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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Mar 09	Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38
Tues	Mar 10	Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28
Wed	Mar 11	Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28
Thu	Mar 12	Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31
Fri	Mar 13	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat	Mar 14	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun	Mar 15	Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	15,569.50
Maintenance	\$	1,147.00
Capital Improvement	\$	1,002.00
TOTAL COLLECTION \$		17,718.50

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 09	Women of Mary, 5:30 pm
Mar 10	Bingo Mania, 5:30 pm, Bingo Hall Men of St. Joseph 7:00 a.m. SHC RCIA, SHC, 6:00 pm
Mar 11	Cleaning Team "B" CCD, SHC, 5:30 pm
Mar 13	Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm, Cathedral

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR WORSHIP!

The Diocese of Biloxi promulgated an "Illness Prevention Policy" in 2010 that was to remain in effect for the duration of that cold and flu season. We followed up later as concerns continued to be expressed about the potential for spreading illnesses during the celebration of Mass. The Diocese is monitoring the present situation and wishes to emphasize common sense solutions implemented on the parish level, e.g.:

- Parishioners who are ill or suspect they may be contagious are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. They should be encouraged to remain at home and return to church when they are well.
- Holy Water fonts are to be drained, cleaned, and re-filled with holy water on a regular basis. Please note that old holy water should be disposed of in the sacarium or, where one is not available, on the ground.
- Good hygiene, to include an inconspicuous use of hand cleaner prior to distribution of Holy Communion, should be practiced by Clergy and other Ministers.
- Exchanging the Sign of Peace is optional and may be suspended at the discretion of the Priest Celebrant. Parishioners may also be reminded that the sign of peace does not need to be exchanged by means of physical contact, but may be, e.g., verbal or with a bow to those nearby.
- Ministers of Holy Communion are advised to distribute the consecrated Hosts with special care, being cautious not to touch the communicant's tongue or hand.
- If parishioners are concerned about receiving or spreading illness by partaking of the Precious Blood, they can choose to receive the body of Christ only, in which we believe is contained the whole Christ.
- If genuine concern arises about the spread of illness in one's area, the Priest Celebrant may, at his discretion, consecrate only enough wine necessary for him alone to receive the Precious Blood.

CCD

CCD classes will be held this week on Wed., Mar. 11. We will have a Penance Service for students during class this week and parents are welcome to come for this, as well. 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 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 learning about the Four Marks of the Church with Father Dennis. Please pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors as we approach the Easter Sacraments and they continue their journey of faith together. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR – MARCH 19TH, 2020

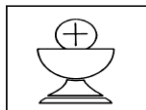
The Saint Joseph Altar originated in Sicily many centuries ago. During a period of drought, famine, and starvation, the people turned to St. Joseph, asking for his help. Their prayers were answered, the rains came and the crops prospered. In Thanksgiving, families of farmers and fishermen built altars in their homes in honor of St Joseph to share their prized possessions, food. The St Joseph Altar Committee of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is proud to announce the St Joseph Altar will be on display at the Sacred Heart Center on Thursday, March 19, 2020, St Joseph's Day, from 10 AM to 3PM. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, donations are appreciated. We invite everyone to join us, view the Altar, have lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

CSA – CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

In today's Scripture we hear of God's call to "bear our share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Many of our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Biloxi suffer the hardships of homelessness, hunger, depression and despair. Although we cannot always be there to minister to them directly, we can help them by supporting the programs and offices that minister to them through the 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Please consider helping "Bring Christ to the World" by giving a generous gift to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal. Pledge envelopes are available in the pew or in the back of the Church. Thank You!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are observed every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church. Come and walk with Jesus on his way to the cross in Lent.

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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Mar 14 4:00 pm 1. Deacon Johnny 2. Andrea Gilich 3. Sondra Ahern 4. Gayle Mavar 5. Lee Ann Dubaz	Mar 14 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey Mar 15 7:00 am Joe Powell 9:00 am Maggie Landry 11:00 am Rosina Le Pre 5:30 pm Tara Junkert	Mar 14 4:00 pm Sam Burke Mar 15 7:00 am Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart 9:00 am Tristan Davis Kingston Davis Bryan Stoddard 11:00 am Blake Walli Kendall Walli 5:30 pm Taylor Yasar Dylan Mitchell
Mar 15 7:00 am 1. Deacon Johnny 2. Nancy Powell 3. Linda Stewart 9:00 am 1. Deacon Johnny 2. Judy Trahan 3. Vicki Howard 4. Jim Compton 5. John Brauchle 11:00 am 1. Deacon Johnny 2. Deacon 3. Susan Toche 4. Marianne Sherman 5. John Sherman 5:30 pm 1. Deacon Johnny 2. Tricia Creel 3. Roland Creel	CANTORS Mar 14 4:00 pm John Welter Mar 15 9:00 am Phil Frisby 11:00 am Sabree Puzs	

