

**Nativity B.V.M. NOVEMBER 29, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



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LET US BE EVER WATCHFUL FOR OUR GOD, WHO COMES TO US IN ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Perhaps, like Isaiah, we long for God to perform a breathtaking miracle that would make us sit up and take notice. Yet, as people of faith, we are called to see God in the ordinary. Advent gives us the opportunity to take time to pray – to sharpen our vision of God’s presence in our daily lives.

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL GUIDELINES

We sincerely ask everyone to wear a mask while attending Mass at Nativity Cathedral. The masks are free and available at the front door. Thank you.

NATIVITY, I GIVE CATHOLIC

December 1st is a national opportunity to give to your favorite Catholic cause. This year our cathedral will be participating. We will be raising funds to eventually replace our aging cathedral air conditioners. All funds raised will be placed in a special savings account to prepare for this major expense. Details will be coming soon.

VACATION

Fr. Dennis will be away on vacation through December 6th. He will return to full duty on Monday, December 7th. A variety of priests will be covering for him while he is away. However, should any need arise, especially a funeral, please do not hesitate to contact the cathedral office.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS RESERVATIONS.

Please remember to call the rectory to reserve the Mass you and your family will attend for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! Remember we have limited sitting for all Masses. The 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Cathedral is no longer available for reservations. Also, the Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm in the SHC is almost fully reserved. We have plenty of seating available for all other Masses at this time. So, please call the rectory at 228-374-1717 to make your reservation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Nov 30	Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22
Tues	Dec 01	Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24
Wed	Dec 02	Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37
Thu	Dec 03	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Mk 16:15-20
Fri	Dec 04	Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31
Sat	Dec 05	Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun	Dec 06	Is 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	7,000.00
Maintenance	\$	1,116.00
Capital Improvement	\$	456.00
Nativity Elementary	\$	11.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	1,050.00
Miscellaneous	\$	561.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	10,194.00

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- DEC 01 Bingo, 5:30 PM**
- DEC 02 Cleaning Team A
CCD, 5:30 PM**

OUR SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week’s second collection will be for the benefit of our Nativity Cathedral St. Vincent de Paul Society who are diligent and generous in assisting our local poor in Biloxi. Due to the pandemic, our SVdP has been depleted of food and monies to continue to help our needy. Please be generous in helping them to be able to restock the pantry.



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Emile, Jackie Clark, Ivan Kovacevich, Tom Mason, Rocky Long, Harry Kostmayer, Sr., Peter Skrmetta, Kay Semski, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O’Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Lehwmon 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 all of our Homebound Parishioners.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	
Dec 05 4:00 pm 1. Sondra Ahern	Dec 05 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey	
Dec 06 7:00 am 1. Linda Stewart	Dec 06 7:00 am David Gentile	
9:00 am 1. Maggie Landry	9:00 am Maggie Landry	
11:00 am 1. Deacon Johnny	11:00 am M/M Tarrant	
5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel	5:30 pm Keith Gibson	
Dec 08 NOON Corri Gulino	Dec 08 NOON Corri Gulino	
Dec 08 6:00 pm Sarah Barhonovich	Dec 08 6:00 pm Sarah Barhonovich	
	CANTORS	
	Dec 05 4:00 pm John Welter	
	Dec 06 9:00 am Dennis Burke	
	11:00 am Elizabeth Cobb and David Dugger - Clarinet	
	Dec 08 6:00 pm TBD	

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Nov 30 Sr. Mary Jo Mike	Sr. Mary Riordan, S.I.
Tue Dec 01 Vicki Gollott Cobb	Bishop Roger Morin
Wed Dec 02 Bob & Penny Rogalin	Jean Kridle
Thu Dec 03 Collins-Sims Fly.	Hang Nguyen
Fri Dec 04 F. Walker/Irene Tucei	Glenn & Joyce Pisarich
Sat Dec 05 8 Wayne Leckich 4	Ray Yenewine, Sr.
Sun Dec 06 7 Dolores & Jerry Ellis 9	FTP
11:00 – Barbara Theobald	5:30 Dan McLoon

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for Hugh Kavanagh on the anniversary of his death. With love from his family.

FROM THE MUSIC & FINE ARTS MINISTRY:

REMEMBER: A complete Mass Order for each weekend's Mass is posted on the Nativity BVM Cathedral website.

Hymns/Sacred Songs for:

Thanksgiving Day Celebration – Thursday, November 26th - 10 am:

Opening: "We Gather Together"
Offertory: "Come, Ye Thankful people, Come"
Communion: "Amazing Grace"
Sending: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Celebrant: Msgr. John McGrath
Cantor: Elizabeth Cobb

This liturgy will be streamed, and the liturgy outline will be provided.

