

Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral NOVEMBER 5TH, 2017
(LUMEN CHRISTI) THIRTIY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET GOD BE GOD!

They called him “The Lip of Louisville,” a heavyweight boxer who followed his gold medal victory in the 1960 Rome Olympics with a professional career that quickly led to two things: amazing success and widespread animosity. There was no doubting his ability, but his brash personality and in-your-face arrogance led many to dislike him. His boasting eventually took the form of a simple anthem: “I am the greatest!”

Few genuine fans of the sport of boxing would challenge his claim of greatness, although many still remember and resent the boasting and bluster he continued to spew for a good part of his career. But time has a way of mellowing all of us, and Muhammad Ali was no exception. There’s a story told of a traveler curious about the small crowd surrounding someone at Metro airport in Detroit. The traveler had enough time to investigate and recognized “The Champ,” as Ali became known later in his life, as the center of all the attention. Afflicted by Parkinson’s disease that had robbed him of his gift of gab, he was wordlessly, even humbly, handing out leaflets. The traveler took one and read a message that began with: “God is the greatest.”

That’s the simple message of today’s first reading from the prophet Malachi: A great king am I, says the Lord. There’s a dire warning to the priests: Give glory to my name...or your blessing I will make a curse. It seems it is from this very perspective that Jesus speaks out so aggressively in our Gospel, as he confronts the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. How interesting that he doesn’t dismiss them or question their authority, but warns all of us to go beyond words of faith and to act on what we profess.

Whenever Jesus says I am in the Gospels – and he does it a number of times, especially in John – he is making a clear reference to the First commandment of the Ten, and to his own divinity. Remember that First Commandment? *I am the Lord your God. You shall have no strange gods before me.* It’s very easy to dismiss it as hopelessly out of step with the modern world.

We might say there’s not a lot of idol worship going on in our culture, at least worship of carved images of strange deities. But we do have our idols – power, wealth, fame, pleasure, independence. The most insidious and widely embraced idol, though is the image we see when we look in a mirror. There is something within us that in subtle ways struggles mightily with the notion of allowing God to be God: it’s that determined sense that “nobody is going to tell me what to do.”

So how do we let God be God; let God be the greatest? One way is through prayer, when we pray the Lord’s Prayer and say “thy will be done.” Repeatedly returning to a posture of challenging, no matter how contrary to our own will, is the heart and soul of humbling ourselves as Jesus calls us to. It allows God to be God. And God is the greatest!

LUMEN CHRISTI AWARD

Congratulations to Steve Theobald. Steve was given the Lumen Christi Award on Saturday, November 4th. Thank you, Steve for your service and the light you share with Nativity Cathedral.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Nov 06	Rom 11:29-36, Lk 14:12-14
Tues Nov 07	Rom 12:5-16b, Lk 14:15-24
Wed Nov 08	Rom 13:8-10, Lk 14:25-33
Thur Nov 09	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17, Jn 2:13-22
Fri Nov 10	Rom 15:14-21, Lk 16:1-8, Sir 39:6-10, Mt 16:13-19
Sat Nov 11	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, Lk 16:9-15, Is 61:1-3a, Mt 25:31-40
Sun Nov 12	Wis 6:12-16, 1 Thes 4:13-18, Mt 25:1-13



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>Regular Collections</i>	\$	9,958.72
<i>Nativity Maintenance</i>	\$	759.00
<i>Nativity Elem.</i>		105.00
<i>Capital Improvement</i>	\$	60.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$	573.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	11,455.72

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING
NATIVITY B.V.M. YOUTH MINISTR**

November 18 - Lock-in at Altitude Trampoline Park, Hwy 49, Gulfport. 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Cost - \$20 per person. Deadline to register is Friday, November 10. No Youth Mass or meeting Sunday, November 19. Monday, November 20 - Prepare Thanksgiving Baskets with St. Vincent de Paul, 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Youth Hall in the Sacred Heart Center. If you are interested in joining Youth Ministry, attending upcoming events, or have questions, please contact Kristy Arguelles by phone, 324-9934, or email nativityyouthministrybiloxi@gmail.com.

CCD

CCD classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 upstairs in the Sacred Heart Center. For more information please contact Barbara Ziz 228-918-9778.

RCIA.

