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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 09	Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38
Tues	Dec 10	Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14
Wed	Dec 11	Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30
Thu	Dec 12	Zec 2:14-17, Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, Jdt 13:18bc, 19, Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Fri	Dec 13	Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19, 2 Cor 10:17—11:2, Mt 25:1-13
Sat	Dec 14	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13, 1 Cor 2:1-10a, Lk 14:24-33
Sun	Dec 15	Is 35:1-6a, 10, Jas 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

The first prize winners of \$3,500.00 cash are Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Platt, second prize winner of an Apple Watch 5 Series is Becky Nordstrom, and third prize winner of a Nintendo Switch Lite is Teresa Thompson. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser with your prayers and ticket purchase!

CCD

Our last CCD class for December will be held on Wednesday, December 11. On December 11, we will celebrate with a Christmas treat. There will be no CCD classes on Dec. 18, 25, and Jan. 1. CCD classes, for K-5th grades, are held in the Sacred Heart Center, behind the Cathedral, on Wednesday evenings, from 5:30-6:30 pm. If you need to register your child, please come any Wednesday during class time. If you need additional information or have any questions please call, text or email Barbara Ziz, 228-918-9778, barbaraziz19@gmail.com.

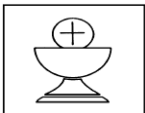
RCIA

This week the RCIA class will be getting ready for the birth of Our Lord and celebrating Christmas. Please continue to pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

HELP THE POOR: VOLUNTEER WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Ministry to the poor and helping the poor is one of the great Corporal Works of Mercy. Assisting those who are burdened with poverty reinforces our relationship with Jesus who always went to those in need. Our Nativity Cathedral needs additional help at this time. Please call Jim Shugart at (228) 297-4217 or Annette Luther at (228) 860-1013 and become an Intentional Disciple of Christ!

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.

WEEKLY ADORATION

Will You Not Spend One Hour With Me?

Jesus, in his agony, asked his disciples, "Will you not spend one hour with me?" This same question echoes to all his disciples. Every Thursday, from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral Church. Confessions are also available during this time. Come spend time with your Lord.

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS



Regular Collections	\$	11,785.00
Maintenance	\$	1,057.91
Capital Improvement	\$	508.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	195.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	13,545.91

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 09** Women of Mary, 5:30 pm
- Dec 10** Men of St. Joseph 7:00 a.m. SHC
RCIA, 6:00 p.m. in SHC
Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m. Bingo Hall
- Dec 11** Cleaning Team "A"
- Dec 12** Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 13** First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Chapel

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Mark your calendars for the annual Cathedral Penance Service scheduled for Thursday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the cathedral church. Several assisting priests from our neighboring parishes will be present to assist.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Have you ever thought of assisting our cathedral parish by becoming an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister? It is both a joy and an honor in this much needed assistance during our weekly celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. Doing this small act of kindness literally brings Jesus Christ into the lives of many hundreds of people. Please consider becoming an Intentional Disciple of Jesus by helping our parish. Please email or call Fr. Dennis at dcarver@biloxidiocese.org or (228) 374-1717.

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL NEWS!

We are so appreciative of your generous contributions to our iGiveCatholic campaign. We raised enough money to buy Stations of the Cross and to begin remodeling our chapel. Thank you!!!

We are collecting small new items for our school Christmas store. The students get to pick two gifts for family members. The gifts are then wrapped and sent home with the students. We would appreciate any items! Gifts should be unwrapped and can be dropped off at the school. We appreciate your help in making this shopping experience special for our saints!

We have two Christmas performances that you won't want to miss! On December 16th our choir will have a Christmas concert at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in our school gym. Our school-wide Christmas program is on December 19th also at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the gym. We invite you to celebrate this Christmas season with our Nativity Saints!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Dec 14 4:00 pm 1. Jim Shugart 2. Liz Joachim 3. Kalin Lloyd 4. Kathleen Coskey 5. Helen Languirand	Dec 14 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey	Dec 14 4:00 pm Sam Burke
Dec 15 7:00 am 1. Linda Stewart 2. Nancy Powell 3. Marcia Mayfield	Dec 15 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield 9:00 am Liz Wilkinson 11:00 am Rhonda Clark	Nov 15 7:00 am Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart 9:00 am Chaz Byers Izabelle Byers McKinzy Mathis
9:00 am 1. John Brauchle 2. Jim Compton 3. Linda Bourgeois 4. Traci Kessler 5. Michael Kessler	5:30 pm Patrick Hall CANTORS Dec 14 4:00 pm KC Arnold Dec 15 9:00 am Peter Abide CATHEDRAL CHOIR 11:00 am Phil Frisby	11:00 am Blake Walli Kendall Walli 5:30 pm Taylor Yasar Dylan Mitchell
11:00 am 1. Sandy Steckler 2. Judy Steckler 3. Edith Richardson 4. Linda Welter 5. Robert Moniot		
5:30 pm 1. Teresa Ballinger 2. Kristy Arguelles		