Saturday, November 28th – 4 pm & Sunday, November 29th – 9 & 11 am Masses

Opening: "The Advent of Our King"
Offertory: "Turn To Me"
Communion: "Christ, Be Our Light"
Sending: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Saturday 4:00 p.m.: Celebrant -Fr. Tony Arguelles,
Cantor – John Welter

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.: Celebrant – Fr. Tony Arguelles,
Cantor – Phil Frisby

11:00 a.m.: Celebrant–Msgr. John McGrath,
Cantor–Sabree Puzs

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 28th & 29th: The First Sunday of Advent – We light the first, purple candle – the candle representing "Anticipation and Longing" for the coming of Jesus.

The Origins of Advent: The earliest form of Advent occurred in the Fourth Century – as a period of penance and of preparation for baptisms at Epiphany on January 6th.

In the Sixth Century, Advent was moved to the four weeks before Christmas Day with a special liturgy added.

In the Ninth & tenth Centuries, Advent's meaning was broadened to include the expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

BINGO MANIA:

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. The following families are scheduled to work: Davis (Reed & Jacqueline), Davis (Warren & Susie), Donovan (Holley), Ellis (Jeffery & Dallas), Fountain (Brent & Bonnie) and Fuller (Jared & Ria). **REMEMBER!** If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.

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.*

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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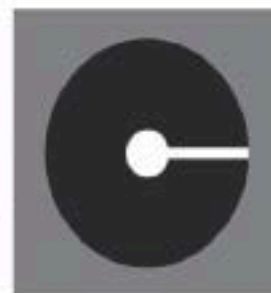
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CRITERIA	Normal/low risk of infection	Moderate risk of infection/ Flu season/ Small number of outbreaks	Heightened risk of infection/ Flu season/Multiple outbreaks	Government-mandated capacity limits	Government-mandated school closure
ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL	Proceed as usual	Temperature checks at the cars. Masks encouraged but not mandatory.	Level 2 plus masks may be required in hallways	Same as Level 3	School is temporarily closed
CLASSROOM PROCEDURES	Classroom/bathroom hard surfaces sanitized multiple times a day/Hand sanitizer in classrooms and common areas	Increased sanitation/ Seating distanced as space allows/ Water fountains turned off, but bottle fillers may be used/ No shared supplies/Frequent hand sanitation	Level 2 plus grade levels act as a “family” in order to avoid transmission	Level 3 plus maximum sanitation throughout school and between staggered group schedules	School is temporarily closed Teachers at school in classrooms teaching virtually (Social distancing practiced among faculty/staff)
SPECIAL CLASSES PE/Art/Music/Library/ Computer Lab	Classes proceed as usual/Hard surfaces sanitized between classes	Classes proceed with increased sanitation between classes	Teachers of special classes go to the individual classrooms or hold class outside and teachers may be required to wear masks	Classes will be available on Distance Learning Platform with video lessons and activities for students	School is temporarily closed Teachers at school in classrooms teaching virtually (Social distancing practiced among faculty/staff)
CAFETERIA	Hands sanitized upon entry and exit. Hard surfaces sanitized between lunch periods	Level 1 plus increased sanitation/Grade levels eat together apart from other classes	Classes will eat in their classrooms or outside away from other classes	Alternate schedule will be developed based upon capacity limits	School is temporarily closed
RECESS	Hand sanitation required upon entry and exit/Equipment will be disinfected between classes	Level 1 plus all sports equipment will be sanitized/Limited number of classes on playground at one time	Level 2 plus designated play areas and equipment for each grade level	Short brain breaks and recess breaks will be incorporated	School is temporarily closed
MULTI-GRADE ASSEMBLIES/MASSES	Proceed as usual with hand sanitization required upon entry and exit	Level 1 plus a rotating schedule for masses and assemblies to allow for maximum social distance	No multi-age assemblies/Mass is live streamed and grade levels will rotate in-person attendance	Mass live streamed as scheduled	Live stream morning prayer and pledge/Mass live streamed as scheduled
VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS/ CONTRACTED PERSONNEL	Allowed with normal office check-in	Only contracted personnel allowed/Temperature checks required	Only contracted personnel allowed with temperature checks and masks/shields required	Same as Level 3	School is temporarily closed

*School Administration will have the discretion of alternating between levels as needed for the safety of our children.