

Nativity B.V.M. CATHEDRAL
AUGUST 24, 2025
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Joey Kelley, 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, Katie Thornton, Alberta Pisarich, Hon Dao, Keith Fayard, 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.

MARIAN CHAPEL RELIQUARY

Beginning this weekend, August 24th, the chapel will be open for relic viewing between the Sunday 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Masses. Volunteers are still needed to serve as relic host/hostesses. Anyone interest can be with a representative of the Relic Committee in the back of the church following all Masses this weekend.

OCIA

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.

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, September 4th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity Cathedral located at 870 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530. Come and be renewed by the Lord!

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Father Dennis Carver.

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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming a greeter or a volunteer of any kind at the Church, please contact Tracie Strayham and she can guide you through the process. Currently we are in need of Greeters, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Tracie's email address is tracie@lameyelectric.com.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Aug 25	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10, Mt 23:13-22
Tue	Aug 26	1 Thes 2:1-8, Mt 23:23-26
Wed	Aug 27	1 Thes 2:9-13, Mt 23:27-32, Sir 26:1-4, 13-16, Lk 7:11-17
Thu	Aug 28	1 The 3:7-13, Mt 24:42-51, 1 Jn 4:7-16, Mt 23:8-12
Fri	Aug 29	1 Thes 4:1-8, Mk 6:17-29, Jer 1:17-19
Sat	Aug 30	1 Thes 4:9-11, Mt 25:14-30
Sun	Aug 31	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29, Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a, Lk 14:1, 7-14

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Tithing and contribution Goal weekly is: 19,250.00

Regular Collections	\$	9,369.91
Assumption of Mary	\$	2,653.00
Maintenance	\$	1,296.00
Capital Improvement	\$	120.00
Music Ministry	\$	200.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	240.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,746.00

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 15,624.91

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon.	Aug 25	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel, 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
Tues.	Aug 26	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
Wed.	Aug 27	Cleaning TEAM C
Thur.	Aug 28	Adoration, 6:00 P.M.

CCD/LIFE TEEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The CCD program is designed for children in public schools grades K-5th. We invite all children who are seeking to learn more about their faith and/or receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Communion. We meet on Wednesday evenings @ 5:30pm in the Sacred Heart Center. Classes begin on Wednesday, Sept 3rd at 5:30pm with a parent meeting. There is a \$25 registration fee per child. For more information, please contact Lauren Ellis @ 228-324-0447 ellis@nativitybvm.org

The LifeTeen program is designed for teens in public AND Catholic schools grades 6th-12th grade. We invite all teens from our east Biloxi parishes to join us! There is a \$25 registration fee per teen. Our kick-off gathering will be on Sunday, Sept 7th @ 2pm-5pm in the youth room located in the Sacred Heart Center. We will have prayer time, games, dinner, and conclude with Mass @ 5:30pm in the Cathedral. For more information, please contact Kristy Arguelles @ 228-324-9934. eastbiloxiyouthministry@gmail.com

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 Colleen Kavanagh at colleenkavanagh64@gmail.com.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
Aug 30 4:00 pm Sondra Ahern Kathleen Coskey Jim Shugart	Aug 30 4:00 pm Jim Shugart	Aug 30 4:00 pm Dalton Bounds
Aug 31 7:00 am Linda Stewart Ricky Authement Susie Davis	Aug 31 7:00 am George Emile	Aug 31 7:00 am Alex Stewart
9:00 am Rocio Duenas Sharon Tash Judy Trahan	9:00 am Peter Abide	9:00 am A.J. Codella
11:00 am Sarah Barhonovich Gary Naab Lois Reidy	11:00 am Sarah Barhonovich	9:00 am Mattie Codella
5:30 pm Sabree Puzs Sophia Pastor Marc Harbison	5:30 pm Laura Junkert	11:00 am Alyson Burke
	CANTORS	11:00 am Brady Barhonovich
	Aug 30 4:00 pm	5:30 pm Victoria Barhonovich
	Aug 31 9:00 am	5:30 pm Bentley Puzs
	11:00 am Elizabeth Cobb	
	CATHEDRAL CHOIR	
	5:30 pm Jordan Lancon	

LUMEN CHRISTI AWARDS MASS

The Mass for recipients of the Lumen Christi Award will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025, after the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

OUR ANNUAL BLUE MASS

On Sunday, September 14th, 2025, we celebrate our Annual Blue Mass at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This Mass is to show our appreciation to our policemen, firefighters, sheriffs, first responders and officials. Let's keep them in our prayers always.

