

RECOGNIZING JESUS IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES

Take a look around the church and see the other people with whom you are worshiping – we as Jesus’ followers come in a variety of ages and experiences, races and languages. If you look below the surface, you might find even greater differences – such as various depths of understanding of Jesus, and varying abilities to see Jesus in their daily lives. Today’s readings give us a variety of ways to understand Jesus – the resurrected Lord.

In our readings today, we hear of what could be seen as competing images of Jesus: both the long-awaited Messiah, ready to take the throne of David, and as the unblemished lamb who shed his blood for our sake. In Acts, Peter says that Jesus was *delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God to suffer crucifixion and a horrible death to win our salvation* - then to rise from the dead to restore our life, and ascend into heaven where he now sits at the right hand of the Father.

Turning to the Gospel, we see a compassionate and loving Jesus, walking with two of his despondent disciples as they describe their state of mind and the events of the past days. Jesus accepts them where they are, and helps them to understand that he is the fulfillment of the prophets in the Hebrew Scriptures. Then Jesus fully revealed himself through the *breaking of the bread*.

Jesus’ great love for the two disciples shines forth in his patience and understanding. Jesus brings them around in the way that they need to be taught – with a lengthy explanation of Scripture and a reminder of his actions during the Last Supper. Most importantly, Jesus shows a willingness to walk with the disciples, to let them tell their own story, and to teach them at their level, in the way that they will best understand.

Let us take some time today to ponder Christ’s passion, death and resurrection by which we are saved and redeemed, and given the promise and hope of eternal life. Let’s focus on appreciating more fully God’s gift of salvation, and try to live more fully in the power of the Resurrection so we can give a more faithful witness to the Gospel. Let’s also do our best to imitate the actions of Jesus in today’s Gospel by being willing to walk along with people we encounter in our daily lives – especially making an effort to listen to their stories with patience and gentleness. We just might be able to help them better understand what Jesus means in their lives.

At the same time, let us walk with open hearts and minds, knowing that for us, the people we encounter might be Jesus, walking with us to give us hope and to lead us on our way.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon May 1** Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29, Gn 1:26 – 2:3, Mt 13:54-58
- Tues May 2** Act 7:51 – 8:1a, Jn 6:30-35, 1 Jn 5:1-5, Mt 10:22-25
- Wed May 3** 1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14
- Thur May 4** Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51
- Fri May 5** Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59
- Sat May 6** Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69
- Sun May 7** Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Pt 2:20b-25, Jn 10:1-10



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	7,455.00
Nativity Maintenance	\$	1,366.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	10.00
Capital Improvement	\$	75.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,157.40
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	10,063.40
CASH NEEDED	\$	14,400.00

WELCOME BISHOP LOUIS KIHNEMAN, III, D.D.

On behalf of the parishioners of Nativity we would like to express how delighted we are that you have been named fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi. We offer you our prayers and support in your new position with all of its responsibility. We also would like to welcome you to your new home on the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast.

COMMUNION VISITATION

Jesus says of you and me, “You are the salt of the earth”. No one should be deprived of the Most Holy Eucharist because they are homebound, elderly, have no means of getting to Mass and/or sick in their home. Sister Jackie Tarrant, RSM will gladly bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Together we can be “salt of the earth”. Sister can be reached at the rectory at 228-374-1717.

CSA FOR 2017

Please remember to support the Catholic Sharing Appeal. This program supports the ministries of our church and provides for many individuals in need each year.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