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL'S CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m., Cathedral
 Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m., Chapel
 Christmas Eve, 7:00 p.m., Cathedral
 Christmas Eve, 11:00 p.m., Cathedral
 Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m., Cathedral

THE MINISTRY OF ALTAR SOCIETY

The Nativity Cathedral Altar Society assists the parish in many ways, especially in the care of all linens associated with the Celebration of the Eucharist. Those in the Altar Society assist in the maintenance of all altar cloths, wash and iron all purificators used at the distribution of communion, and assist in keeping all towels in the sacristy washed and folded. Our Altar Society is a generous group of parishioners. Think about joining the Cathedral Altar Society today. Call Fr. Dennis at 228-374-1717.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for December 10th, 2019: Byers (Rob & Jen), (Canon (Ryan & Summer), Chereskin (Alan & Jamie), Clayton (Jason & Raegan), Cloud (Brandon & Emily) and Codella (Armondo & Renae). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement!!!**

Holy Land Gifts - Olive Wood Carvings

Holy Land Gifts, represented by the Rashmawi family who are volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will be visiting our parish the weekend of Dec. 21/22 and selling their religious olive wood Gifts.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN	# 61
OFFERTORY	# 58
COMMUNION	#603
SENDING	#577

6:30 AM

8:00 AM

Mon Dec 09	Vicki Gollotte Cobb	Doris/Gil Akins
Tue Dec 10	Wayne Leckich	Thomas E. Connell
Wed Dec 11	Eileen McAuliffec	Isabella Gollott
Thur Dec 12	Josh Bozeman	John L. Krohn
Fri Dec 13	Sr. Mary Jo Mike	Gaspar/Mary Pesarich
Sat Dec 14	8 Bishop Roger Morin	4 Thomas Andrews
Sun Dec 15	7 Betty Lou Callegari	9 F.T.P
	11:00 - Vicki Gollotte Cobb	5:30 Isabella Gollott

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Harry Kostmayer, Sr., Nolan Broussard, Sr., Peter Skrmetta, Kay Semski, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Heather Boudreaux, Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Jerry Ellis, Lehmon Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Mickey Bradley, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: We welcome this Sunday, December 8th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass the members of "Arts Alive" under the direction of Mrs. Kelley Pennell and her Mom - Wanda Stewart. "AL" will present a living homily of "The Annunciation" Story. Our Children's Choir will also share in the Mass and will be wearing their new "Choir Attire" shirts. Their Christmas Concert is scheduled for Monday, December 16th with concerts at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in NES's gymnasium.

ADULT CHORAL MINISTRY:

"Gloria In Excelsis" - "GIE" - the Cathedral's Choral Society is in rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in preparation for their annual "Lessons & Reflections" Concert Service scheduled for Saturday, December 14th at 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon.

"Cathedral Choir" - The Cathedral Choir will share in the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 15th and then in the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 22nd. The Choir has an extra Choir Rehearsal scheduled for Christmas on Sunday night, December 15th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THIRD HOLIDAY CONCERT SERIES EVENT: --- Members of the Cathedral's Choral Society - "Gloria In Excelsis" - will be joined by members from Mobile, Alabama's "Mobile Vocal Arts" to share their annual "Advent Lessons & Reflections" Concert Service on Saturday, December 14th at 2:30 p.m. The very special event delves into the prophecies of the promised "Emmanuel" and "The Annunciation Story" of Mary. Please invite your family and friends and join us for this wonderful Biblical celebration of the Advent Season.

HOW CAN YOUR SUPPORT OUR MUSIC & FINE ARTS MINISTRY? Consider giving a donation in memory or honor of a loved one or treasured friend. Your gift will enhance the music offering of our Christmas Eve "Lessons & Carols" Concert Service and midnight Mass.

For more information regarding any of these program/event offerings or any other aspect of our Music & Fine Arts Ministry Program - please contact: Terry D. Maddox, M.M. - terrydalemaddox@gmail.com &/or 251 406-1454.