

ALLOW GODS PEACE TO GUARD OUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

Most of us are familiar with the old pious platitude, “Easier said than done.” Saint Paul encourages the Philippians today to have no anxiety at all. Right Saint Paul, easier said than done!

Some synonyms for anxiety are concern, unease, apprehension and worry. Another one, though is disquiet. It is hard for us not to be anxious at times. We become anxious about people – about our children, our spouse, our aging parents. We also become anxious about things – about work, mortgages and car payments.

When we become anxious, we disturb the quiet within, thus we become disquiet. St. Paul seems to imply today that in order to enter into prayer, into dialogue with God, we need to set aside our anxiousness. This is not easy for us. The distractions of our daily lives often overrun our quiet moments with God, but this we must guard against.

Dialogue with God does not need to be complicated. We tend to overcomplicate things, to excuse ourselves from following through. We might agree that this is true in various aspects of our lives. But prayer does not need to be complicated. We can pray anytime, anywhere.

We can begin our day in the shower, praising the Lord for another day. We can reflect on the day ahead with the Lord while we get dressed. During our commute to work or while running errands, we can invite the Lord into a difficult encounter we keep having. At lunch, we can ask the Lord’s blessing on our food and with those who gather to share a meal together. Before we fall asleep, we can review the day and give thanks for what went right and ask forgiveness for what went wrong.

In the quietness of our encounter with the Lord, we will know the Lord’s peace, and that peace will guard our hearts and minds in Jesus.

So let us not grow anxious about too many things. Instead, try to commit to a rhythm of prayer each day. Then, as Saint Paul teaches us today, the God of peace will be with us and we will bear good fruit.

RCIA.

This week the RCIA class will be studying Annulments with Deacon Rick Conason, and the prayer service will be led by Meghan Joachim. Please continue to pray for the Inquirers as they are learning the teachings and traditions of our Catholic faith. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-

CCD

Our CCD classes are well underway. Please contact Barbara Ziz at 228-918-9778. CCD classes are on Wednesdays, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., in the Sacred Heart Center.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE MEETING

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of the Mississippi Gulf Coast will be meeting at our Cathedral Parish on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. We are delighted to host this special event.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Oct 9	Jon 1:1-2:2, 11, Lk 10:25-37
Tues Oct 10	Jon 3:1-10, Lk 10:38-42
Wed Oct 11	Jon 4:1-11, Lk 11:1-4
Thur Oct 12	Mal 3:13-20b, Lk 11:5-13
Fri Oct 13	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2, Lk 11:15-26
Sat Oct 14	Jl 4:12-21, Lk 11:27-28
Sun Oct 15	Is 25:6-10a, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Mt 22:1-14



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND

CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>Regular Collections</i>	\$	14,381.83
<i>Nativity Maintenance</i>	\$	953.00
<i>Capital Improve.</i>	\$	603.00
<i>Nativity Elem.</i>	\$	35.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$	114.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	16,086.83
CASH NEEDED	\$	14,400.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING

NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, October 22: Youth Mass @ 5:30 p.m. followed by a meeting and dinner in the Youth Hall. If you are interested in joining Youth Ministry or have questions, please contact Kristy Arguelles by phone, 228-324-9934, or email, nativityyouthministrybiloxi@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING HOME GIVEAWAY!!!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. Tickets are now available in the Church and Church rectory. Tickets are \$100.00. This new home is here in Biloxi! Let’s make this a great fundraiser for our St. Vincent de Paul.

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL BEREAVMENT COMMITTEE

One of more notable ministries in our Cathedral Parish is comforting those who have lost a loved one to death. Indeed, comforting the sorrowful is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. The Nativity Cathedral Bereavement Committee provides food and a reception to the family and friends of the recently deceased. If you are interested in assisting with this good work, please call the rectory at 374-1717. You could just prepare a dish or assist with serving or do both. Your help is needed and appreciated.

2018 CALENDARS ARE HERE!

The 2018 calendars have arrived! They are in the back of the Cathedral. Price is \$3.00 or however much you are able to donate. All donations are given to St. Vincent DePaul to help our poor and under-privileged. Thank you.

