

**Nativity B.V.M. CATHEDRAL**  
**AUGUST 3, 2025**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Father Jey Jordan, Wendy Figer, Marianne Sherman, Ada Grace Glass, Chris Martino, Marcia Marie, Jacqueline Tapper, Cindy Ladner, Gabby Semonelle, Maureen Gruich, Edward "Chip" Donovan, Lucy Chatham, Stephanie Hargrove, Craig Herndon, Gerald D'Antoni, George Ziz, Earl Malone, Mary Parker, Elizabeth Malone, Brandy Beasley, Joy Malone, Osceola Malone, Phil Sniffen, Margaret "Marescalco" Weathersby, Gabriel Kasovich, Ginny Kirkland, Katie Thornton, Alberta Pisarich, Hon Dao, Keith Fayard, Susan Baugh, Hadley Cummings, Katherine Adams, Pat Jacquet, Ann Kavanagh, Josh Sniffen, Gene Endris, Matthew Centifanto, Maureen Moniot, Patsy Merrill, Connie Galle, Myrna Baucan, Skip and Marie Portas, Katherine Rester, Glynn Clark, Jennifer Fink, Anne Godlewski, Robert Barq, Rosalind D'Antoni, Aimee & Dr. David Dugger, Slade Lochner, Robert Cade, Anthony Porpiglia, Colton Vollmuth, Eileen Donovan, Bob Tucei, Trent Hartzog, Sr. Jackie Tarrant, Amy Elizabeth Wheeler, Keaton Morano, Lee and Jackie Slater, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Sondra Fox, Tommy Ardoline, Ansley Gilich, Adonna Creel Currie, Jackie Clark, Ivan Kovacevich, Carolyn Urbanoto, Buck O'Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Mickey Bradley, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr. and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

**THEN HE SAID TO THEM,  
 "WATCH OUT! BE ON  
 YOUR GUARD AGAINST  
 ALL KINDS OF GREED;  
 LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST  
 IN AN ABUNDANCE OF  
 POSSESSIONS."**

Luke 12:15



**DO NOT ALLOW EARTHLY PURSUITS TO DELAY  
 BUILDING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Much of life is spent in toil, working to earn what we need to support ourselves and our families. Though this pursuit is necessary and good, the Lord reminds us not to fall into the trap of allowing work to become the sole foundation of our lives, particularly not to the extent that it leads us to forgo or delay building a life of discipleship.

**O.C.I.A.**

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge in the Roman Catholic Church. The O.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. The Nativity Parish will begin O.C.I.A. classes again in the Fall. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Sacred Heart Center. If you are interested, please contact Greg or Penny Payne at 228-365-6348.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

**The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for discerning our Discipleship.**

Please contact the Church Rectory office if you are interested in lighting the Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, purchasing the Altar Flowers or having a Mass said for a loved one. These are beautiful ways to remember and celebrate special people in our lives. Please consider honoring your loved ones, both living and deceased.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Aug 04</b>	Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21, Ez 3:17-21, Mt 9:35—10:1
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Aug 05</b>	Nm 12:1-13, Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Aug 06</b>	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 Pt 1:16-19, Lk 9:28b-36
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Aug 07</b>	Nm 20:1-13, Mt 16:13-23
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Aug 08</b>	Dt 4:32-40, Mt 16:24-28, 1 Cor 2:1-10a, Lk 9:57-62
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Aug 09</b>	Dt 6:4-13, Mt 17:14-20
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Aug 10</b>	Wis 17:6-9, Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12, Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Tithing and contribution Goal weekly is: ..... 19,250.00**

Regular Collections	\$	13,254.46
Maintenance	\$	1,745.00
Capital Improvement	\$	420.00
Music Ministry	\$	10.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	82.00
Miscellaneous	\$	2,017.00

**TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 17,528.46**

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Aug 04</b>	<b>Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.</b> Adoration, Chapel, 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Aug 05</b>	<b>Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.</b> <b>Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Aug 06</b>	<b>Cleaning TEAM D</b>
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Aug 07</b>	<b>ADORATION, 6:00 P.M.</b>

*Heavenly Father,*

*I come before you seeking to deepen my discipleship and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely. Grant me the grace to discern your will for my life and the wisdom to trust in your guidance. Help me to remain faithful to your teachings, even when faced with challenges or temptations. Strengthen my resolve to live a life of love, service, and humility, reflecting the example of Jesus. Open my heart to the needs of others and grant me the courage to share the Gospel with those who do not yet know you. May my life be a testament to your love and grace. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, and my Lord. Amen.*

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BILOXI  
PASSPORT FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE**

Your own, trifold, passport for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. This passport was created to encourage and allow you to pilgrimage across the coast this year, for the Year of Hope. Something to keep and pray with for years to come as you remember this Jubilee year. Copies of the passport are in the back of the Church. For more information on the Jubilee Year, visit biloxidiocese.org/2025-jubilee.

