

Nativity B.V.M. MARCH 10, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING OUT OF LOVE AND GRATITUDE TO OUR MERCIFUL GOD.

We offer our humble gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to God out of gratitude. We recognize that all is gift. God has poured out his grace upon us. We joyfully draw near to the giver of all good gifts in the spiritual practices we take up in this season.



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, 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.

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!

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE AT NATIVITY 2024

MARCH 23RD AND MARCH 24TH, PALM SUNDAY-4:00 P.M., 7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 11:00 AM AND 5:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024, CHRISM MASS, 10:30 A.M

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2024, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 6:00 P.M. (WASHING OF THE FEET)

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2024, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 12:00 NOON

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2024 VENERATION OF THE CROSS, 3:00 P.M.

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH, 2024 EASTER VIGIL, 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2024 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, 7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M. AND 5:30 P.M.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Mar 11	Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54
Tue	Mar 12	Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-6
Wed	Mar 13	Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30
Thu	Mar 14	Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47
Fri	Mar 15	Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat	Mar 16	Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53
Sun	Mar 17	Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33, Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	10,690.00
Maintenance	\$	618.00
Capital Improvement	\$	851.56
Nativity Elem.	\$	5.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,358.00

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 13,522.56

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon.	Mar 11	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel at 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
Tues.	Mar 12	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
Wed.	Mar 13	Cleaning TEAM C
Thur.	Mar 14	Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
Fri.	Mar 15	Station of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.

“LENTEN HOUR OF REFLECTION” WITH FR. GODFREY

On Monday evening, March 18th at 6:00 pm – Father Godfrey will offer an hour reflection on our “Journey of Lent” and Jesus’ “Seven Last Words (Utterances)” from the cross on Good Friday. Building upon the message of our Lenten scriptures and the music of our “Lenten Lessons and Reflections” Concert – Fr. Godfrey will lead and prepare us for a time of penance preparation and spiritual reflection as we observe our Parish Penance Service on the next evening - Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 pm and as we also prepare to greet our coming Holy Week pilgrimage. Come and have your hearts and souls renewed in our Lord!

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL'S LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

A Lenten penance service will be held at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, March 19th, at 6:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL “MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP”

Our diocese is blessed to have over 40 Permanent Deacons that serve our parishes and families, as well as 15 men in formation for the Permanent Diaconate. Your gift to the CSA greatly aids in the formation and education of these men in service to the Church. Please consider a gift to this year's appeal in support of our Deacons.

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.

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.

EXTRAORDINARY	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
Mar 16 4:00 pm Jim Shugart	Mar 16 4:00 pm Jim Compton	Mar 16 4:00 pm Dalton Bounds
Mar 17 7:00 am Susie Davis	Mar 17 7:00 am George Emile	Mar 17 7:00 am Tristan Davis Kingston Davis
9:00 am Judy Trahan	9:00 am Steve Theobald	9:00 am Carter Fountain Chase Fountain
11:00 am Sandy Steckler	11:00 am Nativity BVM School	11:00 am Tarrant Family
5:30 pm Teresa Ballinger	5:30 pm Jordan Lancon	5:30 pm Bentley Puzz
	<u>CANTORS</u>	
	Mar 16 4:00 pm Chantel Pilet	
	Mar 17 9:00 am John Welter	
	11:00 am Phil Frisby CATHEDRAL CHOIR	
	5:30 pm Jordan Lancon	

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.

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Following families are scheduled for March 12, 2024. Richards (Sally), Snyder (Tommy and Alex), Stoddard (Bryan & Kerry), Stoddard (Jody), Theobald (Scott & Brooke), Williams (Robby & Shanel) and Williams (Troy & Mellisa). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

Jesus and the Eucharist

If you were unable to attend Nativity's presentation of Jesus and the Eucharist, other parishes in the diocese are now holding their studies. St. Alphonsus in Ocean Springs, meets on Mondays at 5:30. Sacred Heart in D'Iberville meets on Mondays at 6. Check parish social media sites to find exact dates and times from the other parishes in our diocese.

6:30 AM

8:00 AM

Mon Mar 11	Tucei Family	Leonard Dellenger
Tue Mar 12	Collins/Sims Family	Sr. Jackie Tarrant (S.I.)
We d Mar 13	Chester Balias Family	Sr. Jackie Tarrant (S.I.)
Thur Mar 14	Michael Jon Kessler	Irene Schwan
Fri Mar 15	Barbara Lyons	Glenn & Joyce Pisarich
Sat Mar 16	Irene Schwan	Mary Lou Ardoline
Sun Mar 17	Hank Rogers	FTP
11:AM	Irene Schwan	Barbara Lyons

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, March 9th at 4 pm & Sunday March 10TH – 11 am Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Opening Hymn:	"Lord of All Hopefulness"	# 412
Offertory Hymn:	"Open My Eyes"	# 405
Communion Song:	"You Alone"	# 661
Recessional Song:	"Amazing Grace"	# 450

Cantors: Saturday 4 pm – KC Arnold
Sunday 9 am – Elizabeth Cobb
11 am - Children Choirs + Cathedral Choir
5:30 pm – NO MUSIC

NATIVITY ELEMENTARY: On this Sunday, the 10th, at the 11 am Mass, the Cathedral welcomes our Nativity Elementary and Mrs. Tiffany 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. On Thursday, March 14th at 1:15 pm – Nativity BVM School will offer their Penance Rite Service.

2024 CONCERT SERIES - "LENTEN LESSONS & REFLECTIONS":

Nativity BVM Cathedral's next "2024 Concert Series" offering will be on Friday, March 23rd at 7:15 pm following the "Stations of the Cross" Service that evening. Birmingham Southern College's Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Lester Seigel, is touring the Gulf Coast on a Concert tour of Cathedrals and will stop by our Cathedral to share a program that evening. They will have performed the previous night at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Mobile, AL. Following their performance with us – they will end their tour with a performance at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans the next day. The program will feature a variety of musical types and is a free concert open to the public.

SUNDAY'S 5:30 PM MASS - SILENT: This Sunday, the 10th – at the 5:30 pm Mass – Mr. Maddox will be away presenting a concert with our Choral Society in Mobile, AL. There will be NO music at this Mass for this weekend.

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS": The Cathedral's Choral Society will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, March 13th as they prepare their annual Patriotic Concert Program – this season featuring Randall Thompson's musical composition entitled "Testament of Freedom". This work is a setting of four of Thomas Jefferson's letters regarding the foundational writings of the Letter/ Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Any interested singer is invited to join us for our rehearsals on Tuesday evening in the Youth Ministry Hall from 6:45-8 pm.