DIOCESAN ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MASS

On Sunday, September 21st, 2025, at the 11:00 Mass, Nativity Cathedral will have an annual Mass for the various St. Vincent de Paul Societies who operate in the Diocese of Biloxi. Vincentians who care for the poor in our Diocesan Parishes will come together to celebrate with Bishop Kihneman.

Deacon's Appreciation Breakfast

All are welcome to our Nativity Parish's Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 27th in the Sacred Heart Center following the 7am & 9am Masses. This special breakfast is to show our appreciation for the faithful service shown to our parish by Deacon Johnny Williams and Deacon Keith Gibson. This breakfast will be hosted by both the Vocations Ministry Team & the Men's Club. For more information, please contact Lauren Ellis @ 228-324-0447.

The ANNUAL MASS OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The Annual Mass of wedding anniversaries will take place on Sunday, October 12th 2025, at 2 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or more years of marriage. We have registration forms in the back of the Cathedral. The deadline for submitting is September 18, 2025. You may mail your completed form to Deacon Justin Mitchell, Diocese of Biloxi, 1790 Popps Ferry Rd., Biloxi, MS 39532 or email to jtmitchell@biloxidiocese.org.

THE RED MASS

The Annual Red Mass will be celebrated on October 5th, 2025, at 11:00 am. The annual Diocesan Red Mass invoking the blessings of the Holy Spirit over the legal community will be held at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Immediately following there will be a reception in the Sacred Heart Center. All judges, lawyers, public officials, and people of good faith are invited to attend.

WHITE MASS

The annual White Mass will be held on October 26th, 2025, at our 11:00 Mass. The White Mass, so named by the color worn by those in the healing profession of medicine, is held in recognition of the dedicated work of healthcare professionals and to ask God's blessing upon patient, doctor, nurse, and caregiver. A reception will follow in the Sacred Heart Center.

6:30 AM

8:00 AM

Mon Aug 25	Sr. Jackie Tarrant (S.I.)	Fr. Dennis Carver
Tue Aug 26	Collins-Sims Family	Chester Balus Family
Wed Aug 27	Tucei Family	Fr. Jey Jordan (S.I.)
Thur Aug 28	Frank Green	Buddy Pullen
Fri Aug 29	Communion Service	Joyce & Glenn Pisarich
Sat Aug 30	Charles Romero	
Sun Aug 31	7:00 AM Dottie & Leo Crapo	4:00 PM Father Dennis Carver
11:AM	Johnny Callegari	9:00 AM FTP
	5:30	Those Battling Addiction (S.I.)

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

Hymns/Sacred Songs for the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year “C” - Saturday & Sunday, August 23rd & 24th – 4 pm, 9 & 11 am & 5:30 pm Masses:

Opening Hymn:	“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”	# 714
Offertory Hymn:	“In Christ There Is No East or West”	# 607
Communion Song:	“Abide with Me”	# 628
Recessional Song:	“Christ Before Us”	# 416

Cantors:

Saturday	4 pm	John Welter
Sunday	9 am	Nativity BVM School Mass
	11 am	KC Arnold
	5:30 pm	Patrick Mooney

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.

WELCOME “NATIVITY BVM CATHOLIC ELEMNTARY” MEMBERS &FAMILIES/FRIENDS!

This weekend in our Sunday, 9 am Mass, the Cathedral welcomes our Nativity BVM Catholic Elementary School in their celebration of “Backpack Blessings”, to mark the start of the School Year. The Sixth Grade Class will lead along with members of the Cherub & Children's Choirs for the 2025-2026 School Year.

WELCOME “RITE OF CANDIDACY FOR THE DIACONATE” MEMBERS & FAMILIES/FRIENDS!

This weekend in our Sunday, 11 am Mass, the Cathedral welcomes the members of the 2028 Class for the Diaconate and their families and friends in the very special “Rite of Candidacy.” The Mass will be celebrated in both Spanish and English. KC Arnold will serve as our Cantor.

MUSIC MINISTRY OFFERINGS:

“Gloria In Excelsis” Choral Society has resumed rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. in the Youth Ministry Meeting Hall in the SHC .

“Cathedral Choir” has resumed rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. on the stage of the SHC.

“Sacred Tones” Handbell rehearsals resume this Sunday, August 17th 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 26th, 2025. Following families are scheduled for August 26th, 2025: Beck (Ashleigh & John), Blackmon (Kelly), Boney (Elizabeth), Boothby (Blake & Canette, Alexis), Bruno (Ria & Fuller, Jared), Burke (Samuel & Sarah) and Butterfield (Jonathan & Meghan). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**