

NATIVITY B.V.M. CATHEDRAL
MARCH 15, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Maria Colbet Travis, Marianne Sherman, Mark Howard, Joey Kelley, Father Jey Jordan, Ada Grace Glass, Marcia Marie, Jacqueline Tapper, Gabby Semonelle, 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, and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

I ask for the grace to renounce all hidden deeds of darkness and the snares of the evil one. Help me to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL'S LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lenten Parish Penance Service will be on Monday, March 16th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

2026 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL – "THIS IS THE HOUR FOR LOVE"

Our diocese is blessed to have over 56 Permanent Deacons that serve our parishes and families, as well as 18 men in formation for the Permanent Diaconate. Your gift to the CSA greatly aids in the formation and education of these men in service to the Church. Please consider a gift to this year's appeal in support of our Deacons.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE AT NATIVITY 2026

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2026 CHRISM MASS, 10:30 A.M

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2026, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 6:00 P.M. (WASHING OF THE FEET)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2026 STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 2:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2026 VENERATION OF THE CROSS, 3:00 P.M.

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH, 2026 EASTER VIGIL, 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2026 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, 7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M. AND 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2026 DEANERY DIVINE MERCY PRAYER AT 3:00 P.M.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Mar 16	Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54
Tue	Mar 17	Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16
Wed	Mar 18	Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30
Thu	Mar 19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Fri	Mar 20	Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat	Mar 21	Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53
Sun	Mar 22	Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Tithing and contribution Goal weekly is:		19,250.00
Regular Collections	\$	10,533.00
Maintenance	\$	593.00
Capital Improvement	\$	897.00
Easter Flowers	\$	130.00
Music Ministry	\$	10.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	355.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,466.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	13,984.00

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon. Mar 16	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel, 7:00 -7:55 a.m. PENANCE SERVICE, 6:00 P.M.
Tues. Mar 17	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Mar 18	Cleaning TEAM D
Thur. Mar 19	ST. JOSEPH ALTAR, 10 A.M.- 3:00 P.M., SHC ADORATION, 6:00 p.m.
Fri. Mar 20	Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION

Please consider sending in your Easter Flower donations along with the names of your loved ones. We will pray for each one this Easter. We have provided Easter Flower Envelopes in the pews.

NATIVITY BVM CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nativity BVM Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year, ages two years - 6th grade. To apply, go to <https://nativitybvm.org/registration>. For a private tour, contact Principal Traci Kessler at tkessler@nativitybvm.org or 228-432-2269. We look forward to showing you what makes Nativity so special!

SPRING ALUMNI SOCIAL ON ST. PATRICK DAY

To all alumni of St. Patrick, Mercy Cross, Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, and St. John: You are invited to attend the Spring Alumni Social on St. Patrick Day, March 17th, from 6pm-7pm at Ellzey's 750 Howard Ave.

Catholic Diocese of Biloxi Relic Collection

The Diocese of Biloxi has been given the tremendous blessing of over 1600 relics of saints, one of the largest collections in the country. At present over 450 relics are on display in the Marian Chapel at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Another 250 will be switched out and displayed in May/June. Viewing hours are 45 minutes after the 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Sunday Masses, during the 6:30am and 8am daily Masses Monday through Friday and the 8am Mass Saturday morning. (Refer to NativityBVMCathedral.org for updated viewing hours.) Group pilgrimages/tours can be arranged by contacting Colleen Kavanagh at colleenkavanagh64@gmail.com or by calling Nativity BVM Cathedral's office at 228-374-1717. The saint's lives inspire us and their relics are our spiritual treasures on earth!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
Mar 21 4:00 pm Jim Shugart Glenn Ellis Lauren Ellis	Mar 21 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey	Mar 21 4:00 pm James Watts Birdie Watts
Mar 22 7:00 am JoJo Koonce Ricky Authement Susie Davis	Mar 22 7:00 am Steve Theobald 9:00 am Jim Compton 11:00 am Sarah Barhonovch 5:30 pm Nativity Youth	Mar 22 7:00 am Satchel Mercier Alexander Dykes 9:00 am Harper Corley Alyson Burke Emilia Quin
9:00 am Jeffery Ellis Judy Trahan Belinda Corley 11:00 am Traci Kessler Lois Reidy Sarah Barhonovch 5:30 pm Nativity Youth	CANTORS Mar 21 4:00 pm Rasmussen Trio Mar 22 9:00 am Chantel Pilet 11:00 am John Welter CATHEDRAL CHOIR 5:30 pm Elizabeth Cobb	11:00 am Brady Barhonovch Victoria Barhonovch 5:30 pm Life Teen

