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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mar 16</b>	2 Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Mar 17</b>	Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar 18</b>	Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Mar 20</b>	Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar 21</b>	Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**CCD**

CCD classes will be held for the rest of March on Wednesday, Mar. 18 and Mar. 25. We will also have class on Wednesday, April 1. No classes will be held on Wednesday, April 8 or April 15, for the Easter break. 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](mailto:barbaraziz19@gmail.com).

**RCIA**

This weekend the RCIA Candidates are celebrating their First Scrutiny. This is another important step towards their Sacraments of Initiation and full participation in the Catholic faith community at the Easter Vigil. Please remember that we are called to accept them into our Community of Faith and we are to pray for each of them as they continue their faith journey. Because we are celebrating the Scrutinies, the readings will be taken from Cycle A of the Lectionary. 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.

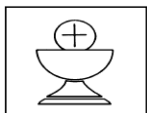
**NATIVITY BVM WEEKLY LENTEN PRAYER GROUP**

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 [mjoans1@gmail.com](mailto:mjoans1@gmail.com), telephone 228-861-5269.

**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.

**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	10,339.07
Maintenance	\$	479.00
Capital Improvement	\$	1,057.00
Nativity Elem. School	\$	578.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,401.50
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION \$</b>		<b>13,854.57</b>

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Mar 16</b>	Women of Mary, 5:30 pm
<b>Mar 17</b>	Bingo Mania, 5:30 pm, Bingo Hall Men of St. Joseph 7:00 a.m. SHC RCIA, SHC, 6:00 pm Cleaning Team "C" CCD, SHC, 5:30 pm
<b>Mar 19</b>	St. Joseph Altar, 10 am-3 pm, SHC
<b>Mar 20</b>	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 sacrarium 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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Mar 21 4:00 pm</b> 1. Helen Languirand 2. Kalin Lloyd 3. Liz Joachim 4. Ann Kavanagh 5. Kathleen Coskey  <b>Mar 22 7:00 am</b> 1. Joan Strayham 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh  <b>9:00 am</b> 1. Deacon Johnny 2. Maggie Landry 3. Belinda Corley 4. Gwen Vanderfin 5. Vicki Howard  <b>11:00 am</b> 1. Sandy Steckler 2. Judy Steckler 3. Sarah Barhonovich 4. Robert Moniot 5. Rhonda Clark  <b>5:30 pm</b> 1. Teresa Ballinger 2. Elizabeth Becker	<b>Mar 21 4:00 pm</b> Jim Compton  <b>Mar 22 7:00 am</b> Jim Shugart  <b>9:00 am</b> Nativity Elem <b>11:00 am</b> Linda Bourgeois <b>5:30 pm</b> Mary Townsend  <b>CANTORS</b>  <b>Mar 21 4:00 pm</b> KC Arnold  <b>Mar 22 9:00 am</b> CHILDREN'S CHOIR  <b>11:00 am</b> Elizabeth Cobb CATHEDRAL CHOIR	<b>Mar 21 4:00 pm</b> Julia Landry  <b>Mar 22 7:00 am</b> Alec Ryan  <b>9:00 am</b> Terrence McDonnell Cameron McDonnell Sabree Puzz  <b>11:00 am</b> Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich Simon Randall  <b>5:30 pm</b> Sydni Wills

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Mon Mar 16</b> Thomas E. Connell	Mary Lou Ardoline
<b>Tue Mar 17</b> Mr. James Herrin	Dr. Richard Covington
<b>Wed Mar 18</b> Mary R. McAuliffiee	Jacinto Baltar
<b>Thu Mar 19</b> Timothy O'Brien (S.I.)	Jean Kridle
<b>Fri Mar 20</b> Sr. Mary Jo Mike	Herbert/Bertha McDonnell
<b>Sat Mar 21 8</b> Bishop Roger Morin	4 Gabe/Doris Kasovich
<b>Sun Mar 22 7</b> Wayne Leckich	9 F.T.P
<b>11:00</b> – Evelyn Havertt (S.I.)	<b>5:30</b> Annette Luther (S.I.)

**PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Reggie D. Harvey, Elizabeth Moon Anderson, Rocky Long, Harry Kostmayer, 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 Children's Cantors for this Mass will be Ava Stoddard and Jayden Ware. Our next School Mass – "Observance of Lent II" will be on Wednesday, March 25th at 9 a.m. Our Children's Cantors for this Mass will be brother & sister duo – Emma & Porter Theobald.

**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 11 a.m. Mass for Sunday, March 22nd, and the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 28th following the special Lenten Concert

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?** Consider contributing to the Music & Fine Arts Ministry of the Cathedral by making/placing an honorarium or memorial.

**REFLECTIONS ON HOLY WEEK** - A Concert-Service in the style of "Lessons & Carols". This very special – one hour – service will scripturally & musically "walk with Jesus" through events from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. The concert is free and open to the public. Now being offered for its third year, consider making this event a part of your preparations for Holy Week and invite a relative/friend to come with you! 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 17, 2020: Cvitanovich (Dominick & Henning, Caitlin), Stoddard (Bryan & Kerry), Stoddard (Clayton), Strayham (Nicolas & Tracie), Sullivan (John & Valerie), Talley (Bart & Nicole) and Tarrant (Gerard & Alicia). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement!!!**

**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 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!

**CSA – "BRING CHRIST TO THE WORLD"**

In today's Gospel, we discover that, just as the Samaritan woman at the well, NOBODY is the same after encountering the Lord Jesus. Your support of this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal can help bring many of our brothers and sisters who live and work in South Mississippi the opportunity to encounter Christ. Please consider a generous gift to this year's appeal! Pledge envelopes are in the pews. Thank You!