

**Nativity B.V.M. FEBRUARY 28, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



ON THE MOUNT OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, JESUS IS REVEALED TO HIS DISCIPLES AS GOD'S BELOVED SON.

In our Scriptures today, Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, and Paul writes that the risen Jesus will indeed intercede for us. What gifts we are given! Let us, then, act in the world as God's children and be his instruments for building the Kingdom on earth.

2021 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL –“Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us”

In today's Scripture, the Lord tests Abraham's faith by asking a great sacrifice from him. Abraham prepares to offer his son to God out of complete love and faith. For his faith, he is rewarded as the father of a great nation, being blessed and protected, becoming a blessing to others with great kings among his descendants. Many of our brothers and sisters in our diocese suffer the hardships of homelessness, hunger, depression, and despair. Although we cannot always minister to them directly, we can, in faith, be a blessing to them by supporting the programs that minister to them through the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Please consider helping us “Witness to the Eucharist Within Us” by giving a generous gift to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal. Pledge envelopes are available in the pew or in the back of the church. Thank You!

EXPIRATION OF GENERAL DISPENSATION

On March 17th of last year, Bishop Kihneman gave dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. This was prompted by the concern associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of the ongoing preventative measure now being implemented, the general dispensation from Sunday Mass participation will expire on Palm Sunday, March 27, 2021. Beginning on Palm Sunday, faithful Catholics are asked to follow the First Precept of the Church: “you shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.” A particular dispensation from the obligation is still available to *those who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 due to underlying health conditions or not yet vaccinated and to those 60 years and older who have not yet been vaccinated.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Mar 01 Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38
Tues Mar 02 Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12
Wed Mar 03 Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28
Thu Mar 04 Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31
Fri Mar 05 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat Mar 06 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun Mar 07 Ex 20:1-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25, Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	8,769.00
Maintenance	\$	740.00
Capital Improvement	\$	491.00
Nativity Elementary	\$	166.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	10,166.00

Thank you for your generous contribution!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tues. Mar 02 Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.
 Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
 Wed. Mar 03 Cleaning TEAM C
 Friday Mar 05 Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL GUIDELINES

With the increase in numbers of Covid-19, we strongly recommend everyone to wear a mask while attending Mass at Nativity Cathedral. The masks are free and available at the front door. Thank you.

FATHER DENNIS AWAY

Father Dennis will be away for a two-week period from March 7th through March 21st for a period of renewal. He will be staying at his small camp in the woods in Bendale, MS.

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for all the Biloxi Diocese priests who will be gathering for Lenten Day of Prayer on March 4, 2021 in Wiggins, Mississippi. May the Lord bless our priests with prayer, renewal and a day of rest and priestly fraternity.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION

It is time to renew your Magnificat subscription. For those of you who want to renew, please mail a check in the amount of \$36.00 to the Cathedral. **Please get your payments in to the Rectory as soon as possible.** All payments must be in by the March 15, 2021

Nativity BVM Catholic School began registration for the 2021-2022 school year on January 31st, 2021. We are excited to be adding a 2-year-old program! Register your PK2 - 6th grade students on our website. If you would like to experience what our sweet school has to offer, please call 228-432-2269 or visit our website at <https://nativitybvm.org/campus-toursnew>, to schedule a private tour with the principal. **CHOOSE CHRIST. CHOOSE LOVE. CHOOSE NATIVITY.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS
Mar 06 4:00 pm Kalin Lloyd	Mar 06 4:00 pm Jim Compton
Mar 07 7:00 am Nancy Powell	Mar 07 7:00 am Joe Powell
9:00 am Maggie Landry	9:00 am Maggie Landry
11:00 am Deacon Johnny	11:00 am Don Marie
5:30 pm Teresa Ballinger	5:30 pm Mary Townsend
	CANTORS
	Mar 06 4:00 pm KC Arnold
	Mar 07 9:00 am Phil Frisby
	11:00 am Elizabeth Cobb



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marianne Sherman, Ansley Gilich, Adonna Creel Currie, Russell Blair, Lois Reidy, Maureen Gruich, Janette Williams, Jackie Clark, Ivan Kovacevich, Tom Mason, Rocky Long, Harry Kostmayer, Sr., Peter Skrmetta, Kay Semski, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, 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.



Do you have trouble hearing the Mass? Our cathedral has the hearing loop system for use by all persons with hearing problems, who wear hearing aids or use cochlear implants. Pick up a receiver in the back of the church and be surprised at how clearly you can hear.

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Mar 01 Living Members. Of Holy Fly. Assoc. (SI) Sr. Mary Riordan (SI)	
Tue Mar 02 Deceased Members of Holy Fly. Assoc. Gary H. Horman	
Wed Mar 03 Collins/Sims Fly. Charles E. Green, Jr.	
Thu Mar 04 Chester Balias Fly. Raymond Egers	
Fri Mar 05 Tucei Family Buddy Pullen	
Sat Mar 06 8 Wiley Byers 4 Frederick Griswold, III	
Sun Mar 07 7 Betty Lou Callegari 9 FTP	
11:00 – Bob & Penny Rogalin 5:30 Earnest “Butch” Henley	

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.

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:

Saturday, February 27th – 4 pm & Sunday, February 28th - 9 & 11 am Masses

Opening: “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

Offertory: “The Lord Is My Light”

Communion: “You Are The Light”

Sending: “Blessed By Your Sacrifice”

CANTORS:

Saturday 4:00 pm: John Welter

Sunday 9:00 am: Sabree Puzs

11:00am: Elizabeth Cobb

NEXT NATIVITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (NES) MASS:

Thursday, March 4th – 9 am – “Lenten Mass I” – Youth Cantors: Team I: Ava Rose Cook & Lexi Lyons.

A WORD OF “THANKS!”

The Music & Fine Arts Ministry would like to express our deep appreciation to Pam & William Bozeman, Jennifer & David Gentile, Zina & Don Puzs and the Nativity BVM Cathedral Youth Ministry for their kind contributions that allowed us to offer our Fine Arts Liturgical Cross Artwork for the Lenten and Eastertide Seasons. We appreciate their kindness and contributions very much!

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The following families are scheduled to work: Thames (Jeremy & Andrea), Theobald (Scott & Brooke), Viglianco (Matthew & Robin), Walli (Joh & Ashleigh), Watts (Mark & Allison) and Whitehead (Samuel & Tiffany). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

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	LEVEL 1 Standard Precautions	LEVEL 2 Elevated Precautions	LEVEL 3 Grade Level Grouping	LEVEL 4 Blended/Hybrid Learning	LEVEL 5 Virtual Learning
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.