

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**HOLY FATHER - KEEP THEM IN YOUR NAME**

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays for his disciples as they go out into the world – that they be protected and unified and filled with his joy. Our heavenly Father wishes the same for us as we face each day striving to be his faithful disciples.

**DIOCESAN RITE OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS**

Bishop Kihneman will be celebrating the Diocesan rite of Confirmation for Adults on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you or a loved one have not been confirmed and would like to do so, please contact the rectory at (228) 374-1717.

**175<sup>TH</sup> STAINED GLASS WINDOW MAY**

**PRESENTATION**

Our series of a history and theology of our cathedral stained glass windows continues in May with a look at the window depicting the Ascension of the Lord. This is window number 5. It was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Arnaud Dulion. Join us on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.



**RCIA**

Our newly Baptized Catholics will be celebrating their first Confessions this week. Please remember to pray for them as well as all of our new Catholics. Pentecost ends their final Period of Mystagogia, so please remember them in your prayers as their RCIA journey comes to an end and their faith journey of spiritual growth and integration into our Parish continues.

**CCD**

Congratulations to all of our children who celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, May 12! Our final day of CCD class will be this Wednesday, May 16. We will have an end of year treat and class for our students on this day. Thank you for your tremendous support of our program this year, and thanks for having your children at CCD! We have surely enjoyed working with all of them! We wish all of you a blessed, wonderful summer! Please watch the bulletin for registration information at the end of summer. For more information, please call Barbara Ziz, 228-918-9778.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral will hold their 3rd Annual "Fun in the Sun" Vacation Bible School for children that are currently in grades K-5, June 25-29, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. - noon daily. The cost is \$30 and it includes a t-shirt, daily snack & activities. Youth in grades 6-12 and adults are welcome to join us as a volunteer for the week. For more information, or to register your child(ren), please contact Kristy Arguelles by phone (228) 324-9934 or email, nativityyouthministrybiloxi@gmail.com

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon May 14</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Jn 15:9-17
<b>Tues May 15</b>	Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:1-11a
<b>Wed May 16</b>	Acts 20:28-28, Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thur May 17</b>	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11, Jn 17:20-26
<b>Fri May 18</b>	Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19
<b>Sat May 19</b>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Jn 21:20-25
<b>Sun May 20</b>	Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23



**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	10,491.00
Maintenance	\$	1,262.30
Misc.	\$	939.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,692.30</b>

Thank you for your contributions!

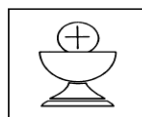


We want to extend a very Happy Mothers Day wish to all of the mothers and mothers-to-be in our Nativity Parish!

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Patsy Smolcich on Mother's Day. In loving memory from her POKENO friends.

**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.

**FATHER COLTEN VACATION**

Father Colten will be away from the parish on vacation from May 11<sup>th</sup> until May 16<sup>th</sup>. We thank Father Colten for his youthful and dedicated priestly ministry at Nativity Cathedral and wish him a restful and enjoyable vacation.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The SVdP provides assistance each Tuesday from 9-11:00 a.m. For those wishing to make regular contributions, envelopes are located in the vestibule. We also value your one time gift! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
<b>May 19 4:00 pm</b> 1. Barbara Ziz 2. Sondra Ahern 3. Helen Languirand 4. Andrea Gilich 5. Liz Joachim	<b>May 19 4:00 pm</b> Michael Bruffey	<b>May 19 4:00 pm</b> Cayden Cannon Sabree Puz
<b>May 20 7:00 am</b> 1. Danny Kavanagh 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Jim Shugart	<b>May 20 7:00 am</b> Marcia Mayfield	<b>May 20 7:00 am</b> Clayton Stoddard Ava Stoddard
<b>9:00 am</b> 1. Maggie Landry 2. Linda Bourgeois 3. Traci Kessler 4. Michael Kessler 5. Bobby Weaver	<b>9:00 am</b> Terry Simons	<b>9:00 am</b> Trenton Fulton Annabelle Landry Veronika Landry Julia Landry
<b>11:00 am</b> 1. Robert Moniot 2. Linda Welter 3. Susan Toche 4. Rhonda Clark	<b>11:00 am</b> Don Marie	<b>11:00 am</b> Makayla Pfarrer Greyson Ross McRae Ross Nicholas Gruich
<b>5:30 pm</b> 1. Teresa Ballinger 2. Angela Cannon 3. Mary Townsend	<b>5:30 pm</b> Youth Ministry	<b>5:30 pm</b> Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Dylan Mitchell
	<b>CANTORS</b>	
	<b>May 19 4:00 pm</b> Lauren D. Clark	
	<b>May 20 9:00 am</b> Nicholas Rodolfich	
	<b>11:00 am</b> Rocky Greathouse Choir	

