

WE ARE TO TAKE UP OUR CROSS EACH DAY AND FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST.

Today's Gospel emphasizes what is required to follow Christ. We must set aside our selfish desires and take up our cross each day to help build up the kingdom of God. This involves sacrifice. Rather than conforming to what is popular in our present age, we must strive to do what is good and pleasing to the Lord each day.

LECTORS NEEDED -There is an old adage which states: "When you proclaim the Word of God you become the Word of God". It is a genuine grace to proclaim the Holy Scripture before the gathered community of faith at Sunday Masses. Our Nativity Cathedral is in need of additional Lectors for our Sunday Masses. Please consider assisting in the celebration of Mass by proclaiming the Word of God to His holy people. Forms for volunteering are in the back of the Cathedral Church.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED -Have you ever thought of becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist? Among the five weekend Masses, our Cathedral Parish requires from 18 to 21 Eucharistic Ministers each Sunday to assist in the distribution of the Most Holy Body of Christ and his Precious Blood. At normal Sunday Mass celebrated without the bishop and his deacons, three to five Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are needed at each Mass. Because of the normal atrophy due to death, disability, and relocation, we are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers at this time. Being called as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist is a great grace given by our Lord. So, please, help us with distributing the most Sacred Body and Blood of Christ. Forms for volunteering are in the back of the Cathedral Church.

RCIA.

The Rite of Christian Initiation is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge, in the Roman Catholic Church. The R.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. The Nativity Parish will begin R.C.I.A. classes on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Sacred Heart Center. If you are interested, please contact Greg or Penny Payne at 228-365-6348.

CCD REGISTRATION!

CCD Registration for all students in Kindergarten through 11th grade in our Inter-Parish CCD program will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 5:30-6:30 at the Sacred Heart Center behind Nativity Cathedral. Please bring any Sacramental information you may have for your child. The registration fee is \$30.00 for the first child and \$20.00 for any additional children in the family. Our CCD teachers are looking forward to welcoming new and returning students to our program! Please contact Barbara Ziz at 228-918-9778 Thanks!

MASS AND INSERVICE FOR CCD TEACHERS

On Saturday, September 9th, we will have Mass and an orientation meeting for all CCD Teachers who will be assisting in the coming academic year. The CCD Teacher's Mass will be in the Marian Chapel at 8:00 a.m. on September 9th, followed by a meeting in the Sacred Heart Center. Thanks to all of our volunteer CCD Teachers.

NATIVITY RECTORY CLOSED

Nativity Cathedral Rectory will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017, in observance of Labor Day.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK FAMILY

Mon Sep 4	1 Thes 4:13-18, Lk 4:16:30
Tues Sep 5	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11, Lk 4:31-37
Wed Sep 6	Col 1:1-8, Lk 4:38-44
Thur Sep 7	Col 1:9-14, Lk 5:1-11
Fri Sep 8	Mi 5:1-4a, Rom 8:28-30, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Sat Sep 9	Col 1:21-23, Lk 6:1-5
Sun Sep 10	Ez 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>Regular Collections</i>	\$	10,375.24
<i>Nativity Maintenance</i>	\$	1,629.00
<i>Capital Improve.</i>	\$	50.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$	209.70
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	12,263.94
CASH NEEDED	\$	14,400.00

VESPERS

On Saturday, September 9th, immediately following the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass, we will pray Vespers (Evening Prayer) for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary as we celebrate the Feast Day of our parish! As we pray Vespers, we will join the entire Church, all across the world, in offering praise and worship to God. Vespers will begin at approximately 4:45 PM and end around 5:00 PM. We ask that you join us (or remain with us after the Vigil Mass) to enter into this beautiful prayer of the Church as we honor Our Lady and celebrate our feast day!

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES: - Needed/Invited:

We invite anyone that might like to be a member of our Cantor Corps, and/or our Sanctuary Choir Ministry to contact Mr. Terry Maddox – our Minister of Music-Director of Fine Arts at the contact info listed below. Do you or have you played a music instrument before and want to share in worship someday, please let Mr. Maddox know. Finally, are you a member of the Cathedral but do not attend Nativity BVM School BUT would like to be a part of the Children's/Youth Choir? We are planning to offer a weekly session after CCD on Wednesdays from 6:30-6:50 p.m. in the Academy of the Sacred Heart. Please let Mr. Maddox &/or CCD Director – Mrs. Barbara Ziz know as soon as you can! TERRY D. MADDUX: Office: 228 967-7230 Cell: 251 406-1454. **E-Mail:** terrydalemaddox@gmail.com

NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry will kick off on Sunday, September 10 for all youth in grades 6-12. We will begin with an afternoon of bowling & pizza at Cypress Lanes from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and a Youth Mass will follow at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Kristy Arguelles (324-9934) or Kim Audo (365-3248) or email nativityyouthministrybiloxi@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. Transportation is available from the Youth Hall to the Bowling Alley and/or from the Bowling Alley to 5:30 Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

