

**Nativity B.V.M. CATHEDRAL**  
**DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Geoffrey Simon, Joey Kelley, Father Jey Jordan, Ada Grace Glass, Chris Martino, Marcia Marie, Jacqueline Tapper, 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, 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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 08</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Dec 09</b>	Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec 10</b>	Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec 12</b>	Zec 2:14-17, or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 708-712
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13, 2 cor 10:17—11:2, Mt 25:1-13
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 14</b>	Is 35:1-6a, 10, Mt 11:2-11

**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

Regular Collections	\$	13,270.00
Maintenance	\$	746.00
Capital Improvement	\$	465.00
Music Ministry	\$	10.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	205.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	1,210.00
Miscellaneous	\$	0.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,906.00</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Mon. Dec 08** **NO Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Adoration, Chapel, 7:00 -7:55 a.m.**  
**NOON MASS AND 6:00 P.M. MASS**
- Tues. Dec 09** **Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.**  
**Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.**
- Wed. Dec 10** **Cleaning TEAM B**
- Thur. Dec 11** **ADORATION, 6:00 p.m.**

**ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER AND RELECTION**

On Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 we will have an Advent Day of Prayer and Reflections, beginning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Marion Chapel.

**NATIVITY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Nativity’s Advent Penance Service is scheduled for December 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULES**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025, CHRISTMAS EVE**

- 4:00 P.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL
- 4:00 P.M. MASS IN THE SACRED HEART CENTER
- 7:00 P.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL
- 11:00 P.M. CATHEDRAL

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY**

- 10:00 A.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2026, NEW YEAR’S EVE**
- 6:00 P.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL
- 11:00 P.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026, SOLEMNITY OF MARY NEW YEAR’S DAY**
- 10:00 A.M. MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**On Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have our regular morning Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. We will also have a Mass at 12 NOON and at 6:00 p.m.**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this weekend in memory of Michael Jon Kessler.

**OCIA**

Please remember to keep our Inquirers, Sponsors, and Team in your prayers as they continue their faith journey of spiritual growth and integration into our Parish community. 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. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

**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. Beginning in October, the chapel will be open after 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Masses. We are looking for volunteers to assist visitors before and after Mass. This is a great way to showcase our church and ministry of community service. **Please contact Colleen Kavanagh at [colleenkavanagh64@gmail.com](mailto:colleenkavanagh64@gmail.com).**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Dec 13 4:00 pm</b> Deacon Lauren Ellis Glenn Ellis	<b>Dec 13 4:00 pm</b> Michael Bruffey	<b>Dec 13 4:00 pm</b> Iris Ellis Rosie Ellis
<b>Dec 14 7:00 am</b> Deacon Linda Stewart Susie Davis	<b>Dec 14 7:00 am</b> Regina Bossier <b>9:00 am</b> Liz Wilkinson <b>11:00 am</b> Alicia Tarrant <b>5:30 pm</b> Nativity Youth	<b>Dec 14 7:00 am</b> Alex Stewart Alexander Dykes <b>9:00 am</b> Mattie Codella Will Codella <b>11:00 am</b> Harper Lamey Amelia Beck Sophia Dorcik <b>5:30 pm</b> Life Teen
<b>9:00 am</b> Deacon John Brauchle Belinda Corley	<b>CANTORS</b> <b>Dec 13 4:00 pm</b> Michael Kessler <b>Dec 14 9:00 am</b> Dennis Burke <b>11:00 am</b> Phil Frisby CATHEDRAL CHOIR <b>5:30 pm</b> Patrick Mooney	
<b>11:00 am</b> Deacon John Sherman Traci Kessler <b>5:30 pm</b> Deacon Nativity Youth		

