessler
<b>Thu Dec 14</b> Chester Balus Family	Susan Baugh (S.I.)
<b>Fri Dec 15</b> Collins-Sims Family	Roy Ebberman, Jr.
<b>Sat Dec 16</b> Glenn & Joyce Pisarich	Myrtle Barhanovich
<b>Sun Dec 17</b> Irene Schwan	FTP
<b>11:00</b> Brothers Jordan & Gary (S.I.)	<b>5:30</b> Victor Mavar

**Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, December 9th at 4 p.m. & Sunday, December 10th –9 & 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Masses for the Second Sunday of Advent:**

Opening Hymn: “On Jordan’s Bank”	# 41
Offertory Hymn: “A Voice Cries Out”	# 46
Communion Song: “Patience, People”	# 48
Recessional Song: “Come, Lord Jesus”	# 40

<b>Cantors:</b>	Saturday 4 pm	John Welter
	Sunday 9 am	Eliabeth Cobb + Cathedral Choir
	11 am	Chantel Pilet
	5:30 pm	Jordan Lancon

**BINGO MANIA.**

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Following families are scheduled for December 12, 2023: Pisarich (Keith & Dusti), Privett (Jason & Kasey), Quinn (Devyn & Tom), Rasmussen (Kimberly & Rich), Rensch (Terri) and Richardson (Denise). 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.

**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!



**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.

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT AND OUR JESSE TREE:**

This Sunday at the 5:30 p.m. Mass – members of our Youth Ministry will present the next symbols for our Advent Jesse Tree. This week we will celebrate King David and his House and Kingdom that is part of the foundation of the promise of Jesus’ heritage.

**NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY:**

On Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Nativity School will offer & celebrate their annual St. Lucia Mass. This Mass is always a gift from Mrs. Gruich’s Third Grade class and will be celebrated at 9 a.m. that day. The Children’s Choir will sing for this celebration and Emma Gnapp & Addie Illich will serve as the Youth Cantors. On Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Nativity School will share its annual “All School Musical Christmas Pageant.” There is always great variety in this program and something new in this beloved telling of the prophetic promises fulfilled. Presentations will be made in the School’s Gymnasium at 9 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in our Cathedral, the Music & Fine Arts Ministry will present it’s annual “Christmas Concert” – free and open to the public. On Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. – the Cathedral’s Music & Fine Arts Ministry will present our Second Annual “Caroling on the Cathedral Square” in front of our Cathedral.

**MUSIC MINISTRY – CHORAL PROGRAM:**

**The Cathedral Choir** – The Cathedral Choir continues their rehearsals at 6:45 p.m. on the stage in the Great Hall of the Sacred Heart Center (SHC) Wednesday evenings. We invite any interested singers to join us at any point in the year. **ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A VISITING MEMBER FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE 10:30 PM PRE-SERVICE AND 11 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, SHOULD FEEL WARMLY INVITED TO DO SO AND CONTACT TERRY MADDOX.**