

Nativity B.V.M. CATHEDRAL
DECEMBER 21ST, 2025
FOURTH 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, Marie Portas, 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.

THROUGH JESUS WE HAVE RECEIVED THE GRACE OF APOSTLESHIP

The coming of Jesus Christ is the sign of our salvation. He is "God with us" and has invited us to turn our lives over to him. Are we ready to accept this sign? Will we, like Joseph, put aside our fears and enter into a completely new reality, a new way of life?

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

Confirmation Class of 2026

There will be a meeting for Confirmandi (Juniors/Seniors that are requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2026) and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) on Sunday, January 4, at 6:40 pm at Nativity BVM Cathedral's Sacred Heart Center in the Youth Ministry room. Questions/concerns? Please contact Mrs. Kristy Arguelles, (228)324-9934.

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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.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION SOCIETY CALENDARS FOR 2026 ARE HERE!

The 2026 calendars are in. Please give a donation of \$5.00 to cover the cost of this year's calendar. They are located in the back of the Church. Please put your donation in the basket provided.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 22	1 Sm 1:24-28, 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d, Lk 1:46-56
Tue	Dec 23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66
Wed	Dec 24	Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79 Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Thu	Dec 25	Is 62:11-12, Lk 2:15-20
Fri	Dec 26	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22
Sat	Dec 27	1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sun	Dec 28	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Tithing and contribution Goal weekly is:	19,250.00
Regular Collections	\$ 10,020.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,124.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 270.00
Music Ministry	\$ 10.00
Nativity Elem.	\$ 384.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 583.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,222.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,150.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$ 14,763.00

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon.	Dec 22	(NO) Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel, 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
Tues.	Dec 23	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. (NO) Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
Wed.	Dec 24	Cleaning TEAM D Masses at 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
Thur.	Dec 25	Mass at 10:00 a.m.

The rectory will be closed December 24th through December 26th. We will reopen on Monday, December 29th.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this weekend in memory of the Esposito, Egers and Romero Families.

**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, 2025, 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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
Dec 24 4:00 pm SHC Linda Stewart Jim Shugart John Brauchle 4:00 pm Cathedral Lauren Ellis Glenn Ellis Dale Dorcik 7:00 pm ???? 11:00 pm Sarah Barhonovich Dec. 25 10:00 am Lois Reidy Sharon Tash Judy Trahan Dec 27 4:00 pm Sondra Ahern Lauren Ellis Glenn Ellis Dec 28 7:00 am JoJo Koonce Susie Davis Linda Stewart 9:00 am Rocio Duenas Jeffery Ellis John Brauchle 11:00 am Gary Naab Lois Reidy John Sherman 5:30 pm Teresa Ballinger Dale Dorcik Marc Harbison	Dec 24 4:00 pm SHC Bill Lawson 4:00 pm Cathedral Nativity School 7:00 pm Jim Shugart 11:00 pm Harry Joachim Dec. 25 10:00 am Richard Skripek Dec 27 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey Dec 28 7:00 am Steve Theobald 9:00 am Don Marie 11:00 am Rosina Lepre 5:30 pm Joyce DeMuth CANTORS Dec 27 4:00 pm Rasmussen Trio Dec 28 9:00 am Michael Kessler 11:00 am Chantel Pilet CATHEDRAL CHOIR 5:30 pm Jordan Lancon Dec 24 4:00 pm SHC John Welter 4:00 pm Cathedral Nativity Elem 7:00 pm Jordan Lancon 11:00 pm Phil Frisby CATHEDRAL CHOIR Dec. 25 10:00 am Becky & Terry Maddox	Dec 24 4:00 pm SHC Alex Stewart 4:00 pm Cathedral Ellis Cousins 7:00 pm Bentley Puz Olivia Codella Benjamin Hosey 11:00 pm Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich Dec. 25 10:00 am ???? Dec 27 4:00 pm Iris Ellis Rosie Ellis Dec 28 7:00 am Tristan Davis Kingston Davis 9:00 am Banks Ellis Conner Ellis 11:00 am Carter Fountain Benjamin Hosey 5:30 pm Olivia Codella

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Dec 22 Collins-Sims Fly.	Chester Balius Fly.
Tue Dec 23 "Rip" Poulos	Jacinto & Norine Baltar
Wed Dec 24 4:00 PM Andrew & Jackie Gilich 7:00 PM Roy Ebberman, Jr. 11:00 PM Jean & Bob Kridle	
Thur Dec 25 10:00 AM Deceased Ardoline/Sherman Family	
Fri Dec 26 Communion Service	Mary & Gaspar Pisarich
Sat Dec 27 Father Dennis Carver	
Sun Dec 28 7 Scott Creel 9:00 AM FTP	4:00 PM Thomas Poothullil
11:AM Victor Mavar	5:30 PM Anna Mae Gilich

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

Hymns/Sacred Songs for the Fourth Sunday of Advent –Year “A” - Saturday & Sunday December 20th & 21st – 4 p.m., 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Masses:

Opening Hymn:	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	# 39
Offertory Hymn:	“Hail Mary: Gentle Woman”	# 702
Communion Song:	“Patience, People”	# 49
Recessional Song:	“The Advent of Our King”	# 73

Cantors:

Saturday	4 pm	KC Arnold
Sunday	9 am	Cole Burke
	11 am	Chris Kennedy
	5:30 pm	Jordan Lancon

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.

JESSE TREE – LINEAGE OF “JESUS”:

This weekend, we conclude our Advent journey to the stable in Bethlehem and observe the “Jesse Tree – Lineage of Jesus.” We welcome members of our Nativity BVM Elementary School’s Cantor Corp as they assist in leading us in worship in our Sunday 9 am fourth service of Advent this weekend. They will be placing our last set of ornament symbols on the Jesse Tree of whales representing Jonah.

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

NATIVITY BVM CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY: On Wednesday, December 24th, the School will offer its annual “Pre-Service” to our opening Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass. The Pre-Service will begin at 3:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE LATE MASS – PRE-SERVICE:

Once again, this year, the Music Ministry of the Church will offer a Pre-Service of choral music and carols augmented by a string quintet beginning at 10:30 p.m.

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.**

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, January 8th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity Cathedral located at 870 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530. Come and be renewed by the Lord!

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026. Following families are scheduled for January 6th, 2026: Fountain (Brent & Bonnie), Fraser (Lyndsey & Timothy), Gautier (Lawrence & Courtney), Gill (Danielle & Charles), Glisson (Chase & Tahler), Gnapp (Erica & Rob) and Gollott (Jessica & Todd).