

*Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*

**JESUS PERFORMED MANY SIGNS, BUT IT WAS IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION THAT GOD'S GLORY WAS FULLY REVEALED AND MADE MANIFEST.**

When Jesus drives the money changers and animal vendors from the Temple, the Jews demand a sign to prove his authority. They do not have the faith to see what is in front of them. Later, when Jesus dies and is risen, his disciples remember his words, and they understand and believe. Do we have the faith to see what is revealed right in front of us, in this Eucharist?

**2018 CSA-PRAYER AND OUR CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Lent is traditionally a time of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. In our journey with the Lord this Lenten season please pray that the Holy Spirit keeps our hearts and minds open to ways that we can help or be of service to those that are less fortunate than us and those who are struggling with their walk with the Lord.

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

The Cathedral is seeking volunteers to assist in cleaning the church. We have four teams who help once a month in this most needed ministry. We are currently asking for help with "Team B" who cleans the church on Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. The volunteer work consists of cleaning and straightening the pews, sweeping the terrazzo floor in the pew area and vacuuming the cathedral. This is a humble and unseen work that benefits our entire community of faith. If interested, please call the parish office at 374-1717. Thank you.

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR – MARCH 19, 2018**

The Parish Life Committee of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is planning a St. Joseph Altar on Monday, March 19, 2018 in the Sacred Heart Center from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited. Please come and view the altar and have lunch with us.

**DAILY MASS IN LENT**

A wonderful way to keep the extra prayer of the Lenten Season is to attend daily Mass in our beautiful Marian Chapel. The daily Mass Scriptures of Lent journey with the Lord on his way to Calvary. Think about attending either the 6:30 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. Mass in Lent.

**SECOND THURSDAY ADORATION**

Our regular Second Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations will take place on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Marian Chapel. Come spend an hour with the Lord in quiet prayer.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Every day during Lent at 7:45 a.m. in the Marian Chapel we pray Lauds (Morning Prayer). In doing so we join the Church throughout the world in praying this official prayer of the Church. A copy of the breviary will be supplied for you. Come and let us pray together in Lent.

**Bible Study / Play Group**

Join fellow parish moms for a Bible Study/Play Group. We will have coffee, conversation and Bible study every Friday at 11:30AM at the Sacred Heart Center. Children welcome! Call Keelin Cromar 240-401-8236 for more information.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon Mar 05</b>	2 Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30
<b>Tues Mar 06</b>	Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wed Mar 07</b>	Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thur Mar 08</b>	Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23
<b>Fri Mar 09</b>	Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34
<b>Sat Mar 10</b>	Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14
<b>Sun Mar 11</b>	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21



**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

<b>Regular Collections</b>	\$	<b>8,586.00</b>
<b>Capital Improve.</b>	\$	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$	<b>1,480.54</b>
<b>Misc.</b>	\$	<b>835.45</b>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	\$	<b>11,151.99</b>

**CCD**

Congratulations to all of the children who received their Sacrament of 1st Penance on Saturday, Mar. 3! During March, we will have CCD classes on Mar. 7 (Lenten Penance Service), Mar. 14 and Mar. 21. CCD classes will NOT meet on Mar. 28 or Apr. 4, for Easter and Spring Break. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Barbara Ziz, 228-918-9778.

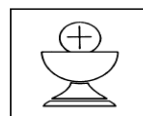
**RCIA**

This Sunday, the Diocese of Biloxi is celebrating the Rite of Election with Bishop Kihneman at the Cathedral. Please remember that we are called to accept the RCIA Elect and Candidates into our Community of Faith, and we are to pray for each of them as they continue their journey with their Sponsors.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

In keeping with the Via Delarosa of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in honoring his death on a Friday, we celebrate the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral Church. Come and keep company with the Lord in his walk of Passion and Sorrow in Lent. Stations are held each Friday at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church.

**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.

**BINGO MANIA**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>: Chereskin (Alan), Cloud (Brandon & Emily), Codella (Armondo & Rene), Codella (John & Rachel), Collins (Shelly), Conway (Joshua & Victoria) and Cook (Clifford & Shannon). REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
<b>Mar 10 4:00 pm</b> 1. Ann Kavanagh 2. Andrea Gilich 3. Liz Joachim 4. Sondra Ahern	<b>Mar 10 4:00 pm</b> Julie Capuano	<b>Mar 10 4:00 pm</b> Sam Burke Cole Burke
<b>Mar 11 7:00 am</b> 1. Marcia Mayfield 2. Vicki Howard 3. Linda Stewart	<b>Mar 11 7:00 am</b> Sr. Mary Jo Mike	<b>Mar 11 7:00 am</b> Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart
<b>9:00 am</b> 1. Maggie Landry 2. Traci Kessler 3. Michael Kessler 4. John Brauchle 5. Nora Ziz	Terry Simons <b>11:00 am</b> Linda Bourgeois	<b>9:00 am</b> Morgan Newman Rush Newman Rhys Newman McKinzy Mathis
<b>11:00 am</b> 1. Johnny Williams 2. Sondra Williams 3. Rhonda Clark 4. Rocky Greathouse 5. Ben Eastman	<b>CANTORS</b> <b>Mar 10 4:00 pm</b> William Endicott	<b>11:00 am</b> Blake Walli Hadyn Hollis Terrence McDonnell Cameron McDonnell
<b>5:30 pm</b> 1. Jim Shugart 2. Teresa Ballinger 3. Mary Townsend	<b>Mar 11 9:00 am</b> Phil Frisby	<b>5:30 pm</b> Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Tayler Yasar
	<b>11:00 am</b> John Welter	

