

## Nativity B.V.M. MARCH 3, 2024

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### HAVE ZEAL FOR THE DWELLING PLACE OF THE LORD.

Jesus has such reverence for the temple, God's dwelling place, that he overturns tables and drives away those who are abusing its true purpose. This place here, where we are gathered and will receive Jesus in the Eucharist, is God's dwelling place as well. Let us allow Jesus to cleanse our hearts and our minds, that he might renew us as his dwelling place, his temple.



#### PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ann Kavanagh, Linda Bourgeois, Marianne Sherman, Josh Sniffen, Gene Endris, Matthew Centifanto, Maureen Moniot, Patsy Merrill, Connie Galle, Robert and Myrna 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.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are observed every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church. Come and walk with Jesus on his way to the cross in Lent.

#### 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, March 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Come and be renewed by the Lord!

#### RCIA

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

#### GIVE POWER TO PRIESTS' RETIREMENT HOMES!

We're on a special mission from Fr. Paddy to bring light and laughter to the halls of our new retirement homes for priests. But, we've hit a little snag—we're in need of generators to keep the lights on and good times rolling. Every donation, big or small, brings a spark of joy to our community. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser, packets are available in the back of the Cathedral.

#### EASTER FLOWER DONATION

Please consider sending in your Easter Flower donations along with the names of your loved ones. We will pray for each one this Easter.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mar 04</b>	2 Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Mar 05</b>	Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar 06</b>	Dn 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Mar 07</b>	Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Mar 08</b>	Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar 09</b>	Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 10</b>	2 Chr 36:11b, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21, 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

#### YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	14,623.56
Maintenance	\$	1,827.00
Capital Improvement	\$	585.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	165.00
Miscellaneous	\$	957.00

**TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 18,157.56**

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Mar 04</b>	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel at 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Mar 05</b>	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Cleaning TEAM B</b>
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Mar 07</b>	<b>HOOR OF GRACE 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Station of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.</b>

#### SAINT JOESPH ALTAR – “A LABOR OF LOVE”

The Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is proud to announce that the St. Joseph Altar will be on display at the Sacred Heart Center on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, St. Joseph's Day, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. (Noon). Donations are appreciated. Also, there will be a Mass on St Joseph's Day in the Marion Chapel at 11:00 am. The Mass will be in Italian and English. We invite all members of Nativity Parish, as well as all parishes and visitors along the Coast to view the Altar and have lunch with us. Mark your calendar and join us. Hope to see you there!

#### CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL “MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP”

The Diocese of Biloxi is blessed to have 6 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese. We are also blessed to have 17 retired priests that continue to help minister to the 56,000 Catholics in South Mississippi.

Your gift to the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal directly aids in the formation, education, and care of all of these men. Will you please consider a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal in support of our future and retired priests? Your gift of prayer and financial support ensures that we will continue to help the mission of the Church in a real way. Pledge envelopes are in the pews and the back of the church. Thank you.

#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to set your clocks up one hour on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024!!!

EXTRAORDINARY	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Mar 09 4:00 pm</b> Deacon	<b>Mar 09 4:00 pm</b> Bill Lawson	<b>Mar 09 4:00 pm</b> McKinzy Lawson
<b>Mar 10 7:00 am</b> Deacon	<b>Mar 10 7:00 am</b> Marcia Mayfield	<b>Mar 10 7:00 am</b> Alex Stewart
<b>9:00 am</b> Deacon	<b>9:00 am</b> Maggie Landry	<b>9:00 am</b> Banks Ellis Ramsey Strayham Haven Strayham
<b>11:00 am</b> Deacon	<b>11:00 am</b> Don Marie	<b>11:00 am</b> Blake Walli Kendall Walli Harper Lamey
<b>5:30 pm</b> Deacon	<b>5:30 pm</b> Brittlyn Carzoli	<b>5:30 pm</b> Nicholas Arguelles Patrick Arguelles
<b><u>CANTORS</u></b>		
	<b>Mar 09 4:00 pm</b> KC Arnold	
	<b>Mar 10 9:00 am</b> Elizabeth Cobb	
	<b>11:00 am</b> Nativity's Children Choir CATHEDRAL CHOIR	
	<b>5:30 pm</b> Sabree Puz	