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Mon Dec 08</b> Linda Bourgeois <b>NOON</b> Victor Mavar	Larry Bodin <b>6:00 PM</b> Wendy Rae Figer
<b>Tue Dec 09</b> Linda Bourgeois	Linda Bourgeois
<b>Wed Dec 10</b> Tucei Family	Tommy Ardoline
<b>Thur Dec 11</b> Collins-Sims Family	Chester Balias Family
<b>Fri Dec 12</b> Communion Service	Bertha & Herbert McDonnell
<b>Sat Dec 13</b> Michael Jon Kessler	
<b>Sun Dec 14 7</b> Betty Lou Callegari	<b>4:00 PM</b> Mary Beth Cvitanovich <b>9:00 AM</b> FTP
<b>11:AM</b> Michael Jon Kessler	<b>5:30</b> Deacon & Mrs. Rene Moniot

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

Hymns/Sacred Songs for the Second Sunday of Advent –Year “A” - Saturday & Sunday December 6th & 7th – 4 p.m., 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Masses:

Opening Hymn:	“On Jordan’s Bank”	# 41
Offertory Hymn:	“Comfort, Comfort, O My People”	# 60
Communion Song:	“The Advent of Our King”	# 73
Recessional Song:	“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”	# 47

<b>Cantors:</b>	Saturday 4 pm	KC Arnold
	Sunday 9 am	Nativity BVM School
	11 am	John Welter
	5:30 pm	Elizabeth Cobb

### **MASS PARTS:**

Our Saturday, 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 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 p.m. Mass utilizes Curtis Stephan’s “Mass of Renewal” - located in your Breaking Bread - # 857, 858, 861, 864-6.

### **NEW YEAR – NEW MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:**

This weekend we begin the New Christian Year of “A” and with every new year of observance our Memorial Acclamation changes. We begin using: “We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.”

### **JESSE TREE – LINEAGE OF “JESUS”:**

This weekend, as we begin our Advent journey to the stable in Bethlehem – we begin again our observance of the “Jesse Tree – Lineage of Jesus.” We welcome members of our CCD Classes and Mrs. Lauren Ellis – our CCD Director as they assist in leading us in worship in our Saturday, first service of Advent this weekend. They will be placing our first ornament symbols on the Jesse Tree of Apples represent Adam & Eve & the Garden of Eden.

### **NATIVITY BVM CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY:**

The School will offer their annual Advent Fine Arts Mass with the Fifth Grade Class, Arts Alive & the Children’s Choirs on Sunday, December 7th at 9 a.m. On Monday, December 8th, the School will offer its annual Immaculate Conception Mass celebration at 9 a.m. in the gymnasium with the second grade.

**CONCERT SERIES:** Our 2025 “**Caroling on the Cathedral Square**” will be held immediately after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 20th at 5:30 p.m. Our annual “Christmas Concert” will be shared in the Cathedral on Sunday, December 21st at 4:00 p.m., featuring our massed community choirs, instruments and our Sacred Tones Handbell Choir. Both programs are free and open to the public to attend.

### **ADVENT REFLECTION CONCERT – SERVICE:**

Our 2025 “Advent Reflection Concert-Service” is planned for Sunday, December 7th at 4 p.m. The program will feature Antonio Vivaldi’s “Gloria.” The Gloria proclamation of praise by the Heavenly Angels singing on Christmas Eve has for centuries been a text selected to be set to music by numerous classical composers. Vivaldi’s version is one of the more popular/famous works – treasured by many – just as “*Messiah*” is for Handel.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES**

For us to include your name and the names of your loved ones in our Christmas bulletin, please put your “Christmas Flower” envelopes in the collection with your loved ones names on them. We appreciate your contribution toward the flowers for the Cathedral at Christmas. For your convenience, we have placed envelopes in the pews. **IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR NAMES AND YOUR LOVED ONES NAMES IN THE CHRISTMAS BULLETIN, THE DEADLINE TO GET YOUR ENVELOPES IN IS DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>.** Thank you for your contributions.

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

With all of the uncertainty at this point in time, please give consideration to making a donation to our SVdP. 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.

### **BINGO MANIA**

**Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9th, 2025. Following families are scheduled for December 9th, 2025:** Blackmon,(Kelly), Boney (Elizaeth), Boothby (Blake & Canette, Alexis), Bruno (Ria & Fuller, Jared), Burke (Samuel & Sarah), Butterfield (Jonathan & Meghan) and Byers (Brently & Briana). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

### **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!