This week the RCIA Inquirers are preparing for their first Rite, the Rite of Acceptance. This is an important first step towards their Sacraments of Initiation and full participation in the Catholic faith community at the Easter Vigil. Please remember that we are called to accept them into our Community of Faith, and we are to pray for each of them as they continue their faith journey.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING (Rescheduled):

Due to a scheduling conflict we had to reschedule altar server training. 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 **Tuesday, November 14, 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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST WORKSHOP - RESCHEDULED

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training for those who did not attend the first workshop will be on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:00PM in the Cathedral Church.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Nov 11 4:00 pm 1. Helen Languirand 2. Ann Kavanagh 3. Kalin Lloyd 4. Kathleen Coskey 5. Jim Coskey	Nov 11 4:00 pm Julie Capuano	Nov 11 4:00 pm Sabree Sanders Sam Burke
Nov 12 7:00 am 1. Jim Shuggart 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh	Nov 12 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield	Nov 12 7:00 am Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart Alec Ryan
Nov 12 9:00 am 1. Belinda Corley 2. Marianne Sherman 3. John Sherman 4. Barbara Ziz 5. Maggie Landry	Nov 12 9:00 am Al Simon, Jr.	Nov 12 9:00 am Terrene McDonnell Cameron McDonnell Sofia Carreon McKinzy Mathis
Nov 12 11:00 am 1. Sandy Steckler 2. Judy Steckler 3. Linda Welter 4. Rocky Greathouse 5. Susan Toche	Nov 12 11:00 am Daliance Kirkland Ross	Nov 12 11:00 am Aidan Tarrant Terrene McDonnell Cameron McDonnell
Nov 12 5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel 3. Mary Townsend	Nov 12 5:30 pm Patrick Hall CANTORS	Nov 12 5:30 pm Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Taylor Ychereskin
	Nov 11 4:00 pm William Endicott	
	Nov 12 9:00 am Children's Choir	
	Nov 12 11:00 am John Welter (Sanctuary Choir)	

MASS INTENTIONS

	6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon Nov 06	Mary Rosella McAuliffee	Robert Emmett McAuliffee.
Tue Nov 07	Collins-Sims Fly.	Deacon Ben Wimberly
Wed Nov 08	Mary Collins Wilson	Sr. Jackie Tarrant (SI)
Thur Nov 09	Brent Amyot	Thomas Edward Connell
Fri Nov 10	Gaspar/Mary Pisarich	Mary Wimberly (SI)
Sat Nov 11	8 Arthur Charles Baker	4 Thomas Andrews
Sun Nov 12	7 -Josh Bozeman	9 - F. T. P
11	John Ouille, Sr..	5:30 Dan Williams

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sister Jackie Tarrant, Macklin Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Hugh Kavanagh, 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

*Students of Nativity School will be observing National Vocation Awareness Week throughout the week. Special activities and guest speakers will help the students remain open to what it is God is asking of them now, and in the future.
*The Boy Scouts of Nativity School will again conduct a mock election on Election Day, Nov. 7th. This annual experience helps the boys, and all students, recognize the importance of exercising our right to vote and that each vote counts. We are grateful to our adult scouting leaders for organizing this event.
*Students in grades 5 and 6 will participate in special activities at St. Patrick High School on Nov. 7th and 8th respectively. The day's events will not only give the students an idea of what to expect in junior and senior high, but will also give them a taste of the "St. Patrick High School experience!"

Nativity Cathedral's Concert Series Begins:

On Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. – The Music and Fine Arts Ministry Program of Nativity Cathedral will offer the first of a Series of Concert Events for the 2017-18 Season. On this occasion, Dr. Sasha Ferreira – the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra Manager will be joined by three other members of The Magnolia Concert Society to present a Chamber Orchestra Concert entitled: "*Baroque Masterpieces*". Artists will be coming from Hattiesburg, Baton Rouge and Gulfport. Galit Kaunitz – Assistant Professor of Oboe from The University of Southern Mississippi will be joining the ensemble in this free concert to the public. Donations will be accepted at the door. The program will feature selections by Vivaldi, Marcello, Caccini and more. Mark your calendar and please tell &/or bring a friend to the concert. We are still seeking sponsors for our Concert Series that currently has events scheduled through June - 2018.

For more information, please contact: TERRY D. MADDOX:
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Nativity's Children's Choir will sing on Sunday, November 12th, 2017 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 6 Men's Club at 6:00 p.m.
Extraordinary Minister Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
Nov 7 Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.
175th Anniv. Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
RCIA at 6:00 p.m. in the RCIA Room-SHC
Nov 8 - Cleaning Team "D"
CCD -5:30 p.m. SHC
Nov 9 Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.
The Gulf Coast Symphony String Quartet 7:00 pm

BISHOP KIHNEMAN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Bishop Kihneman will be with us on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass to celebrate his 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood. There will be a reception in the Sacred Heart Center following Mass. Let us gather to support our Bishop on his substantial anniversary of ordination.

THE ANOINTING MASS

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick:

On **Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM** in the **Cathedral Church** we will celebrate Mass, which will include the sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick**. If you are currently sick/ill or you have a family member who is sick/ill at the moment, we invite you all to join on us for the Mass. This will be a beautiful opportunity to experience God's powerful love and healing. All are welcome to attend the Mass to pray for and with those seeking God's healing.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN	#594
OFFERTORY	#442
COMMUNION	#353
SENDING	#595