

Nativity B.V.M. MARCH 7, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Mar 08 2 Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30
Tues Mar 09 Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35
Wed Mar 10 Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19
Thu Mar 11 Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23
Fri Mar 12 Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34
Sat Mar 13 Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14
Sun Mar 14 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10,
 Jn 3:14-21, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9,
 13-17, 34-38



ELIMINATE WHAT DISTRACTS US FROM GOD

The first of God's commandments – that he alone is God and we shall not have other gods or idols – reaches beyond simply “not offering sacrifices to pagan deities.” Rather, it includes avoiding anything that we “rank above” God or that prevents us from worshipping him. The importance of this commandment is seen in the way Jesus reacts against those who have made commerce – selling animals and changing money – their gods, their idols.

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

Your support of this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal can help bring many of our brothers and sisters who live and work in South Mississippi the opportunity to encounter Christ. By “Witnessing to the Eucharist” we become the hands of the Lord to those who need His message of Hope, Forgiveness, and Love. Please consider a generous gift to this year's appeal! Pledge envelopes are 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 measures 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.*

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.

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS



Regular Collections	\$	10,642.00
Maintenance	\$	1,177.00
Capital Improvement	\$	96.00
Nativity Elementary	\$	10.00
Miscellaneous	\$	702.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	12,627.00

Thank you for your generous contribution!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tues. Mar 09 Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.
 Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
 Wed. Mar 10 Cleaning **TEAM D**
 Friday Mar 12 Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KIHNEMAN

Over the past several months, the City of Biloxi and Nativity BVM Elementary School have been in dialogue about the current building and property housing our elementary school. The city has expressed interest in purchasing the school campus for city needs and the school is interested in relocating to the Sacred Heart Center and surrounding buildings. The possible relocation has been presented to the School Advisory Council and to the Cathedral's Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. Although we are only in the beginning stages of this proposal, please be aware of this possibility and please keep it in your prayers.

Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, III

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 13 4:00 pm Deacon Johnny	Mar 13 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey
Mar 14 7:00 am Deacon Johnny	Mar 14 7:00 am Jim Shugart
9:00 am Judy Trahan	9:00 am Liz Wilkinson
11:00 am Deacon Johnny	11:00 am Peter Abide
5:30 pm Kristy Arguelles	5:30 pm Kristy Arguelles
	CANTORS
	Mar 13 4:00 pm Dennis Burke
	Mar 14 9:00 am John Welter
	11:00 am Phil Frisby



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Donna Naab, Mickey Jacobs, 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, 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 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 08 Living Members. Of Holy Fly. Assoc. (SI) Sr. Carolyn Oberkirch (SI)	
Tue Mar 09 Deceased Members of Holy Fly. Assoc. Jean Kridle	
Wed Mar 10 Tucei Family Tim Sherman	
Thu Mar 11 Sonny & Helen Ross Fr. Warren Drinkwater	
Fri Mar 12 Josh Bozeman Gaspar & Mary Pizarich	
Sat Mar 13 8 Bishop Morin Two Brothers (S.I.)	4
Sun Mar 14 7 Hank Rogers FTP	9
11:00 – Sr. Mary Riordian, (S.I.)	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, March 6th – 4 pm & Sunday, March 7th - 9 & 11 am Masses.

- Opening: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus"
- Offertory: "Turn To Me"
- Communion: "Earthen Vessels"
- Sending: "The Church's One Foundation"

CANTORS:

- Saturday 4:00 pm: KC Arnold
- Sunday 9:00 am: Phil Frisby
- 11:00 am: Elizabeth Cobb

NEXT NATIVITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (NES) MASS

Thursday, March 18th – 9 am – "Lenten Mass" – Youth Cantors: Team I: Ava Rose Cook, Lexi Lyons & Lila Grace Watts.

CAN YOU HELP? The Music & Fine Arts Ministry would like to offer a violinist to play for our Maundy Thursday – Holy Week Mass and a trumpeter for our two Easter Sunday morning Masses. We invite interested individuals who would like to contribute to this expense, to make a contribution as a Memorial &/or an Honorarium to the "Instrumentalists for Holy Week Fund – 2021". Those honored will be acknowledged. Thank You!

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The following families are scheduled to work: Williams (Robby & Shanel), Williams (Chad & Kacey), Williams (Troy & Melissa), Williams (Patrick & Amanda), Wilson (Aaron & Jacqueline) and Wimberly (Try & Shannon). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

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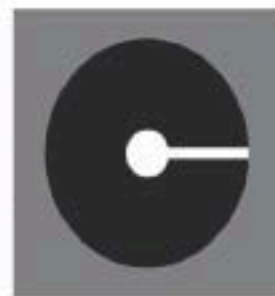
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	LEVEL 1 Standard Precautions	LEVEL 2 Elevated Precautions	LEVEL 3 Grade Level Grouping	LEVEL 4 Blended/Hybrid Learning	LEVEL 5 Virtual Learning
CRITERIA	Normal/low risk of infection	Moderate risk of infection/ Flu season/ Small number of outbreaks	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.