

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>May 11</b>	Acts 15:5-18, Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tues</b>	<b>May 12</b>	Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 13</b>	Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thu</b>	<b>May 14</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Jn 15:9-17
<b>Fri</b>	<b>May 15</b>	Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 16</b>	Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 17</b>	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Pt 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

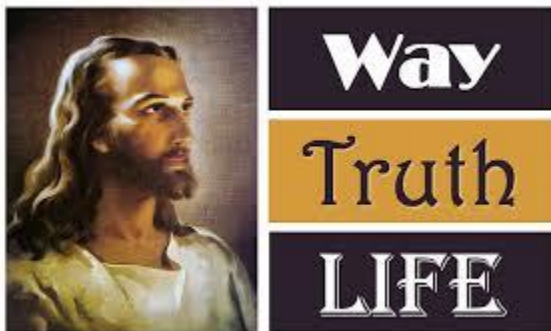
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**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	24,870.00
Maintenance	\$	617.00
Capital Improvement	\$	296.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	100.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>25,883.00</b>

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**I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE**

In the midst of his so-called High-Priestly discourse in the Gospel of John, Jesus says to Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life." There is a whole series of "I am" statements in the fourth Gospel, each one say something about Jesus' distinctive identity: "I am the bread of life; I am the light of the world; I am the Good Shepherd; I am the Resurrection and the Life," etc. Each of these, obviously, reflects the majestic utterance in the third chapter of Exodus by which the God of Israel identifies himself: "I am who I am."

Thomas Aquinas parses the "I am" remark to Thomas the Apostle as follows. In saying that he is the way, Jesus is signaling his full humanity. For the human nature of the Lord is indeed the means by which a disciple is led to union with God. Christ's humanity is, as Saint Paul puts it, "the icon of the invisible God." But by insisting, at the same time, that he is the truth and the life, Jesus indicates his full divinity. Many other religious teachers and founders could have characterized themselves as "ways" to enlightenment or mystical union. But none of them could have coherently maintained that he, in person, is himself the object of enlightenment or the goal of mystical union.

Jesus is the person the divine Truth that our minds long for; he is, in person, the divine Life in which our hearts long to share. In a word, precisely because the Lord is both God and man, both path and goal, he is the one in whom we find salvation.



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

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER DENNIS:**

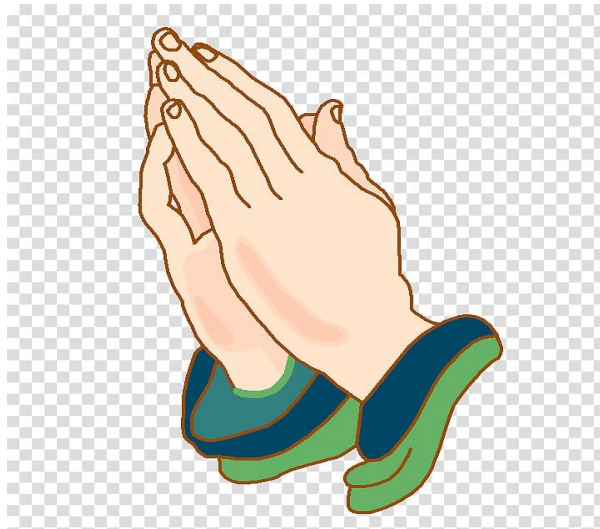
I think it is fair to say that we are all anticipating a gradual reopening of our city and our parish. Of course, we must do this with the utmost care, on a gradual basis, and in compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines. Bishop Kihneman, in compliance with government directives, has issued a set of regulations on the reopening of our parishes. All priests in the Diocese of Biloxi must follow these rules. In the coming days, I will be issuing both an Email and a parish-wide letter informing all Nativity parishioners of the process, procedures, limitations, and directives on reopening our parish to Masses, meetings, and gatherings. Let us pray together that the Lord will protect us, give us courage, and help us in his prudence.

Blessings,  
 Fr. Dennis

**8:00 AM**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>May 11</b>	Reggie Harvey, Sr.
<b>Tue</b>	<b>May 12</b>	Stanley Dellenger
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 13</b>	Sam Ardoline
<b>Thu</b>	<b>May 14</b>	Tommy Schultz
<b>Fri</b>	<b>May 15</b>	Gaspar and Mary Pesarich
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 16</b>	Thomas Andrews
<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>11:00</b> – Betty Lou Callegari

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>CANTORS</b>
<b>ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED</b>	May 10 <b>11:00 am</b> Don Marie	May 10 <b>11:00 am</b> Phil Frisby
	May 17 <b>11:00 am</b>	



**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, Lehwmom 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.

**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.*

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

All Music Ministry programming and rehearsals will resume in late August.

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:**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 10th – 11 a.m.:**

Opening: “Morning Has Broken”  
 Offertory: “Come to the Water”  
 Communion: “I Have Loved You”  
 Sending: “Sing a New Song”

**CANTOR:** Phil Frisby

**REMEMBER:** THIS WEEKEND’S SONGS/HYMNS FOR WORSHIP ARE LISTED AND POSTED ON OUR “NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL” WEBSITE.

**NEEDED:** Nativity BVM Elementary School (NES) is in need of a good, used piano. If anyone has a piano that they would like to donate to the School’s Music Program, please contact Terry Maddox or Mrs. Traci Kessler – NES Principal

**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.