**RELICS**

Bishop Kihneman has designated Nativity as one of the Churches for Visitation for plenary indulgence during this jubilee year. Part of this visitation includes the viewing of the relics that are located in the Marion Chapel. We are looking for volunteers to assist visitors before and after Mass. This is a great way to show case our church and ministry of community service. Please contact Susie Davis for more details at 228-731-0791.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Aug 09 4:00 pm</b> Deacon Janey Mattina John Sherman	<b>Aug 09 4:00 pm</b> Janey Mattina	<b>Aug 09 4:00 pm</b> Dalton Bounds
<b>Aug 10 7:00 am</b> Deacon JoJo Koonce Colleen Kavanagh	<b>Aug 10 7:00 am</b> Steve Theobald <b>9:00 am</b> Don Marie <b>11:00 am</b> Rosina Lepre	<b>Aug 10 7:00 am</b> Satchel Mercier McKae Glisson <b>9:00 am</b> Addison Whitehead Alyson Burke <b>11:00 am</b> Harper Lamey Amelia Beck
<b>5:30 pm</b> Deacon Sam Burke, Jr. Sharon Tash	<b>CANTORS</b> <b>Aug 09 4:00 pm</b> Harry DeVasConcellos <b>Aug 10 9:00 am</b> John Skrmetta <b>11:00 am</b> Phil Frisby <b>5:30 pm</b> Sabree Puzz	<b>5:30 pm</b> Nicholas Arguelles Patrick Arguelles

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Mon Aug 04</b> Collins-Sims Family	Chester Balius Family
<b>Tue Aug 05</b> Tucei Family	Fr. Jey Jordan (S.I.)
<b>Wed Aug 06</b> Irene Schwan	Fr. Jey Jordan (S.I.)
<b>Thur Aug 07</b> Sr. Jackie Tarrant (S.I.)	Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
<b>Fri Aug 08</b> Communion Service	Mary & Gaspar Pisarich
<b>Sat Aug 09</b> Larry Mattina	
	<b>4:00 PM</b> Dana Dronet
<b>Sun Aug 10 7</b> Fr. Jey Jordan (S.I.)	<b>9:00 AM</b> FTP
<b>11:AM</b> Roy Ebberman, Jr.	<b>5:30</b> Johnny Callegari

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

Hymns/Sacred Songs for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "C", Saturday & Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
4 pm, 9 & 11 am & 5:30 pm Masses:

Opening Hymn:	"All Creatures of Our God and King"	# 537
Offertory Hymn:	"For the Beauty of the Earth"	# 525
Communion Song:	"A Place at Your Table"	# 351
Recessional Song:	"God, We praise You"	# 218

<b><u>Cantors:</u></b>	Saturday 4 pm	Patrick Mooney
	Sunday 9 am	Elizabeth Cobb
	11 am	Chris Kennedy
	5:30 pm	Jordan Lancon

**AWAY:** Our Music Director, Terry Maddox, will be away on Saturday, August 2nd. Mr. Patrick Mooney will serve as our Cantor/Musician for the 4 pm Mass. Thank You Patrick!

**MASS PARTS:** Our Saturday -4:00 pm and Sunday - 9 & 11 am Masses use Fr. Ricky Manalo's "Mass of Spirit & Grace" located in your Breaking Bread - # 906, 907, 910, 913-15. Our Sunday evening 5:30 pm Mass utilizes Curtis Stephan's "Mass of Renewal" located in your Breaking Bread - # 857, 858, 861, 864-6.

**THANK YOU!** We would like to acknowledge the new Green Liturgical Curtain that was made by our new Altar Society Chair, Gwen Vanderfin. This is the first new liturgical drapery produced for our Cathedral's use in nearly two decades. We so appreciate Gwen's efforts and all the folks of the new Altar Society that are contributing to the life of our wonderful Cathedral. Blessings!

**NEXT LITURGY/MUSIC & FINE ARTS MEETING:** Our next Liturgy/Music & Fine Arts Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11th at 5:30 in the Great Hall Meeting area of the SHC.

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY OFFERINGS:**

**"Gloria In Excelsis"** Choral Society will resume rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. in the Youth Ministry Meeting Hall in the SHC on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**"Cathedral Choir"** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. on the stage of the SHC on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**"Sacred Tones"** Handbell rehearsals will resume on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> in the Music Room of Nativity BVM School on the second floor immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Sunday evening Mass, approximately at 6:30/6:45 p.m.

If you are interested in joining any of these Music Ministries – we would love to have you join us. Please contact Terry D. Maddox, Minister of Music at terrydalemaddox@gmail.com &/or 251-406-1454.

#### **BINGO MANIA**

**Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5th, 2025. Following families are scheduled for August 5th, 2025:** Ramirez (Kristen & Marcos), Randall (Amy & Menna, Frank), Rasmussen (Kimberly & Rick), Richardson (Denise), Rivera (Melissa & Ryan), Saunders (Nicole) and Shackelford (Suzanne & Steven). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

#### **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE AT NATIVITY CATHEDRAL**

On Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, a Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12 noon and 6:00 p.m. **ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE CATHEDRAL.**



clearly you can hear.

#### **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

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The SVdP provides assistance each Tuesday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. For those wishing to make regular contributions, envelopes are located in the vestibule. We also value your one time gift! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.

#### **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!

#### **PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES**

**Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**