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Mar 09 Thomas E. Connell	Mr. James Herrin
Tue Mar 10 Mary R. McAuliffe	Tim Sherman
Wed Mar 11 Robert E. McAuliffe	Mr. James Herrin
Thu Mar 12 Josh Bozeman	Eileen McAuliffe
Fri Mar 13 Wayne Leckich	Gaspar/Mary Pisarich
Sat Mar 14 8 Sr. Mary Jo Mike 4	Special Intentions
Sun Mar 15 7 Betty Lou Callegari 9	F.T.P
11:00 – Mr. James Herrin	5:30 Fr. Michael Kelleher

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Reggie D. Harvey, Elizabeth Moon Anderson, Rocky Long, 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, 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 and our Homebound Parishioners.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Our Children's Choir and our NES Children liturgists will share in the 9:00 am Children's Mass on Sunday, March the 22nd. Our next School Mass – "Observance of Lent I" will be on Wednesday, March 11th at 9 a.m.

ADULT CHORAL MINISTRY:

"Gloria In Excelsis" – "GIE"

The Cathedral's Choral Society rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on the stage of the Academy of the Sacred Heart. Any interested individuals who would like to join us are welcome! We are preparing for our March 28th Concert-Service – "Reflections on Holy Week".

"Cathedral Choir"

The Cathedral Choir rehearses downstairs by the Confessional on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Any interested individuals who would like to join us are welcome! The Cathedral Choir will sing for the special Diocese "Rite of Election" Mass at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15th and then at the 11 a.m. Mass for Sunday, March 22nd.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

Consider contributing to the Music & Fine Arts Ministry of the Cathedral by making/placing an honorarium or memorial. Our next remembrance will be in our special "Reflections on Holy Week" concert program for Saturday, March 28th. Such gifts help fund the Music Ministry and will aid in funding a trumpeter for our Easter Morning Masses. 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.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for March 10, 2020: Sanchez-Alvares (Juanita), Simnicht (Ron & Dusti), Skrmetti (John Ernest & Dhiana), Smith (Scot & Alexandra), Snyder (Tommy & Alexandra) and Stevenson (Mark & Chere). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement!!!**

NATIVITY BVM WEEKLY LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

Nativity BVM Cathedral is very pleased to be offering a Weekly Lenten Prayer Group: "Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God". This study, utilizing a program offered through FORMED, captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in His presence and resolving to live in and through His love. This one hour Prayer Group will meet every Wednesday through April 1, 2020 at 6pm in the Sacred Heart Center Library. If you would like to join in this beautiful Lenten devotion, please contact Joan Strayham at rnjoans1@gmail.com, telephone 228-861-5269.

TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD IS TO BECOME THE WORD OF GOD

Would you consider becoming a lector for our parish? It would be very good for our parish if we were to have additional lectors at our Sunday Masses. It would not only add to the variety of lectors but also give our current lectors help. If you are impelled to serve our parish as a lector, please email or call Fr. Dennis at dcarver@biloxidiocese.org or call (228) 374-1717.

ASSOCIATION OF PRIESTS

The Association of Priests of the Dioceses of Biloxi and Jackson provide a small pension to our retired priests. As you consider your estate plans, please remember these faithful servants by making a donation or leaving a bequest to the Association of Priests. Our parish priests dedicated their lives to caring for us, their flocks. Let us now care for them in their retirement. Donations can be made payable to the Association of Priests and can be mailed to the Diocese of Biloxi, Attn: Tammy DiLorenzo, 1790 Popp's Ferry Road, Biloxi, MS 39532

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL NEWS!

Registration for the 20-21 School Year is underway. Please visit our website at <http://www.nativitybvm.org> to register your returning student or to submit an application for a new student. We look forward to having a school full of saints! We would love to give you a tour of our school. Please contact Traci Kessler at 228-432-2269 or tkessler@nativitybvm.org for more information.

Lenten Dinners are available at Nativity Elementary Friday, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3. Dinners will be served from 2:45 - 5:30 p.m. or until supplies run out, and can be pre-ordered on our website. Thank you for your support!

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

St. Patrick Catholic High School is now enrolling for the 2020-21 school year. Our faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions. To learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit our website at www.stpatrickhighschool.net. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please contact Dr. Matt Buckley at 228-702-0500 or mbuckley@stpatrickhighschool.net.