

Nativity B.V.M. MARCH 14, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**GOD SENT CHRIST INTO THE WORLD NOT TO CONDEMN,
 BUT TO SAVE AND TO HEAL.**

Throughout history, humans have had a tendency to choose what is the easier – but not necessarily the better – path. The easier path often leads away from God and into the darkness of sin. Christ’s way is the way of light. We are called to be his disciples, to let go of preferences and actions which keep us in the dark, and to take the path which leads to truth and goodness.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION

Please consider sending in your Easter Flower donations along with names of your loved ones. We will pray for each one this Easter. The deadline to assure your names are listed is March 29, 2021. We have envelopes in pews for your convenience.

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

The Diocese of Biloxi is blessed to have 8 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese. We are also blessed to have 18 retired priests that continue to help minister to the 56,000 Catholics in South Mississippi. Your gift to the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal directly aids in the formation, education, and care of all of these men. Will you please consider a generous gift to the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal in support of our future and retired priests? Your generous gift of prayer and financial resources ensures that we will continue to help in “Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us.” Pledge envelopes are in the back of the church. Thank You!

EXPIRATION OF GENERAL DISPENSATION

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.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Mar 15	Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54
Tues	Mar 16	Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16
Wed	Mar 17	Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30
Thu	Mar 18	Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47
Fri	Mar 19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Sat	Mar 20	Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53
Sun	Mar 21	Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33, Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45, 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	10,373.00
Maintenance	\$	1,308.00
Capital Improvement	\$	196.00
Nativity Elementary	\$	70.00
Miscellaneous	\$	540.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	12,487.00

Thank you for your generous contribution!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tues. Mar 16 Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.
Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed. Mar 17 **Cleaning TEAM A**
- Friday Mar 19 Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULES AT NATIVITY

- March 24, 2021 CCD Penance Service, 5:30 p.m.
- March 25, 2021 Parish Penance Service, 6:00 p.m.
- March 30, 2021 Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m.
- April 1, 2021 Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 6:00 p.m.
- April 2, 2021 Noon, Stations of the Cross
- April 2, 2021 Veneration of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.
- April 3, 2021 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
- April 4, 2021 Resurrection of the Lord – 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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 20 4:00 pm Helen Languirand	Mar 20 4:00 pm Corri Gulino
Mar 21 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield	Mar 21 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield
9:00 am Vicki Howard	9:00 am Steve Theobald
11:00 am Deacon Johnny	11:00 am Sondra Williams
5:30 pm Tricia Creel	5:30 pm Keith Gibson
	CANTORS
	Mar 20 4:00 pm John Welter
	Mar 21 9:00 am Dennis Burke
	11:00 am Sabree Puz



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, 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.

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.

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Mar 15 Collins-sims fly.	Chester Balius Fly.
Tue Mar 16 Tucei Family	Mary Lou Ardoline
Wed Mar 17 Hank Rogers	Bob & Penny Rogalin
Thu Mar 18 Wayne Leckich	Jacinto Baltar
Fri Mar 19 Thu Bui	Joyce & Glenn Pisarich
Sat Mar 20 8 Little Sisters of the Poor (SI)	Gabe & Doris Kasovich
Sun Mar 21 7 Hank Rogers	FTP
11:00 – Capt. Frank Jordan	5:30 Andrew & Jackie Gilich

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 13th – 4 pm & Sunday, March 14th - 9 & 11 am Masses

Opening: “Lord of All Hopefulness”
 Offertory: “Amazing Grace”
 Communion: “Christ, Be Our Light”
 Sending: “City of God”

CANTORS:
 Saturday 4:00 pm: Dennis Burke
 Sunday 9:00 am: John Welter
 11:00 am: Phil Frisby

NEXT NATIVITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (NES)

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

ALTAR SERVER CORP:

In the coming week or so, the leaders of our Altar Server Corp – Ms. Maggie Landry and Colleen and Danny Kavanagh will be reaching out to past Altar Servers to prepare for the return of their service/ministry to our Cathedral Family. We will be arranging a “refresher” rehearsal/meeting in coming weeks in preparation for the return of our Altar Server Corp beginning with Holy Week Services starting with Palm Sunday the weekend of March 27th & 28th. You may also reach out to these leaders on your own to let them know your willingness to serve. More information will be forthcoming.

MISSALS RETURN & AVAILABLE “APP”: “Breaking Bread” Missals for the Cathedral and “Today’s Missal” for the Chapel will be placed in their respective worship spaces for use beginning with Palm Sunday Weekend – March 27th & 28th. You can also order a “Breaking Bread” Missal app for your phone, tablet &/or computer for \$4.99 from Oregon Catholic Press (OCP). Contact OCP at either liturgy@ocp.org or 1 800 548-8749.

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The following families are scheduled to work: Wood (Joseph & Amanda), Worthen (Diana), Zidek (Patricia), Baker (Roy & Jenny), Barhanovich (Jamie) and Boney (Betsy & Jackson, Christopher). **REMEMBER!** If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.

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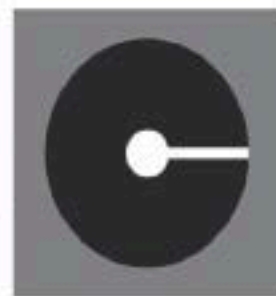
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	LEVEL 1 Standard Precautions	LEVEL 2 Elevated Precautions	LEVEL 3 Grade Level Grouping	LEVEL 4 Blended/Hybrid Learning	LEVEL 5 Virtual Learning
CRITERIA	Normal/low risk of infection	Moderate risk of infection/ Flu season/ Small number of outbreaks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