	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Mon May 14</b>	Chester Balias Fly.	Jean Kridle
<b>Tue May 15</b>	Betty Lou Callegari	Andrew Cvitanovich
<b>Wed May 16</b>	Collins-Sims Fly.	Walker/Irene C. Tucei
<b>Thur May 17</b>	Kay Lawson	Raymond Egers
<b>Fri May 18</b>	Nick Wiser	Herbert/Bertha McDonnell
<b>Sat May 19</b>	<u>8</u> Alice Griggs	<u>4</u> Josephine Esposito Allen
<b>Sun May 20</b>	<u>7</u> -Katie Coleman	<u>9:00</u> F.T.P
	<b>11:00 am</b> Raymond Egers	<b>5:30</b> D. J. Hummer

**PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Elie Hebert, Jerry Ellis, Linda Welter, Hugh Kavanagh, Gerrie Weldon, Lehmon Skrmetti, Buddy Pullen, Annette Luther, Macklin Holloway, Mary Wimberly, 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 Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich., Sr. Fatima Starks and Karen Skremetta.

**NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

\*The Nativity School choir, under the direction of Mr. Terry Maddox and assisted by Mrs. Nanette Burke, will hold its Spring Concert on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 and again at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy the beautiful sounds of our children in grades 2 through 6.

\*Nativity School's Arts Alive group is hard at work practicing for their spring production...Cinderella's Glass Slipper. Performances will be on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The group, under the direction of Mrs. Wanda Stewart and Mrs. Kelly Pennell, is made up of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

\*To celebrate the end of the school year, the annual Peace, Love and Saints Day will be held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Field events will take place in the morning and "water fun" will finish the day. Thank you to our many sponsors for making this day possible.

\*Summer Saints, Nativity School's Summer Camp, will begin on June 4<sup>th</sup> and continue through the summer until July 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call the school at 432-2269 or visit the school's website at [www.nativitybvm.org](http://www.nativitybvm.org).

\*Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is ongoing. Although several classes are filled, openings remain in many grades. For more information about the school and its programs, please visit our website at [www.nativitybvm.org](http://www.nativitybvm.org) or call the school office (432-2269) to set up a tour.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 15** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC  
BINGO, 5:30 p.m.  
RCIA Class, 6:00 p.m.
- May 16** Cleaning Team "C"  
CCD Classes, 5:30 p.m., SHC
- May 17** Greenbriar Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

- May 20th: 11:00 a.m.  
May 26th: 4:00 p.m.  
June 3rd: 9:00 a.m.

**MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND**

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| ENTRANCE HYMN | #183 |
| OFFERTORY     | #497 |
| COMMUNION     | #650 |
| SENDING       | #732 |

**BINGO MANIA**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for May 15th: Riojas (Ramon & Amy), Collins (Shelly), Sminicht (Ron & Dustie), Skrmetti (John & Dhiana), Smith (Scott & Alexandra), Snyder (Tommy & Alexandra) and Spears (Michael & Emily). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

**SUPPORT THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT**

The Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi is selling drawdown tickets to raise funds for those individuals who cannot afford to make a Cursillo. There will be 31 drawings for \$100.00 each during the month of May. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a drawing for \$5,000.00. Tickets are available in the parish office for \$50.00 each.

**MUSIC & FINE ARTS MINISTRIES:**

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**SERIES:**

The following are the upcoming Fine Arts Series Concert Event: • Children's Choir "Spring Concert" – Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. • "Cinderella's Glass Slipper" – Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m. • "A Celebration of Gospels & Spirituals" – Massed Choir Concert – Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m. • "Magnolia Concert Society" – Instrumental Concert – Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m. • "The Greatness of America" Patriotic Concert – Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – 5:30p.m. 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](mailto:terrydalemaddox@gmail.com).