

**NATIVITY B.V.M. CATHEDRAL**  
**APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Apr 20</b>	Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	Acts 7:51—8:1a, Jn 6:30-35
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Apr 23</b>	Acts 8:26-40
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Apr 24</b>	Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Apr 25</b>	1 Pt 5:5b-14, Mk 16:15-20
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Apr 26</b>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Pt 2:20b-25, Jn 10:1-10

**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

<b>Tithing and contribution Goal weekly is: .....</b>	<b>19,250.00</b>
Regular Collections	\$ 10,010.00
Maintenance	\$ 615.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 1,131.00
Music Ministry	\$ 10.00
Nativity Elem.	\$ 341.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 12,007.00</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Mon. Apr 20</b>	<b>Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.</b> <b>Adoration, Chapel, 7:00 -7:55 a.m.</b>
<b>Tues. Apr 21</b>	<b>Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.</b> <b>Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wed. Apr 22</b>	<b>Cleaning TEAM A</b>
<b>Thur. Apr 23</b>	<b>ADORATION, 6:00 p.m.</b>

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for all of our homebound parishioners.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

We are in need of putting together a new church cleaning team. Our teams clean the church once a month. It just takes a few hours of your time. Many of our volunteers have been on a team for years and they do a wonderful job. Generally, we need 4 teams and 1 of those teams is not able to do it any more. Please contact Jackie in the Rectory if you would like to volunteer to do this very important part of keeping our Cathedral clean. You may call 228-374-1717.



**HEAR MASS WITH CLARITY**

Do you have trouble hearing or distinctly understanding Mass? If so, we have a treat for you. Our Cathedral parish has the hearing loop system for use by all persons who wear hearing aids, have cochlear implants or are hard of hearing. Pick up a receiver in the back of the church from an usher and be surprised at how clearly you can hear.

**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](mailto:tkessler@nativitybvm.org) or 228-432-2269. We look forward to showing you what makes Nativity so special!

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, 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.

**GOD RAISED THIS JESUS; OF THIS WE ARE ALL WITNESSES.**

Perhaps we can identify with the two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus. They most likely felt despair and discouragement, but when Jesus revealed himself to them that despair was turned into joy and they rushed to tell the other disciples. If we today continue to open ourselves to God’s movement in our lives, we can feel that same joy and be energized to share the Good News with others.

*O Heavenly Father, Creator and just Judge of all,  
I call upon You as my Father, yet I know You judge every person’s work with perfect impartiality.  
As I live out my time as a stranger and exile here, help me to walk not in the ways of my old desires, but in holiness, just as You are holy.  
Grant me the grace of holy fear—not a fear of terror, but a deep, loving reverence—that I may behave with wisdom and integrity during this temporary stay on earth.  
Strengthen my heart to endure trials, that having been redeemed by the precious blood of Your Son, I may live a life that honors You and justifies the hope I place in Your mercy.  
May my daily actions reflect my anticipation of Your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Apr 25 4:00 pm</b> Jim Shugart Sondra Ahern John Sherman	<b>Apr 25 4:00 pm</b> Jim Shugart	<b>Apr 25 4:00 pm</b> James Watts Birdie Watts
<b>Apr 26 7:00 am</b> JoJo Koonce Susie Davis Colleen Kavanagh	<b>Apr 26 7:00 am</b> George Emile <b>9:00 am</b> Nativity School <b>11:00 am</b> Martin Krecker <b>5:30 pm</b> Laura Junkert	<b>Apr 26 7:00 am</b> McKae Glisson Eleanor Langford <b>9:00 am</b> A.J. Codella Mattie Codella <b>11:00 am</b> Carter Fountain Amelia Beck <b>5:30 pm</b> Bentley Puz
<b>9:00 am</b> Sharon Tash John Brauchle Rocio Duenas <b>11:00 am</b> Gary Naab Sandy Steckler Army Gollott, IV <b>5:30 pm</b> Jairen Pichon Teresa Ballinger Marc Harbison	<b>CANTORS</b> <b>Apr 25 4:00 pm</b> Michael Kessler <b>Apr 25 9:00 am</b> Nativity Elem. <b>11:00 am</b> Chris Kennedy CATHEDRAL CHOIR <b>5:30 pm</b> Terry Maddox	

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Mon Apr 20</b> Collins-Sims Family	Chester Balius Family
<b>Tue Apr 21</b> Larry McQueen	Annett Luther & Jim Shugart (S.I.)
<b>Wed Apr 22</b> Sandra Mahoney	Ann and Harry Schmidt
<b>Thur Apr 23</b> Larry McQueen	Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
<b>Fri Apr 24</b> Communion Service	Joyce & Glenn Pisarich
<b>Sat Apr 25</b> Joyce & Glenn Pisarich	
<b>Sun Apr 26 7</b> Collins-Sims Family	<b>4:00 pm</b> Jack Joachim
<b>11:AM</b> Victor Mavar	<b>9:00 AM</b> FTP
	<b>5:30 PM</b> Adam & Marie Stanfield (S.I.)

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

**Hymns/Sacred Songs for the Third Sunday of Eastertide – Year “A”, Saturday & Sunday, April 18th & 19th - 9 & 11 am & 5:30 pm Masses:**

Opening Hymn:	“We Gather at the River”	#602
Offertory Hymn:	“Two Were Bound for Emmaus”	#182
Communion Song:	“Give Me Jesus”	#504
Recessional Song:	“Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise”	#176

<b>Cantors:</b>	Saturday 4 pm	KC Arnold
	Sunday 9 am	Nativity BVM School
	11 am	Joshua Conway
	5:30 pm	Patrick Mooney

#### MASS PARTS

Our Saturday, 8:00 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:

This Sunday, April 19th at the 9 a.m. Mass celebration, our Nativity Children’s Choir will join with Mrs. Langford’s Third Grade Class to celebrate a Mass for Eastertide.

On Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m., in the School’s gymnasium, we will celebrate our Annual Spring Music Recital. All are invited to attend.

On Thursday, April 30th, Nativity BVM Elementary School will observe a Mass for Eastertide in the School’s gymnasium at 9 a.m., presented by Mrs. Langford’s Third Grade Class.

##### 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!

#### BINGO MANIA

**Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21st, 2026. Following families are scheduled for April 21st, 2026:** Gautier (Lawrence & Courtney), Gill (Danielle & Charles), Glisson (Chase & Tahler), Gnapp (Erica & Rob), Gollott (Jessica & Todd), Green (Treavor & Kelly) and Gutierrez (Weldon & Hill, Jillian). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

#### 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 6:30 am and 8 am daily Masses, Monday through Friday, and the 8 am 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 saints’ lives inspire us and their relics are our spiritual treasures on earth!

#### 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.