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Mar 16 Mary Lou Ardoline	Joy Tucei
Tue Mar 17 Collins-Sims Family	Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
Wed Mar 18 Anna Marie Andrews	Norine & Jacinto Baltar
Thur Mar 19 Geoffrey Simon	Hazel Marie Pitalo
Fri Mar 20 Communion Service	Mary & Gaspar Pisarich
Sat Mar 21 Chester Balius Family	4:00 George & Barbara Zis (S.I.)
Sun Mar 22 7 Collins-Sims Family	9:00 AM FTP
11:AM Victor Mavar	5:30 PM Ray Viator

HOUR 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, April 9th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity Cathedral located at 870 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530. Come and be renewed by the Lord!

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

Hymns/Sacred Songs for the Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year “A”- Saturday & Sunday March 14th and March 15th, 2026, 4 pm, 9 & 11 am & 5:30 pm Masses:

Opening Hymn:	“Amazing Grace”	#447
Offertory Hymn:	“We Remember”	#486
Communion Song:	“Shepherd Me, O God”	#520
Recessional Song:	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	#467

<u>Cantors:</u>	Saturday 4 pm	Terry Maddox
	Sunday 9 am	Michael Kessler
	11 am	Phil Frisby
	5:30 pm	Patrick Mooney

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY OFFERINGS

“Gloria In Excelsis”

Choral Society continues rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 p.m., in the Second Floor Music Room in the Education Building over the Youth Ministry Meeting Hall in the SHC.

Cathedral Choir

Continues rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm on the stage of the SHC.

Sacred Tones – Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir rehearsal will continue on Sunday evenings in the Music Room of Nativity BVM School on the second floor immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Mass; approximately at 6:30/40 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.

NATIVITY BVM CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY:

On Tuesday, March 24th, Nativity BVM Elementary School will observe their annual Lenten Penance Service in the School’s Gymnasium at 1:15 p.m.

On Thursday, March 26th, Nativity BVM Elementary School will celebrate its third Lenten School Mass at 9 a.m. in the gymnasium. Mrs. Ewing’s Fourth Grade Class will lead the celebration.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for all of our homebound, with love and prayers from Nativity BVM Cathedral Parishioners.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be observed every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church. Come and walk with Jesus on his way to the cross in Lent.

SAINT JOSEPH ALTAR – “A LABOR OF LOVE”

The Saint Joseph altar originated in Sicily many centuries ago. During a period of drought, famine and starvation, the people turned to St. Joseph, asking for his help. Their prayers were answered, the rain came and the crops prospered. In Thanksgiving, families of farmers and fishermen built altars in their homes in honor of St. Joseph to share their prized possession, food. The St. Joseph Altar Committee of the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is proud to announce the St. Joseph Altar will be on display at the Sacred Heart Center on Thursday, March 19th, 2026, St. Joseph Day, from 10 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon. Donations are appreciated. We invite everyone to join us, view the Altar, have lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17th, 2026. Following families are scheduled for March 17th, 2026: Sullivan (John & Valerie), Tenoria (James & Shiela), Thames (Jeremy & Andrea), Todd (Edward & Getta), Viglianco (Matthew & Robin), Watts (Allison & Mark), Whitehead (Tiffany) and Williams (Amanda & Patrick). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

CATHEDRAL’S CONCERT SERIES

Our next “Cathedral Concert Series” offering will be on Sunday, March 22nd at 4:00 pm. Our annual “Lenten Reflections Concert Service” will feature our “Gloria In Excelsis” Chorale Society, an Honors Children’s Choir from Nativity Elementary and a Chamber Orchestra. The program is free and open to the public to attend.