

# Nativity B.V.M. CATHEDRAL

## SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

### 23<sup>RD</sup> 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, 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.

#### LUMEN CHRISTI AWARDS

Gwen Vanderfin and Traci Kessler received the Lumen Christi Award on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025! Thank you, for your service and the light you share with Nativity Cathedral and Nativity BVM Elementary School. Congratulations!

#### MARIAN CHAPEL RELIQUARY

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. Please contact Colleen Kavanagh at [colleenkavanagh64@gmail.com](mailto:colleenkavanagh64@gmail.com).

#### 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](mailto:colleenkavanagh64@gmail.com).

#### 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.

#### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in loving memory of Jim and Linden Brashier.

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](mailto: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

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Sep 08</b>	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Sep 09</b>	Col 2:6-15, Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Sep 10</b>	Col 3:1-11, Lk 6:20-26
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Sep 11</b>	Col 3:12-17, Lk 6:27-38
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sep 12</b>	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14, Lk 6:39-42
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sep 13</b>	1 Tm 1:15-17, Lk 6:43-49, Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mk 4:1-10, 13-20 or 4:1-9
<b>Sun</b>	<b>sep 14</b>	Nm 21:4b-9, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17

#### YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Regular Collections	\$	8,284.00
Maintenance	\$	1,399.00
Capital Improvement	\$	255.00
Music Ministry	\$	10.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	0.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,360.80

**TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 13,603.80**

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Sep 08</b>	<b>Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.</b> Adoration, Chapel, 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Sep 09</b>	<b>Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.</b> <b>Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Sep 10</b>	<b>Cleaning TEAM A</b>
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Sep 11</b>	<b>HOOR OF GRACE, 6:00 P.M.</b>

#### 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 began 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 [lellis@nativitybvm.org](mailto:lellis@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. [eastbiloxiyouthisministry@gmail.com](mailto:eastbiloxiyouthisministry@gmail.com).

#### CO-ED ARISE SPIRITUAL RETREAT

The next Co-Ed Arise spiritual retreat for adults will be held Saturday through Sunday, September 13-14th, 2025, at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center Dedeaux, 14595 Vidalia Rd, Pass Christian, MS. Spiritual leaders for the weekend are Fr. Greg Barras and Deacon Robert Illanne. Arise is sponsored by the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi, a program of the Diocese of Biloxi. Whereas Cursillo is a more indepth program primarily for practicing Catholics, Arise is designed primarily for those seeking additional information about the Catholic faith in a short period of time (one weekend):

- Non-Catholic spouses of practicing Catholics
- Non-Catholic teachers, parents, grandparents affiliated with a Catholic School who want to know more about the Catholic faith
- Catholics who have been away from the church for a while or those needing a spiritual boost
- Those without a current church/religion who are "searching" for a new one or more meaningful faith experience
- Those taking/have taken instruction (OCIA/RCIA) in the Catholic faith

There is no cost to attend and an application for the weekend can be found on the website at [www.biloxicursillo.org](http://www.biloxicursillo.org). If you need more information, please contact Dale Dorcik at (228)365-4057 or Jill Olsen at (228)327-5090.

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
<b>Sep 13 4:00 pm</b> Deacon Kathleen Coskey Sondra Ahern	<b>Sep 13 4:00 pm</b> Bill Lawson	<b>Sep 13 4:00 pm</b> James Watts Birdie Watts
<b>Sep 14 7:00 am</b> Deacon Danny Kavanagh Colleen Kavanagh	<b>Sep 14 7:00 am</b> Marcia Mayfield	<b>Sep 14 7:00 am</b> Satchel Mercier Eleanor Langford
<b>9:00 am</b> Deacon Sharon Tash Judy Trahan	<b>9:00 am</b> Jim Compton	<b>9:00 am</b> Harper Corley Alyson Burke
<b>11:00 am</b> Deacon Traci Kessler Lois Reidy	<b>11:00 am</b> Traci Kessler	<b>11:00 am</b> Harper Lamey Amelia Beck
<b>5:30 pm</b> Deacon Sophia Pastor Teresa Ballinger	<b>5:30 pm</b> Jordan Lancon	<b>5:30 pm</b> Nicholas Arguelles Patrick Arguelles
	<b>CANTORS</b>	
	<b>Sep 13 4:00 pm</b> Harry DeVasConCellos	
	<b>Sep 14 9:00 am</b> Michael Kessler	
	<b>11:00 am</b> Phil Frisby	
	<b>CATHEDRAL CHOIR</b>	
	<b>5:30 pm</b> Cole Burke	

#### **OUR ANNUAL BLUE MASS**

Next Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 [jmitchell@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:jmitchell@biloxidiocese.org).

#### **THE RED MASS**

The Annual Red Mass will be celebrated on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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**

<b>Mon Sep 08</b>	Chester Balias	Nicovich Family
<b>Tue Sep 09</b>	Collins-Sims Family	Johnny Callegari
<b>Wed Sep 10</b>	Roy "Lee" Elder, Jr.	Dr. Jerri Laumbe
<b>Thur Sep 11</b>	Irene Schwan	Jim and Linden Brashier
<b>Fri Sep 12</b>	Communion Service	Joyce & Glenn Pisarich
<b>Sat Sep 13</b>	Father Dennis Carver	
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Andrew & Jackie Gilich
<b>Sun Sep 14 7</b>	Father Dennis Carver	<b>9:00 AM</b> FTP
<b>11:AM</b>	Gerrie Weldon	<b>5:30</b> Father Jey Jordan (S.I.)

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

Hymns/Sacred Songs for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year "C" - Saturday & Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> – 4 pm, 9 & 11 am & 5:30 pm Masses:

Opening Hymn:	"Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning"	# 506
Offertory Hymn:	"Be Still, My Soul"	# 663
Communion Song:	"On Eagle's Wings"	# 565
Recessional Song:	"Alleluia! Raise the Gospel"	# 623

#### **Cantors:**

Saturday 4 pm	KC Arnold
Sunday 9 am	Nativity BVM School Mass
11 am	Elizabeth Cobb
5:30 pm	Jordan Lancon

#### **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. The Fifth Grade Class will lead along with members of the Cherub & Children's Choirs.

#### **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 have resumed 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](mailto:terrydalemaddox@gmail.com) &/or 251-406-1454.

#### **BINGO MANIA**

**Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Following families are scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Felter (Jessica & Michael), Fountain (Brent & Bonnie), Fraser (Lyndsey & timothy), Gautier (Lawrence & Courtney), Gill (Danielle & Charles), Glisson (Chase & Tahler) and Gnapp (Erica & Rob). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

#### **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](http://biloxidiocese.org/2025-jubilee).