

Nativity B.V.M. MARCH 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kay Semski, Jim Cobler, 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, 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, CHRISM MASS, 10:30 A.M

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST, 4 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 the names of your loved ones. We will pray for each one this Easter. We have provided Easter Flower Envelopes in the pews.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Mar 18	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Jn 8:1-11
Tue	Mar 19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24A
Wed	Mar 20	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Dn 3:52-56, Jn 8:31-42
Thu	Mar 21	Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59
Fri	Mar 22	Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42
Sat	Mar 23	Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56
Sun	Mar 24	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16, 38, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Tithing and contribution Goal weekly is: 19,250.00

Regular Collections	\$	15,316.00
Maintenance	\$	550.00
Capital Improvement	\$	215.00
Music Ministry	\$	325.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	441.00
Easter Flowers	\$	685.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,794.95

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 19,326.95

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon.	Mar 18	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel, 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
Tues.	Mar 19	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
Wed.	Mar 20	Cleaning TEAM D
Thur.	Mar 21	Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
Fri.	Mar 22	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 of 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”

The Catholic sharing Appeal touches the lives of many in our diocese, from those seeking to enter the church, to the care of our priests, to the feeding of the hungry and the evangelization of many souls. We cannot do this work without your help. If you've never given a gift to the CSA, please consider giving one this year, of any amount. Together we can accomplish so much!

“DIVINE MERCY CAPLET OBSERVANCE”

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. On Sunday, April 7th at 3 pm in the Cathedral – we will observe a holy hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and share in the presence and gracious mercy of our Risen Lord Jesus.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTOR PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD	ALTAR SERVERS
Mar 23 4:00 pm Janey Mattina		Mar 23 4:00 pm Iris Ellis
Mar 24 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield	Mar 23 4:00 pm Janie Mattina Michael Bruffey	Mar 24 7:00 am B. C. Stoddard
9:00 am Sharon Tash	Mar 24 7:00 am David Gentile Marcia Mayfield	9:00 am Banks Ellis Ramsey Strayham Haven Strayham
11:00 am Traci Kessler	9:00 am Maggie Landry Liz Wilkinson	11:00 am Rady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonich James Watts
5:30 pm Teresa Ballinger	11:00 am Nativity BVM School Nativity BVM School	5:30 pm Patrick Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles
	5:30 pm Kristi Arguelles Ava Stoddard	
	CANTORS	
	Mar 23 4:00 pm KC Arnold	
	Mar 24 9:00 am Michael Kessler	
	11:00 am NATIVITY CHILDREN'S CHOR CATHEDRAL CHOIR	
	5:30 pm Sabree Puz	

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Mar 18 Tucei Family	Jacinto Baltar
Tue Mar 19 Chester Balius Family	Irene Schwan
We d Mar 20 Collins/Sims Family	Annette Luther (S.I.)
Thur Mar 21 Sr. Jackie Tarrant (S.I.)	Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
Fri Mar 22 Irene Schwan	Herbert & Bertha McDonnell
Sat Mar 23 Irene Schwan	Roy Ebberman, Jr.
Sun Mar 24 7 Sr. Jackie Tarrant (S.I.)	FTP
11:AM Irene Schwan	5:30 Barbara Lyons

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Michael Jon Kessler by his grateful family.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, March 16th at 4 pm & Sunday March 17TH – 11 am Masses for the Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Opening Hymn:	"Forty Days & Forty Nights"	# 130
Offertory Hymn:	"You Are the Light"	# 600
Communion Song:	"Eye Has Not Seen"	# 475
Recessional Song:	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"	# 455

<u>Cantors:</u>	Saturday 4 pm	Chantel Pilet
	Sunday 9 am	John Welter
	11 am	Phil Frisby + Cathedral Choir
	5:30 pm	Jordan Lancon

NATIVITY ELEMENTARY:

On Thursday, the 21st at 9 am, Nativity School will celebrate their third Lenten Mass of the season. Student Cantors will be Addie Illich and Emma Gnapp.

2024 CONCERT SERIES - "BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN CONCERT CHOIR":

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.

"DRAPING OF THE 'PRESENCE'":

This Sunday, the 17th – after the 5:30 pm Mass – we will "drape" the statues and cross that are in the Chapel and the Cathedral. Anyone that would like to assist is invited to stay and participate.

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS":

The Cathedral's Choral Society will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, April 2nd 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE POSTER

We will have the Eucharistic Miracle Posters at the back of the church this weekend. Fell free to spend some time reading and be inspired by them.

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 19, 2024. Following families are scheduled for March 19, 2024. Hornsby (Courtney & Dub), Illich (David & Lindsay), Johnston (Loren & Ryan), Jordan (Robert & Aimee), Kavanagh (Kevin & Lisa) and Killen (Deedy & Gene). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**