When planning a baptism, marriage, or for subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you attend Mass. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of Mass attendance. The parish registration form can be found online at www.nativitybvmcathedral.org, or at the entrance of the Cathedral in the vestibule.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
May 6 4:00 pm 1. Helen Languirand 2. Kalin Lloyd 3. Gayle Mavar 4. Andrea Gilich 5. Liz Joachim May 7 7:00 am 1. Marcia Mayfield 2. Vicki Howard 3. Dale Dorcik 9:00 am 1. Barry Gilmore 2. Linda Bourgeois 3. Bobby Weaver 4. Judy Trahan 5. Belinda Corley 11:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Judy Steckler 3. Rhonda Clark 4. Susan Toche 5. Rocky Greathouse 5:30 pm 1. Annette Luther 2. Teresa Ballinger 3. Kristy Arguelles	May 6 4:00 pm Julie Capuano May 7 7:00 am Sr. Mary Jo Mike 9:00 am Jim Compton 11:00 am Daliance Kirkland-Ross 5:30 pm Jim Shugart CANTORS May 6 4:00 pm Billy Endicott May 7 9:00 am Nicholas Radolfich 11:00 am Choir	May 6 4:00 pm Keegan Cuevas Sabree Sanders May 7 7:00 am Makayla Pfarrer Alec Ryan 9:00 am Trent Fulton Sofia Carreon Annabelle Tarrant Brennan Tarrant 11:00 am Michael Pfarrer Simon Randall Aidan Tarrant 5:30 pm Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles Sydni Wills

Mass Intentions		
	6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon	May 1 D. J. Hummer	Stanley Dellenger
Tue	May 2 Betty Lou Callegari	Jim & Maryellen O'Brien
Wed	May 3 Kathleen Hebert	Gladys Schmidt
Thur	May 4 Thomas Edward Connell	Collins-Sims Fly.
Fri	May 5 Glenn/Joyce Pizarich	Kathleen Hebert
Sat	May 6 <u>8</u> Chester Balius Fly.	<u>4</u> Mary Gilich
Sun	May 7 <u>7</u> - Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)	<u>9</u> - For the Parishioners
	<u>11</u> - Sue Ellen Fallo Welch	<u>5:30</u> Collins-Sims Fly.

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:
 Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Kay Lawson, Jeanie Harbison, Mickey Roberts, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Lisa Walker Kirkman, Raymond Egers, Betty Hilton, Walter Blessey, Mary Lancaster, Danny Boney, Sr., Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte and Greg Hotaling, Richard "Red" White, Jack Joachim, Jr., Eugene LaCaze, Don Viator, Mabel Viator, Marian Semski and Michael Zorich.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 *Come one, come all to the 36th annual Diocesan Elementary Track Meet, hosted by Nativity BVM School. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. at St. Patrick High School. Come and cheer on these young athletes from 8 different Catholic elementary schools.

*Registration for the Summer Saints, Nativity School's Summer Camp, is in progress. For more information about the program, available to children in prek 3 through sixth grade, please visit the school's website (www.nativitybvm.org) or contact the school office at 432-2269.

*Nativity School's sixth graders participate in the annual 6th grade retreat on Wednesday, May 3rd. The retreat, sponsored this year by Our Lady of Fatima school, will be held at St. Patrick High School. Please hold these young men and women in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their future.

*Mark your calendars! The Drama Group of Nativity School, known as Arts Alive, will present their spring play, "Home is Where the Haunt Is: The Reunion" on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursday, May 11th at 9:00 a.m. The group of 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade actors are guided and directed by Mrs. Wanda Stewart and Mrs. Kelly Pennell.

God, my Father. You have promised to remain forever with those who do what is just and right. Help me to live in Your presence. The loving plan of Your wisdom was made known when Jesus, your Son, became man like us. I want to obey His commandment of love and bring Your peace and joy to others. Keep before me the wisdom and love You have made known in Your Son. Help me to be like Him in word and deed. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1 Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
- May 2 - Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
 Diocesan Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
 Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.
- May 3- **Cleaning Team "A"**
 Mass at Seashore Retirement Home, 3:00 p.m.
 CCD Class, 5:30 p.m. until 6:30, SHC.
- May 4 Mass at Greenbriar Nursing Home, 10:00 a.m.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for May 2nd. Richards (Justin & Juliet), Spears (Michael & Emily), Tran (Hai Tran & Kim Nguyen), Watts (Mark & Allison), Wijdenes (Daniel & Kate), Abbot (Tina) and Baker (Roy and Jenny). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

R.C.I.A.

This week our new Catholics will be studying about sacramentals and popular devotions, including the Rosary, with Deacon David Allen. Please pray for them as they continue to learn the traditions of our faith.

CCD CLASS INFORMATION

CCD classes are, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., in the Sacred Heart Center.