

LET US STRIVE TO BE PEOPLE OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.

In the second reading, Saint Paul gives thanks to God for the assembly of Christians at Thessalonica, who were proving to be faithful disciples. The Gospel Paul preached to them, and the gospel we hear today, is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit; let our lives bear witness to its truth and power.

DEACON BEN WIMBERLY, MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Bishop Howze was insightful when, over 15 years ago, he appointed Deacon Ben Wimberly to Nativity Cathedral. Not only was Deacon Ben a life-long member of the cathedral parish, his association with the larger Biloxi community reached deep and expansive.

For the whole of his working career, Deacon Ben taught in the St. Martin Public Schools. Considering the tenure of his work, the faculty and students with whom he was associated, he touched the lives of perhaps thousands of people. Deacon Ben was well considered in the education community. It was his approach to people that endeared him. In short, he was respectful toward both his peers and his students, relating to others with his own brand of kindness and lightness of heart. Deacon Ben had a penchant for community theater. Involved in numerous dramas and comedies sponsored by the areas Little Theaters, his connection to acting assisted him in his Deaconate ministry. There was a certain flare in Deacon Ben's preaching style. The timing, the hand gestures, and the inflection in his voice bespoke an actor's approach and added interest to his homilies. Because he had a fondness for comedies, Deacon Ben's reflections on Sacred Scripture found a slight humor no matter the seriousness of the gospel message.

Deacon Ben's deaconate ministry to Nativity Cathedral was expansive. Involved at various times in almost every aspect of the Cathedral's faith life, he was most frequently called to celebrate infant Baptisms. This reflects the fondness young families felt toward Deacon Ben. He was well loved by Nativity's entire community of faith. Friendly and kind, Deacon Ben will be sadly missed.

ANNUAL ALL SOULS DAY CEMETERY MASS

Our annual All Souls Day Mass in the Old Biloxi City Cemetery will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the site of the priests' burial plots. This is a time to remember and pray for our faithfully departed family and friends. Mark the time on your calendar for this holy and sacred event.

ALL SOULS DAY – THE BOOK OF ALL SOULS

Please send in your envelope with your loved ones names so we can place them in The Book of all Souls. Envelopes are attached to the bulletin for your convenience.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

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| <i>ENTRANCE HYMN</i> | <i>#543</i> |
| <i>OFFERTORY</i> | <i>#594</i> |
| <i>COMMUNION</i> | <i>#408</i> |
| <i>SENDING</i> | <i>#724</i> |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Mon Oct 23 | Rom 4:20-25, Lk 1:69-75, Lk 12:13-21 |
| Tues Oct 24 | Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21, Lk 12:35-38 |
| Wed Oct 25 | Rom 6:12-18, Lk 12:39-48 |
| Thur Oct 26 | Rom 6:19-23, Lk 12:49-53 |
| Fri Oct 27 | Rom 7:18-25a, Lk 12:54-59 |
| Sat Oct 28 | Eph 2:19-22, Lk 6:12-16 |
| Sun Oct 29 | Ex 22:20-26, 1 Thes 1:5c-10, Mt 22:34-40 |



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for October 8th thru October 15th, 2017.

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| <i>Regular Collections</i> | \$ | <i>10,814.92</i> |
| <i>Nativity Maintenance</i> | \$ | <i>2,395.00</i> |
| <i>Capital Improve.</i> | \$ | <i>170.00</i> |
| <i>Nativity Elem.</i> | \$ | <i>797.00</i> |
| <i>Miscellaneous</i> | \$ | <i>2,642.55</i> |
| TOTAL COLLECTION | \$ | <i>16,819.47</i> |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING

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 the 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.

RCIA.

This week the RCIA class will be studying the Church – Reflecting the Light of Christ with Deacon Ed Ramos, and our prayer service will be led by Joe Carmel. 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 228-365-6348.

CCD

The Nativity Interparish CCD Program is held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Center. If you need to register a student, please come to the Center during class times or call Barbara Ziz at 228-918-9778 to get more information. Our Safe Environment training for all students will take place during class on October 25.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Our Cathedral Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. We are fortunate to have a finance committee who has great expertise in finances. Thank you!

| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | LECTORS | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| Oct 28 4:00 pm 1. Jim Coskey 2. Kathleen Coskey 3. Helen Languirand 4. Patrick Hall 5. Kalin Lloyd | Oct 28 4:00 pm Julie Capuano | Oct 28 4:00 pm Sabree Sanders Sam Burke |
| Oct 29 7:00 am 1. Marcia Mayfield 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh | Oct 29 7:00 am Jim Compton | Oct 29 7:00 am Makayla Pfarrer Clayton Stoddard Ava M. Stoddard |
| 9:00 am 1. John Sherman 2. Marianne Sherman 3. Nora Ziz 4. John Brauche 5. Belinda Corley | 9:00 am Michael Kessler | 9:00 am Sofia Carreon McKinzy Mathis Cameron McDonnell Terrene McDonnell |
| 11:00 am 1. Sondra Williams 2. Linda Welter 3. Edith Richardson 4. Susan Toche 5. Rocky Greathouse | 11:00 am Johnny Williams | 11:00 am Haydn Hollis Greyson Ross McRae Ross |
| 5:30 pm 1. Roland Creel 2. Tricia Creel 3. Teresa Ballinger | 5:30 pm Maggie Landry | 5:30 pm Annabelle Landry Veronika Landry Julia Landry |
| | CANTORS | |
| | Oct 28 4:00 pm William Endicott | |
| | Oct 29 9:00 am Peter Abide | |
| | 11:00 am John Welter | |

MASS INTENTIONS

| | | 6:30 a.m. | 8:00 a.m. |
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| Mon | Oct 23 | Walter Blessey | Juanita Baltar |
| Tue | Oct 24 | Deacon Ben Wimberly | Mr./Mrs. W. J. Carver |
| Wed | Oct 25 | Claire Hornsby | Wimberly Family (SI) |
| Thur | Oct 26 | Jeanne Harbison | Tommy Sliman |
| Fri | Oct 27 | Herbert/Bertha McDonnell | John Begue |
| Sat | Oct 28 | <u>8</u> Pat Smolcich | <u>4</u> Norine/Jacinto Baltar |
| Sun | Oct 29 | <u>7</u> -Betty Lou Callegari.. | <u>9</u> - F. T. P. |
| | 11 | Deacon Ben Wimberly. 5:30 | Thomas Edward Connell |

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Wimberly, 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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers this weekend are provided by and for the Fournier family.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*The Nativity School Arts Alive students cordially invite you to attend their Fall Dramatic Presentation on Thursday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m. or Friday, Oct. 27th at 9:00 a.m. in the school gym. The 4th, 5th and 6th grade actors, under the direction of Mrs. Wanda Stewart and Mrs. Kelly Pennell have worked hard on this special presentation.

*Please remember that Nativity School continues to save the following: UPC codes from Community Coffee products, Box Tops for Education, aluminum beverage cans. All of these things help our school in some way!

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES:

A New Ministry Begins:

All interested singers/musicians who desire to grow personally in their faith outreach through Music Ministry are welcomed and encouraged to join a new weekly offering.

Gloria In Excelsis – our new Cathedral Choral Society welcomes and invites new members. The Choral Society will serve our Biloxi Diocese and her parishes, Cathedral Ministries, and will also provide enrichment and challenge to all those who participate through our program's various and diversified offerings. This Choral Program is open to anyone from Ninth Grade through the "Higher Years" of Grand Enlightenment! Please join us on Tuesday evenings in the Music Balcony of the Church at 7:00 p.m. The side – handicap ramp door will be accessible. TERRY D. MADDOX: Office: 228 967-7230 Cell: 251 406-1454

E-Mail: terrydalemaddox@gmail.com

END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Remember to "fall back" by changing your clocks to one hour earlier. Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 2:00 a.m.

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 23 Women of Mary at 5:30 p.m.
 Oct 24 -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 25 - Cleaning Team "B"
CCD -5:30 p.m. SHC
 Oct 26 Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.
 "Alive" at Nativity Elem. 6:00 pm, Gym
 ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 6:00 p.m., Cath.
 Oct. 27 "Alive" at Nativity Elem, 9:00 a.m., Gym

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for October 24TH: Gonzalez (Tony & Margaret), Goppfarth (Bobby & Amy), Cronich (April), Hargrove (Stephanie), Hunstiger (Candace), Jordan (Robert & Aimee) and Kelly (George & Tanya). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

ALTAR SERVERS

We would like to invite anyone - 3rd grade and older - who is interested in becoming an Altar Server to please join us for **Altar Server Training on October 26, 2017 at 6:00PM** in the **Cathedral Church**. This training is also for any current Altar Servers who desire to continue serving! Sign-up's for new altar server will be available at the training. Please inform Fr. Colten if you will not be able to make the training.

WELCOME NATIVITY SCHOOL AND CCD CHILDRENS' CHOIR!

It is always a delight to have our children present together with their families when they sing for our Sunday liturgies. This Sunday, one of our children will be serving as lector of Sacred Scripture. Our Lord has graced us with our sweet little school, our CCD program, and the children which grace our community.