		6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon	Mar 05	Eileen McAuliffe	Collins-Sims Fly.
Tue	Mar 06	Thomas E. Connell	Marie Charonister
Wed	Mar 07	Mary Rosella McAuliffe	Hugh Lauren Pepper
Thur	Mar 08	Maurice Ambrose McAuliffe	Peggy Brashier
Fri	Mar 09	Nina Newman	Gaspar/Mary Pisarich
Sat	Mar 10	Ben Wimberly	4 Thomas Andrews
Sun	Mar 11	7-Johnny Sanzari	9:00 F.T.P.
	11:00 am	Peggy Brashier	5:30 William & Evelyn Collins

**PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Jerry Ellis, Linda Welter, Hugh Kavanagh, Gwen Gee, Gerrie Weldon, Lehmon Skrmetti, Buddy Pullen, Annette Luther, Macklin Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Kim Wilkerson, Pete Skrmetta, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Kay Lawson, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Raymond Egers, Betty Hilton, Mary Lancaster, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Eugene LaCaze, Michael Zorich, Sr. Fatima Starks and Karen Skrmetta.*

**NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

\*Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will begin on March 5<sup>th</sup> for all families currently enrolled in Nativity School. Registration for new students who are members of our Catholic parishes will begin on March 19<sup>th</sup> and open registration begins on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. For information about the school's programs, Pre-School – Grade 6, or to visit the school, please call Ms. Cheryl at the school office, 432-2269. \*Nativity BVM School is selling raffle tickets for the ULTIMATE FAMILY VACATION. Only 335 tickets will be sold/\$75.00 per ticket. The winner will receive \$1,000 spending money and \$4,000 in gift cards to either Disney Properties or Universal Properties or both. Additionally, donors have added a \$250 gas card and a set of family t-shirts and totes to the prize package. Tickets are on sale and the drawing will take place on March 29<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to the school's Technology Fund. For more information please call the school or visit our website! \*Nativity School Parents, Friends of the School and the Nativity Men's Club will hold a Lenten dinner on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Meals are dine in/take out from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the school. \*Mark your calendars! Nativity School's annual Breakfast with the Bunny will be held on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. - 10a.m. at the Half Shell Oyster House in Biloxi. For more information, please visit our school's website.

**SPECIAL NOTE**

Several students and staff members from Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio will be attending the 11:00 Mass this Sunday. The group is traveling to work on a Habitat for Humanity project in southern Louisiana during their spring break. Lourdes University is sponsored by Sr. Mary Jo and Sr. Rebecca's community.

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

Catholic Social and Community Services, Inc. has the following position available: **Case Manager at Catholic Social and Comm. Services, Inc.'s office in Hattiesburg, MS.** This is a part-time position that will transition into a full-time within six months. All interested candidates are asked to submit a resume to Jennifer Williams at 1450 North Street, Gulfport, MS 39507 by March 7, 2018. For additional information, including a job description, please call 228-701-0555.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Mar 05** Men's Club meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 06** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC RCIA Class, 6:00 p.m. Bingo, 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 07** Cleaning Team "A" CCD 5:30 p.m., SHC
- Mar 08** Greenbriar Mass at 10:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Adoration, 6:00 p.m., Chapel
- Mar 09** Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Cathedral

**SANCTUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

- March 3rd: 4 p.m. - March 11th: 9:00 a.m.
- March 18th: 11:00 a.m. - March 24th: 4 p.m.
- March 27th: 10:30 a.m. - March 29th: 6:00 p.m.
- March 31st: 8 p.m. - April 1st: 9:00 a.m.

The 2018 Cathedral Fine Arts Concert Series will begin with a special Concert Service entitled: "The Music Of Holy Week". This very special program will journey with Jesus and reflect the path of Holy Week with Scripture and Music. The concert will be shared on Sunday Afternoon, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and share with a friend!

Our Choral Ensembles – the Sanctuary Choir & our Choral Society - "Gloria In Excelsis" invites folks to prayerfully consider becoming members. All interested individuals wanting to inquiry/participate in the Music & Fine Arts Ministries Program should contact Terry Maddox – Minister of Music @ 251-406-1454 &/or @ terrydalemaddox@gmail.com

**MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND**

- ENTRANCE HYMN #463
- OFFERTORY #411
- COMMUNION #364
- SENDING #617