### **Nativity BVM Catholic School**

Nativity BVM Catholic School is raffling off a vintage Chanel Camellia mini handbag donated in memory of Mrs. Linden Brashier, by her lifelong friend, Cordelia Vega. Proceeds from this raffle will go toward purchasing new outer security doors for the school. Each ticket costs \$25 for one or \$100 for five. 1,000 tickets will be sold and the drawing will be held on March 28th. Tickets may be purchased in the front office of the school or by visiting the school's website and social media pages. [www.nativitybvm.org](http://www.nativitybvm.org).

### **BINGO MANIA**

**Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 05, 2024. Following families are scheduled for March 05, 2024.** Green (Lydia), Iling (Brett & Tonya), Lawson (Bill), Lechner (Jeffrey & Lindsay), Mercier (Casey), Paulson (Bryan) and Puz (Don & Zina). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

### **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.

**6:30 AM**

**8:00 AM**

<b>Mon Mar 04</b>	Wayne Kopzywa	Raymond Thomas Egers
<b>Tue Mar 05</b>	Collins/Sims Family	Buddy Pullen
<b>We d Mar 06</b>	Tucei Family	Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
<b>Thur Mar 07</b>	Jacinto & Norine Baltar	Bishop Roger Moran
<b>Fri Mar 08</b>	Chester Balus Family	Gaspar & Mary Piserich
<b>Sat Mar 09</b>	Sr. Jackie Tarrant (S.I.)	<b>4</b> Irene Schwan
<b>Sun Mar 10</b>	<b>7</b> Sr. Jackie Tarrant (S.I.)	<b>9</b> FTP
<b>11:AM</b>	Irene Schwan	<b>5:30</b> Robert & Jean Kridle

### **From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:**

Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm & Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> – 9, 11 am & 5:30 pm Masses for the Third Sunday of Lent:

Opening Hymn:	"Again We Keep This Solemn Fast"	# 123
Offertory Hymn:	"From the Depths We Cry to Thee"	# 132
Communion Song:	"O God, You Search Me"	# 442
Recessional Song:	"I Heard the Voice of Jesus"	# 464

<b><u>Cantors:</u></b>	Saturday	4 pm	Chris Kennedy
	Sunday	9 am	Michael Kessler
		11 am	Elizabeth Cobb/Cathedral Choir
		5:30 pm	Jordan Lancon

### **NATIVITY ELEMENTARY:**

On Thursday, March 7th at 9 am – Nativity BVM School will celebrate their next Lent School Mass. Mrs. Kim Lyon's Fifth Grade Class will lead in the celebration and the student cantors will by Harper Lamey and Connor Lewis.

On Sunday, March 10th at the 11 am Mass –the Cathedral welcomes our Nativity Elementary and Mrs. Wilson's Fourth Grade Class members in our celebration. Our Cherub & Children's Choir will join the Cathedral Choir in the Mass along with Student Cantors – Shanielia Collins and Elena Mitchell.

### **2024 CONCERT SERIES - "LENTEN LESSONS & REFLECTIONS":**

Nativity BVM Cathedral's next "2024 Concert Series" offering will be on Saturday, March 9th at 3 pm with our annual "Lenten Lessons & Reflections." This year our Massed Choral Society will offer John Stainer's "Crucifixion" accompanied by a small orchestra string/wind ensemble. The program will be a reflection on the seven last "Words" (uttered phrases from the Cross) by Jesus. Invite family and friends to experience this special offering which will enhance your preparation for Holy Week and then plan to stay for Mass following the event.

### **IRISH WEEKEND:**

Next weekend – the 16th & 17th is St. Patrick's weekend. On Saturday, March 16th –the Hibernia Irish Parade will take place in the afternoon which will make arriving for the 4 pm Mass that day - a challenge. Watch out for flying cabbage!!!

It probably goes without saying but, it is traditional for Catholics (and the Irish loving population of the world) to wear green for this weekend!