

Nativity B.V.M. CATHEDRAL

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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, 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, 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.

O Lord, we thank you for the goodness of the earth, for the beauty of the dawn, and for the glory of the nightfall. You give us the land and all within it, as a glimpse of Your heart, holy and forever loving. You compel us to take courage, no matter the difficulty. You place servants before us – men and women whom You entrust to safeguard against human calamity. These heralds of blessing shield the most vulnerable, offer solace for the parched, and carry the brokenhearted. They sacrifice their own lives to yield our living. We thank you, O Lord, for those who bring forth Your Spirit in our midst. May we who fix our hope in God be filled with all joy and peace in believing.

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.

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 for Father Thomas White, in memory of and in appreciation for his loving support of the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

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.

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	Sep 15	1 Tm 2:1-8, Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35, Heb 5:7-9
Tue	Sep 16	1 Tm 3:1-13, Lk 7:11-17, 2 Cor 4:7-15, Jn 17:11b-19
Wed	Sep 17	1 Tm 3:14-16, Lk 7:31-35
Thu	Sep 18	1 Tm 4:12-16, Lk 7:36-50
Fri	Sep 19	1 Tm 6:2c-12, Lk 8:1-3
Sat	Sep 20	1 Tm 6:13-16, Lk 8:4-15, Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31b-39, Lk 9:23-26
Sun	Sep 21	Am 8:4-7, 1 Tm 2:1-8, Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Tithing and contribution Goal weekly is: 19,250.00

Regular Collections	\$	13,416.00
Maintenance	\$	941.00
Capital Improvement	\$	496.00
Music Ministry	\$	10.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	5.00
Miscellaneous	\$	2,107.00

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 16,975.00

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon.	Sep 15	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel, 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
Tues.	Sep 16	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
Wed.	Sep 17	Cleaning TEAM B
Thur.	Sep 11	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 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.

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 was on Sunday, Sept 7th. 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.**

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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
Sep 20 4:00 pm Lauren Ellis Glenn Ellis Janey Mattina	Sep 20 4:00 pm Mike Bruffey	Sep 20 4:00 pm Dalton Bounds
Sep 21 7:00 am Susie Davis Linda Stewart JoJo Koonce	Sep 21 7:00 am Regina Bossier	Sep 21 7:00 am Alex Stewart
9:00 am Rocio Duenas Karen Corley John Brauchle	9:00 am Nativity School	9:00 am Haven Strayham
11:00 am Lois Reidy John Sherman Sandy Steckler	11:00 am Alicia Tarrant	11:00 am Ramsey Strayham
5:30 pm Sophia Pastor Dale Dorcik Marc Harbison	5:30 pm Jeremy DeDuth	5:30 pm Carter Fountain Chase Fountain
	CANTORS	5:30 pm Bentley Puzz
	Sep 20 4:00 pm Chantel Pilet	
	Sep 21 9:00 am Nativity School	
	11:00 am Joshua Conway	
	CATHEDRAL CHOIR	
	5:30 pm Becky & Terry Maddox	

OUR ANNUAL BLUE MASS

This 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 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.

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.

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 Sep 15	Barbara Moon	Johnny Callegari
Tue Sep 16	Joy Tucei	Mark Barhanovich
Wed Sep 17	Collins-Sims	Dr. Jerri Laumbe
Thur Sep 18	Tucei Family	Tommy Ardoline
Fri Sep 19	Communion Service	Herbert & Bertha McDonnell
Sat Sep 20	Hon Dao	
Sun Sep 21	7 Frances Creel	4:00 PM Gabe & Doris Kasovich
11:AM	Jean & Bob Kridle	5:30 9:00 AM FTP Floyce & Bill Bozeman

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

Hymns/Sacred Songs for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross– Year “C” - Saturday & Sunday, September 13th & 14th – 4 pm, 9 & 11am & 5:30 pm Masses:

Opening Hymn:	“Lift High The Cross”	# 705
Offertory Hymn:	“Take Up Your Cross”	# 704
Communion Song:	“When I survey the Wondrous Cross”	# 160
Recessional Song:	“Alleluia! Alleluia!”	# 190

Cantors:

Saturday	4 pm	Harry DeVasConCellos
Sunday	9 am	Michael Kessler
	11 am	Phil Frisby
	5:30 pm	Cole Burke

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 “BLUE MASS” MEMBERS & FAMILIES/FRIENDS!

This weekend in our Sunday, 11 am Celebration – Nativity BVM Cathedral welcomes our Police-First Responders in a Mass of Appreciation & Blessing!

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 &/or 251-406-1454.

ALL SOULS' CONCERT – SERVICE:

Our 2025 “All Soul's Concert-Service of Remembrance” is planned for Sunday, November 2 nd at 4 pm. If you would like to have a loved one listed in the program for remembrance, please submit their name for the program as soon as possible to terrydalemaddox@gmail.com. Those loved ones who have passed since our last All Soul's Remembrance in 2024 will have their family and friends invited to be remembered in a special observance in the program. For further information contact Terry D. Maddox, M.M., Minister of Music, Director of Fine Arts at the email listed &/or call or text at 251-406-1454. Donations are kindly accepted to benefit the cost of this special program and the offerings of the Music & Fine Arts Ministry.

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16th, 2025. Following families are scheduled for September 16th, 2025: Gollott (Jessica & todd), Green (Trevor & Kelly), Guttierrez (Weldon & Hill, Jillian), Hargrove (Robert & Shanna), Hartman (Sasha & James), Holt (Ana & Jared) and Hornsby (Courtney & Dub). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**