BISHOP KIHNEMAN’S HOMILIES

Bishop Kihneman's homilies will be available each week in audio form on Nativity BVM Cathedral's website. To access these homilies, visit nativitybvm.podbean.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Oct 14 4:00 pm 1. Deacon Ben 2. Patrick Hall 3. Helen Languirand 4. Kathleen Coskey 5. Jim Coskey	Oct 14 4:00 pm Rose Anne Kimbell	Oct 14 4:00 pm Simon Randall Kingston Widell
Oct 15 7:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh	Oct 15 7:00 am Sr. Mary Jo Mike	Oct 15 7:00 am McKinzy Mathis Alec Ryan
9:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Jim Compton 3. Traci Kessler 4. Michael Kessler 5. John Brauchle	9:00 am Liz Wilkerson	9:00 am Justin Useforge Jamey Useforge Annabell Tarrant Brennan Tarrant
11:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Kristen Sims 3. Judy Steckler 4. Sandy Steckler 5. Susan Toche	11:00 am Peter Abide	11:00 am Hadyn Hollis Greysen Ross McRae Ross
5:30 pm 1. Deacon Ben 2. Teresa Ballinger 3. Kristy Arguelles	5:30 pm Janice Fields	5:30 pm Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles Sydni Wells
	CANTORS	
	Oct 14 4:00 pm William Endicott	5:30 pm
	Oct 15 9:00 am Peter Abide	
	11:00 am Phil Frisby	

MASS INTENTIONS

	6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon Oct 9	Virgina H. McKenzie	Clare Hornsby
Tue Oct 10	John Begue	Gabe/Doris Kasovich
Wed Oct 11	Betty Lou Callegari	Tommy Sliman
Thur Oct 12	Collins-Sims Fly.	Josh Bozeman
Fri Oct 13	Gaspar/Mary Pisarich	Stanley Dellenger
Sat Oct 14	<u>8</u> Kathleen Hebert	<u>4</u> Josephine Esposito Allen
Sun Oct 15	<u>7</u> -Alys Donovan	<u>9</u> - F. T. P.
	11 Walter Blessey	5:30 Linda Capuano

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Hugh Kavanagh, Buddy Pullen, 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, 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.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*School will not be in session on Monday, October 9th in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

*Mark your calendars! The 59th annual Nativity BVM School Carnival will be held on THIS Saturday, October 14th, from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on the school grounds.

A Mass will be celebrated in the gym at 3:00 p.m.

*It's not too late! You have eight chances to win! The next drawing for the \$3,000 Nativity School Raffle will be held on Thursday, November 2nd. 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).

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES:

On Tuesday, October 10th – We begin rehearsals for a Diocese Choral Society that will rehearse every Tuesday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. This is a new offering Music Ministry-Fine Arts Offering.

Calling all Singers – the Cathedral's Sanctuary Choir needs YOU!

On Wednesday, October 11th – CCD Children's Extension Choir Program at 6:30 p.m. in the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

The NEW Fine Arts – "Year-Round" Cathedral Concert Series seeks sponsorships. Can you help?!?

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HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL MASS

A special Halloween Outdoor Carnival Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Colten Symmes on Saturday, October 14th at 3:00 p.m. in the Nativity School Gym. Don't forget to come and join this delightful event. This Mass will satisfy the Sunday obligation.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 9 Women of Mary at 5:30 p.m.
 Oct 10 -Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
 Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.
RCIA at 6:00 p.m. in the RCIA Room-SHC
 Oct 11 - Cleaning Team "D"
CCD -5:30 p.m. SHC
 Oct 12 Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for October 10TH: Corley (James & Kren), Cromar (Jason & Keelin), Cruse (Amy), Cvitanovich (Caitlin), Dagenais (Amanda), Davis (Andy & Jennifer) and Davis (Warren & Susie). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN	#421
OFFERTORY	#423
COMMUNION	#408
SENDING	#385

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.