

*Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD*

**SPRING PILGRIMAGE VOLUNTEERS**

As part of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Nativity Cathedral will be open to the public for the Gulf Coast Garden Club Spring Pilgrimage. The event will take place on April 4, 2018 between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. We are asking for volunteers to act as greeters for the guests as they come into the Cathedral. If interested in representing the Cathedral for this event please call the rectory or let Fr. Dennis or Fr. Colten know after Mass. Thank you.

**RCIA**

The 2017-2018 RCIA class will receive their Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please continue to pray for them as they receive the Sacraments of Initiation and are in full communion with our Church. They have worked very hard this year and have actively participated in RCIA. Congratulations to each and every one as they receive the following Sacraments:

**Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion:**

- Mindi Ducomb
- Raymond Dupre
- Cassie Hitt

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion:**

- Jennifer Boles
- Daniel Bounds
- Glenda Bruckner
- Sheryll Comans
- Candice Jones
- Tara Junkert
- Joshua Kelly
- Cierra Mathews
- Victoria Saucier
- Elizabeth Watson
- Lisa Wiseman

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

On Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 Noon, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral Church

**CHRISM MASS**

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated this Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 10:30, here at Nativity Cathedral. The Mass emphasizes the unity of the diocesan Priesthood with its Bishop. Please consider attending this beautiful Mass.

**CCD**

CCD classes will not meet on Wednesday, March 28 and Wednesday, April 4, for Spring Break. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 11. Thanks for your support of our CCD program and for bringing your children to CCD! We hope all of your families enjoy a wonderful, blessed Easter! For more information or any questions, please contact Barbara Ziz, 228-918-9778.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon Mar 26</b>	Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11
<b>Tues Mar 27</b>	Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
<b>Wed Mar 28</b>	Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25
<b>Thur Mar 29</b>	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15
<b>Fri Mar 30</b>	Is 52:13-53:12, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Jn 18:1-19:42
<b>Sat Mar 31</b>	Gn 1:1-2:2, Gn 22:1-18, Ex 14:15-15:1, Is 54:5-14, Is 55:1-11, Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4, Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, Rom 6:3-11, Mk 16:1-7
<b>Sun Apr 01</b>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9, Mk 16:1-7, Lk 24:13-35



**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

<b>Regular Collections</b>	\$	<b>7,079.62</b>
<b>Capital Improve.</b>	\$	<b>140.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$	<b>1,377.00</b>
<b>Nativity Elem.</b>	\$	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Misc.</b>	\$	<b>896.00</b>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	\$	<b>9,592.62</b>

**HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULES AT NATIVITY**

- March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m.
- March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Mass of the Lord's Supper – 6:00 p.m.
- March 30<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon, Stations of the Cross
- March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Veneration of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.
- March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
- April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Resurrection of the Lord – 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (with a Mass in the Cathedral and Chapel), 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

**TENEBRAE**

The Service of Tenebrae will not be celebrated this year on Good Friday.

**ANNUAL YOUTH CONVENTION**

Please keep all of our young people in prayer this weekend as they attend the 2018 Annual Youth Convention being held at the Biloxi Coliseum.

**NATIVITY EASTER EGG HUNT!!**

Nativity's Youth Ministry will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in front of the rectory and in the Bishop's Garden. Bring the kids!!

**NATIVITY B.V.M. CATHEDRAL'S 5TH ANNUAL UNCORKED AND UNCAPPED WINE AND BEER TASTING!**

Save the date! Saturday, April 28th, 2018 - Exotic Wines – Craft Beers – Gourmet Food's – Sumptuous Silent Auction and Live Entertainment!

**MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND**

ENTRANCE HYMN	#138
OFFERTORY	#147
COMMUNION	#481
SENDING	#151

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
<b>Mar 31 8:00 pm</b> 1. Penny Payne 2. Greg Payne	<b>Mar 31 8:00 pm</b> Rose Anne Kimbell	<b>Mar 31 4:00 pm</b> Seminarians
<b>Apr 01 7:00 am</b> 1. Jim Shugart 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh	<b>Apr 01 7:00 am</b> Joe Powell	<b>Apr 01 7:00 am</b> Emma Theobald Alec Ryan
<b>9:00 am</b> 1. Belinda Corley 2. Linda Bourgeois 3. Sharon Tate 4. Judy Trahan 5. Maggie Landry	<b>9:00 am</b> Michael Kessler	<b>9:00 am</b> Tristan Davis Kingston Davis Justin Useforge Jamey Useforge
<b>11:00 am</b> 1. Vicki Howard 2. Ben Eastman 3. Rhonda Clark 4. Susan Toche 5. Robert Moniot	<b>11:00 am</b> Daliance Kirkland-Ross	<b>11:00 am</b> Seminarians
<b>5:30 pm</b> 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel 3. Teresa Ballinger	<b>5:30 pm</b> Janice Fields	<b>5:30 pm</b> Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Dylan Mitchell
	<b>CANTORS</b>	
	<b>Mar 29 6:00 pm</b> Kathryn Domyan & Choir	<b>11:00 am</b> Seminarians
	<b>Mar 30<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm</b> Betsy Uschkrat	
	<b>Mar 31 8:00 pm</b> William Endicott & Choir	
	<b>Apr 01 9:00 am</b> John Welter	
	<b>11:00 am</b> Sean Ross	

	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Mon Mar 26</b>	Kay Lawson	Candace Ozerden
<b>Tue Mar 27</b>	Jeanne Harbison	Raymond Egers
<b>Wed Mar 28</b>	Collins-Sims Fly.	Raymond Egers
<b>Thur Mar 29</b>	Clare Hornsby	Dorothy Thibodeaux
<b>Fri Mar 30</b>	Hugh Kavanagh (S.I.)	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich
<b>Sat Mar 31</b>	8 Ben Wimberly	8 Hugh Kavanagh (S.I.)
<b>Sun Apr 01</b>	7-Hugh Kavanagh (S.I.)	9:00 F.T.P
	<b>11:00 am</b> Dec. Ardoline/Sherman Fly.	<b>5:30</b> Gene LaCaze

**PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

\*All are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross in a very special way with the children of Nativity School. The Stations will be portrayed by the Gr. 3 students, under the direction of their teacher, Ms. Cheryl Gruich. The stations will begin in the garden area behind the school at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude near the grotto area. All are invited to attend this special time of prayer.

\*The drawing for the special ULTIMATE FAMILY VACATION will be held at 9:45 on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the school. We thank everyone who purchased a ticket and helped to make this a success!

\*A Lenten Luncheon will be sold on Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00. This meal is take out only.

**MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES:**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

March 27<sup>th</sup>: 10:30 a.m.

March 29<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 p.m.

March 31<sup>st</sup>: 8 p.m.

April 1<sup>st</sup>: 9:00 a.m.

There will be a special for Easter Rehearsal for the Sanctuary Choir with our Brass Ensemble on Sunday evening, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Our next "Gloria In Excelsis" Choral Society Rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. 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

**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. 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Mar 26** Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 27** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC  
Chrism Mass, 10:30 am., Cathedral  
RCIA Class, 6:00 p.m.  
Bingo, 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 28** Cleaning Team "D"
- Mar 29** Greenbriar Mass at 10:00 a.m.  
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 30** Stations of the Cross, Noon, Cathedral  
Veneration of the Cross, 3:00 p.m.  
Cathedral Rectory Closed

**NATIVITY CATHEDRAL RECTORY CLOSED**

In observance of the Easter Holiday, Nativity Cathedral Rectory will be closed on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Living Words: Scripture and Tradition**

Archived episodes of Father Joe Dilettuso's television program, Living Words: Scripture and Tradition, can be viewed on the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi's YouTube page. Currently featured is a six-part series on The Passion Narratives with Father Austin Walsh, ST. This is a valuable and timely resource for the Lenten Season. We will continue to add additional episodes of this program in the future. A link to the YouTube page is also available at [www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org)

**BINGO MANIA**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>: 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.**