CAKES FOR SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Nativity School is again sponsoring a cake walk at the Biloxi Seafood Festival. **CAKES NEEDED!** Please consider baking a cake and dropping it off at the school on September 9th. Thanks!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. **The deadline for registration by mail is September 15, 2017.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sep 9 4:00 pm 1. Jim Coskey 2. Kathleen Coskey 3. Gayle Mavar 4. Andrea Gilich 5. Nanette Burke Sep 10 7:00 am 1. Marcia Mayfield 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh 9:00 am 1. John Sherman 2. Marianne Sherman 3. Barry Gilmore 4. Bobby Weaver 5. Judy Trahan 11:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Sondra Williams 3. Johnny Williams 4. Barbara Ziz 5. Mary Wimberly 5:30 pm 1. Roland Creel 2. Tricia Creel 3. Angela Cannon	Sep 9 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey Sep 10 7:00 am Jim Compton 9:00 am Terry Simons 11:00 am Michelle Sekul 5:30 pm Youth Ministry CANTORS Sep 9 4:00 pm William Endicott Sep 10 9:00 am Phil Frisby 11:00 am Rocky Greathouse	Sep 9 4:00 pm Sabree Sanders Sam Burke Sep 3 7:00 am MaKayla Pfarrer Wyeth Stewart Alec Stewart 9:00 am Sofia Carreon McKinzy Mathis Terrene McDonnell Cameron McDonnell 11:00 am Clayton Stoddard Ava M. Stoddard Simon Randall 5:30 pm Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Taylor Yasar

MASS INTENTIONS

	6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon Sep 4	John T. Collins	Leatrice Santa Cruz Gill
Tue Sept 5	Betty Lou Callegari	Mark McDermott
Wed Sep 6	Jeannie Harbison	Dortha Alford Sweeden
Thur Sep 7	Thomas E. Connell	Mark McDermott
Fri Sep 8	Glenn/Joyce Pizarich	Bobby Walker
Sat Sep 9	<u>8</u> Collins-Sims Fly.	<u>4</u> Thomas Andrew
Sun Sep 10	<u>7</u> -Mark McDermott	<u>9</u> - F. T. P.
	11 Collins-Sims Fly.	5:30 Lori Weiher.

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Chip Donovan, Candy Widener, John Pat Skrmetti, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Kay Lawson, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Lisa Walker Kirkman, Raymond Egers, Betty Hilton, Walter Blessey, Mary Lancaster, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte, Greg Hotaling, Richard "Red" White, Jack Joachim, Jr., Eugene LaCaze, , Mabel Viator, Michael Zorich. and Karen Skremetta.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week to celebrate the belated 90th birthday of Alberta Pizarich. With love from Sister Mary Riordan.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*It's not too late! The first drawing for the \$3,000 Nativity School Raffle will be held on Thursday, September 7th. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact any Nativity School parent, call the school office (432-2269) or purchase through the school's website (www.nativitybvm.org)

*The faculty, staff and students of Nativity School will celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Mary on Friday, September 8th with a 9:00 Mass at the school. Come and join in prayer and celebration! Thank you for the many ways you have helped and supported our school over these last 61 years!

*Nativity BVM School is once again participating in the Biloxi Seafood Festival! We are proud to have been invited to again have our Cakewalk at the festival. Cakes and sweets of all kinds are needed for this very busy Cakewalk! Items may be brought to the school on Friday, September 8th or to the Cakewalk itself on Saturday and Sunday.

*Nativity BVM School continues to save Box Tops for Education, UPC Codes from Community Coffee products and aluminum cans. Thank you for your help and support.

*A benefit garage sale will be held on Saturday, September 16th at Nativity School. Donations will be accepted on Friday, September 15th from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Proceeds will help to pay for medical expenses from cancer treatment for one of our parents.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN	#713
OFFERTORY	#616
COMMUNION	#580
SENDING	#419

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.

EMERGENCY-COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced an Emergency Collection for Victims of Hurricane Harvey. This collection will be taken up at all parishes in the Diocese of Biloxi the weekend of September 9-10. Please be generous.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 4 Nativity Rectory Closed

Sept. 5 -Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
 Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.

Sept 6 - Cleaning Team "C"
 Seashore Oaks Mass, 3:00 p.m.

CCD Registration, 5:30 p.m. SHC

Sept 7 Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Sept 8 Feast of Nativity of Mary @ School @ 9:00 a.m.

Sept 9....Vespers (Evening Prayer) Cathedral @ 4:45 p.m.

Sept 9.....INSERVICE/Mass for CCD Teachers 8:00 am

WORKSHOPS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND LECTORS!

Father Colten Symmes will oversee the Workshops for the new Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors. The dates are as follows: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – September 21st, at 6:00 p.m., in the Cathedral. Lectors – September 28th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Cathedral.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for September 5th: Lapasinski-Zhe (Christina), Michailos (John & Nikol), Robertson (Shawn & Mirna), Wilson (Aarch & Jaqueline), Wood (Joseph & Amanda), Bailleux (Matthew & Robin Viglianco) and Ballinger (Teresa). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**