

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	May 18	Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tues	May 19	Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11
Wed	May 20	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1, Jn 16:12-15
Thu	May 21	Acts 18:1-8, Jn 16:16-20
Fri	May 22	Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23
Sat	May 23	Acts 18:23-28, Jn 16:23b-28
Sun	May 24	Acts 1:12-14, 1 Pt 4:13-16, Jn 17:1-11a

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I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS

Jesus did not want the apostles to remain dependent upon his physical presence. They would have to make their own way in the world.

They had a destiny to fulfill as missionaries, spreading the faith to the world. At a certain point Christ had to cut the apron strings. As he had said to Mary Magdalene on Easter, "do not cling to me, but go and tell my brothers..." Now it was the apostles' turn to let go.

But Jesus did not abandon them. He promised to send another "Paraclete"--a legal word implying a defender, a sort of barrister. This would be the Holy Spirit who would come a little over a week later on Pentecost. Jesus gave ample warning of his departure, but the reality of this farewell did not sink in until he finally ascended into heaven.



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	9,531.00
Maintenance	\$	243.00
Capital Improvement	\$	161.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	85.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	10,020.00

Thank you for your generous contributions!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is with both joy and appropriate caution that Nativity BVM Cathedral will reopen to public Masses beginning on Saturday, May 23, 2020. The Cathedral will resume the regular Sunday and daily Mass schedule. Specifically, the Sunday Mass schedule is Saturday vigil at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. Daily Masses will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. The Saturday daily Mass is 8:00 a.m. Please note that during this time, all daily Masses will be held in the Cathedral church. There will be no Masses in the Marian chapel at this time.

In the next few days, as we near the reopening of our Cathedral church, I will be sending several emails, Facebook posts, and a parish-wide letter specifying the precautions which we as a community of faith are asked to follow at this time. As you receive these communications, please understand that the preventative measures are for your own protection and the protection of others. Because the threat of the Covid-19 virus is still with us, I ask that we all follow the precautions as we return to church. I am grateful to each one of you for your outstanding faith, your great generosity, and for your unbounded goodness.

Again, please look for additional communications in the coming days.

With much care and affection,

Fr. Dennis

8:00 AM

Mon	May 18		Tony Maniscalco
Tue	May 19		Jean Kridle
Wed	May 20		Thu Bui
Thu	May 21		Mr. James Herrin
Fri	May 22		Hebert and Bertha McDonnell
Sat	May 23		Doris and Gabe Kasovich
Sun	May 24	<u>7:00 am</u>	Kathleen Hebert
		<u>9:00 am</u>	FTP
		<u>11:00 am</u>	Tony Maniscalco
		<u>5:30 pm</u>	Annette Luther (S.I.)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	CANTORS
	May 17 <u>11:00 am</u> Pam Bozeman	May 17 <u>11:00 am</u> John Welter

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:

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 17th – 11 a.m.:

- Opening: “Glory & Praise to Our God”
- Offertory: “Prayer of St. Francis”
- Communion: “We Have Been Told”
- Sending: “Let There Be Peace On Earth”

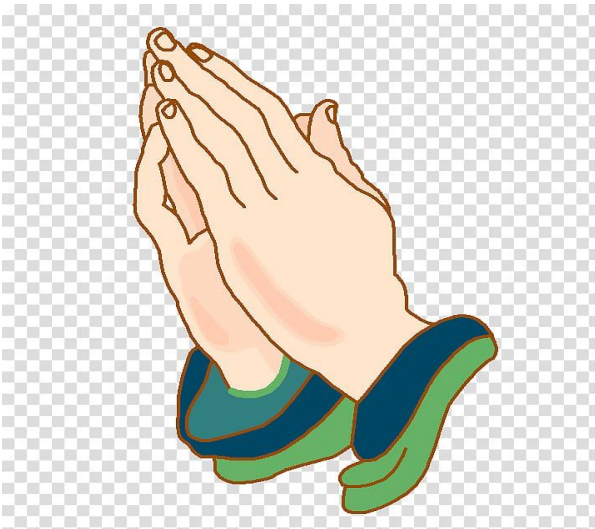
CANTOR: John Welter

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.



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.*