

NATIVITY B.V.M. CATHEDRAL
AUGUST 2, 2026
18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sandy Steckler, Ginny Kirkland, Maria Colbet Travis, Marianne Sherman, Mark Howard, Joey Kelley, Father Jey Jordan, Ada Grace Glass, Marcia Marie, 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 Pizarich, 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, 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.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Sr. Mary Jo Mike, O.S.F.

LUMEN CHRISTI AWARDS MASS

The Mass for recipients of the Lumen Christi Award will be held on Saturday, September 12th, 2026, after the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

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.

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Aug 03	Jer 28:1-17, Mat 14:22-26
Tue	Aug 04	Jer 30:1-2, 12:14, 18-22, Mt 14:22-36, Mt 14:1-2, 10-24, Mt 9:35—10-1
Wed	Aug 05	Jer 31:1-17, Mt 15:21-28
Thu	Aug 06	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 Pt 1:16-19, Mt 17:1-9
Fri	Aug 07	Na 2:1, 3:1-3, 6-7, Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, Mt 16:24-28
Sat	Aug 08	Mt 17:14-20, 1 Cor 2:1-10a, Lk 9:57-62
Sun	Aug 09	1 Kgs 19-8a, 11-13a, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Tithing and contribution Goal weekly is: 19,250.00

Regular Collections	\$	10,753.75
Maintenance	\$	2,112.00
Capital Improvement	\$	572.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	5.00
Music Ministry	\$	60.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,251.90

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 14,754.65

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon. Aug 03	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel, 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
Tues. Aug 04	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Aug 05	Cleaning TEAM C
Thur. Aug 06	ADORATION, 6:00 p.m.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This year the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Saturday, August 15th. Our 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday will be for the Assumption. We will also have a Vigil Mass on Friday, August 14th, at 6:00 p.m. All of the weekend Masses will be held at their regular times.

O.C.I.A.

Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. The O.C.I.A. is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge in the Roman Catholic Church, and it 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, and participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Sacred Heart Center. Registration for O.C.I.A. will close on September 1, 2026. If you are interested, please contact Greg or Penny Payne at 228-365-6348.

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4th, 2026. Following families are scheduled for August 4th, 2026: Lamey (Dana & Kevin), Langford (Hayley & Ryan), Luke (Joelle & Telly), Mallari (Juvy and Soliman, Ashley), Massett (Kyle & Manger, Arian), McDaniel (Brittany & James) and Mercado (Naria & Marraffa, Damian). **It is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Aug 08 4:00 pm Glenn Ellis Jim Shugart Lauren Ellis	Aug 08 4:00 pm Jim Shugart	Aug 08 4:00 pm Iris Ellis Rosie Ellis
Aug 09 7:00 am JoJo Koonce Rickey Authment Susie Davis	Aug 09 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield 9:00 am Liz Wilkinson 11:00 am Alicia Tarrant 5:30 pm Joyce DeMuth	Aug 09 7:00 am McKae Glisson Eleleanor Langford 9:00 am Banks Ellis Conner Ellis 11:00 am Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich Sophia Dorcik
9:00 am Belinda Corley Rocio Duenas Jeffrey Ellis 11:00 am Jiaron Pichon Sarah Barhonovich Gary Naab	ASSUMPTION Aug 14th 6:00 pm Harry Joachim CANTORS Aug 08 4:00 pm Margaret McCurry Aug 09 9:00 am Cole Burke 11:00 am Joshua Conway 5:30 pm Elizabeth Cobb ASSUMPTION Aug 14th 6:00 pm Dennis Burke	5:30 pm Patrick Arguelles
5:30 pm Dale Dorcik Joyce DeMuth Marc Harbison		

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Aug 03 Donna Broussard Balius (S.I.) Collins-Sims Fly.	
Tue Aug 04 Larry McQueen Rosemary Toomer Denton	
Wed Aug 05 Joycelyn Quave Chester Balius Family	
Thur Aug 06 Johnny Callegari Bertha & Herbert McDonnell	
Fri Aug 07 Communion Service Linden Brashier	
Sat Aug 08 8:00 AM Father Dennis Carver	
	4:00 Roy Ebberman, Jr.
Sun Aug 09 7 Sr. Jackie Tarrant (S.I.)	9:00 AM FTP
11:AM Victor Mavar	5:30 PM Liz Baker

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

Hymns/Sacred Songs for the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year "A"- Saturday & Sunday, August 1st & 2nd, 4 pm, 9 & 11 am and 5:30 pm Masses:

<i>Opening Hymn:</i>	<i>"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"</i>	#524
<i>Offertory Hymn:</i>	<i>"Come to the Water"</i>	# 592
<i>Communion Song:</i>	<i>"A Place At Your Table"</i>	#351
<i>Recessional Song</i>	<i>"Praise The Lord, Ye Heavens"</i>	#535

<u>Cantors:</u>	Saturday 4 pm	KC Arnold
	Sunday 9 am	Jordan Lancon
	11 am	John Welter
	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 will be on summer hiatus and will resume rehearsals on Tuesday evenings starting August 11th at 6:45 in the Second Floor Music Room in the Education Building over the Youth Ministry Meeting Hall in the SHA Center.

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR: The Cathedral Choir is on summer hiatus and will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 19th, at 6:45 p.m. on the stage in the Great Hall of the Sacred Heart Center.

Sacred Tones – Handbell Choir rehearsals will be on summer hiatus & will resume rehearsals on Thursday evenings in the Music Room of Nativity BVM School on the second floor at 6:30 pm starting August 13th.

LITURGY/MUSIC & FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING:

Our next quarterly meeting for the Liturgy/Music & Fine Arts Committee is set for Monday, August 10th at 5:30 pm in the Great Hall Meeting area in the Sacred Heart Center.

I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING????!!!!:

That's right! The Bell Tower is not "Sounding the Hour" or playing religious songs currently. This is the "First Phase" of our "POSH" Campaign (Preserving out Sacred Home). The Bell Tower is out-of-commission because it is "Under Construction." It will return to service hopefully in two to four weeks. "Thank You" for your support and understanding!

UPDATE-Catholic Diocese of Biloxi Relic Collection

The Diocese of Biloxi has over 1700 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 including a fragment of the Virgin Mary's veil, Jesus's cradle, the 12 apostles, John the Baptist, Saint Paul and many more including recent saints such as Carlo Acutis and Mother Teresa. Another 250 will be switched out and displayed on Sunday, November 1 for All Saints Day. At present, viewing hours are 45 minutes after the 7 am and 9 am Sunday Masses, during the 6:30 am and 8 am daily Masses Monday through Friday and the 8 am Mass Saturday morning. Also, on Fridays the Marian Chapel will be open from 8:30 to 10:30 for viewing of the saints' relics. (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.

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.