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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Apr 27</b>	Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Apr 28</b>	Acts 7:51-8:1a, Jn 6:30-35
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr 29</b>	Acts 8:1b-8< Jn 6:35-40, 1 Jn 1:5—2:2, Mt 11:25-30
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Apr 30</b>	Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51
<b>Fri</b>	<b>May 01</b>	Acts 9:1-21, Jn 6:52-59, Gn 1:26—2:3 or col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24, Mt 13:54-58
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 02</b>	Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69, 1 Jn 5:1-5, Mt 10:22-23
<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 03</b>	Acts 2:14-a, 36-41, 1 Pt 2:20b-25, Jn 10:1-10



**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	6,949.00
Maintenance	\$	566.00
Capital Improvement	\$	446.00
Nativity Elementary	\$	200.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,161.00</b>

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER DENNIS:**

On March 2, 2020 Bishop Kihneman held a meeting of the regional deans of the Diocese of Biloxi. The sole topic for discussion was how we can begin to reopen our churches as the restrictions begin to ease. Currently, three phases are being proposed by Governor Tate Reeves. In reviewing the proposed phased reopening, many scenarios, options, thoughts, and concerns emanated from the priests who advised our bishop. The most important of the discussions was for the church to follow the mandates of our civic leaders on the federal, state, and local levels. As of this writing, which is Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, there are no firm directives being given by the authorities. However, some thoughts are beginning to emerge from them. Rest assured that I will keep everyone informed as developments occur. Please know that you are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

**A PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS**

*O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,  
 We, your children of every nation,  
 Turn to you in this pandemic.  
 Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.  
 Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,  
 Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,  
 And obtain peace, healing, rescue,  
 And timely help in all our needs.  
 You are our Mother.  
 Pray for us to your Son.  
 Amen.*



*...he was made  
 known to them in  
 the breaking  
 of bread.*

**LET US REJOICE IN THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION:  
 JESUS IS GOD'S PROMISE FULFILLED**

The joy of the Easter season is still with us as we rejoice in the risen Christ. He is truly present in us in the celebration of the Mass. He is the promise fulfilled, and we are nourished with his Word, and his body and blood. Just like those on the road to Emmaus, we know him in the breaking of the bread.

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>  <b>ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>  <b>April 26 11:00 am</b> <b>Don Marie</b>	<b>CANTORS</b>  <b>April 26 11:00 am</b> <b>Phil Frisby</b>
	<b>May 03 11:00 am</b> <b>Peter Abide</b>	

### **From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:**

All programming and Music Ministry rehearsals are **SUSPENDED** until further notice due to concerns related to the Corona Virus.

All couples planning for their wedding who are needing to discuss music plans for their special observance are welcome to contact Mr. Maddox by phone &/or email via the information provided below.

For more details regarding 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.

### **Hymns/Sacred Songs for:**

Third Sunday of Easter – April 26th – 11 a.m.:

Opening: “Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise”

Offertory: “Shelter Me” Communion: “The Call”

Sending: “Alleluia! Alleluia!”

CANTOR: Phil Frisby

**REMEMBER: AN INDIVIDUAL SONG SHEET FOR EACH WEEKEND’S STREAMED MASS WILL HAVE THE WORDS FOR THAT WEEKEND’S SONGS LISTED AND POSTED ON OUR “NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL” WEBSITE.**

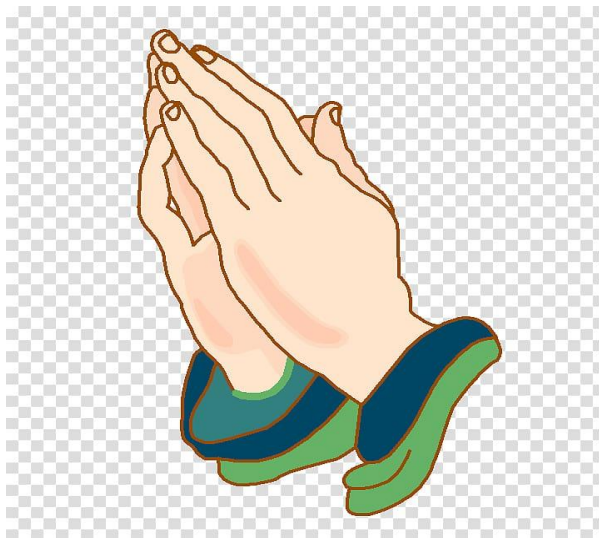
A new hymn of hope and trust in God has been composed specifically for this time of pandemic. Father Michael Joncas, prominent and longtime American composer of liturgical music is well-known for the sacred song: “On Eagle’s Wings” – a musical setting of Psalm 91. Father Joncas has written “Shelter Me” (A Prayer-Song in the time of the COVID-19 Pandemic) – a musical setting of Psalm 23. We will begin to utilize this musical prayer in our worship starting with this coming weekend’s 11 a.m. Mass. A version of the sacred song can be heard at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EbCgi\\_7gQs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EbCgi_7gQs).

### **KEEP YOUR FAITH DURING THIS TIME OF QUARANTINE.**

Remember that the “Catholic Netflix” of FORMED is free to all Nativity Parishioners. Great movies, the Lives of the Saints, Teachings on the Sacraments, Prayer and a host of other materials is available. Simply go to the Nativity BVM website and log into FORMED.

### **8:00 AM**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Apr 27</b>	Reggie Harvey, Sr.
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Apr 28</b>	Dr. Richard Covington
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr 29</b>	Reggie Harvey, Sr.
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Apr 30</b>	Bishop Roger Morin
<b>Fri</b>	<b>May 01</b>	Herbert and Bertha McDonnell
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 02</b>	Fr. Janko Segaric
<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 03</b>	<b>11:00</b> – Dolores and Jerry Ellis



### **PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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.