

THERE IS NO ESCAPING THE WAY OF THE CROSS

How quickly things can change, and how fickle people can become! We gin our worship today with the joyous arrival of Jesus in the holy city of Jerusalem on the back of a colt with palm branches waving and the crowd chanting words forever enshrined in our Eucharistic celebrations: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Nothing could be further from the truth. Our reality is that we are in unquestioned awe of our God, and the lengths to which our Creator was willing to go to prove his love for every last person who ever has, or ever will, walk the face of the earth. From the greatest saint, Mary, the mother of Jesus, to the greatest sinner, salvation is ours for the taking.

We fully believe in the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. We fully understand His life did not end on the cross. We live the paschal mystery each day of our lives, fully embracing the passion, the death and the resurrection of Jesus. In fact, that is why we come here. We come to intentionally relive, in no uncertain terms, this mystery every time we celebrate Eucharist with one another. We also understand there is no resurrection without first embracing the cross of salvation.

When difficulties emerge in our lives, we need only look toward the nearest crucifix. For in that glance we realize we are never alone in our adversity. Jesus is ever present to us, proving every day his undying love for us.

That is the message we have to share with our fractured world – Jesus is the way, the truth and the life for all. If all of us who profess to follow Christ crucified live our faith with joy, and live our lives pleasing unto the Lord, the world in which we live could be healed of much of its pain and suffering.

The cross can and will lead to the empty tom, but it is not the end. Our lives must proclaim that we trust the promise that Jesus’ way is the way that leads to everlasting life.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m., in the CATHEDRAL.

CCD CLASS INFORMATION

CCD classes are on Wednesdays, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., in the Sacred Heart Center.

PRAYER FOR OUR R.C.I.A. CANDIDATES

The 2016-2017 RCIA class will receive their Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15. Please continue to pray for them as they receive the Sacraments of Initiation and are in full communion with our Church. They have worked very hard this year and have actively participated in RCIA

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL RECTORY

Nativity Cathedral rectory will be closed on Good Friday and Holy Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Mon Apr 10	Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11
Tues Apr 11	Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed Apr 12	Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25
Thur Apr 13	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15
Fri Apr 14	Is 52:13 53:12, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Jn 18:1 – 19:42
Sat Apr 15	Gn 1:1 – 2:2, Gn 22:1-18, Ex 14:15 – 15:1, Is 54:5-24, Is 5:1-1, Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4, Ez 36:16-17, 18-28, Rom 6:3-1, Mt 28:1-10
Sun Apr 16	Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9, Lk 24:13-35



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS		
Regular Collections	\$	12,379.43
Nativity Maintenance	\$	1,474.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	7 00
Capital Improvement	\$	323.00
Miscellaneous	\$	274.70
Easter Flowers	\$	617.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	15,074.43
CASH NEEDED	\$	14,400.00

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Chrim Mass, Tuesday, April 11th, 10:30 a.m.
 Holy Thursday, April 13th, 6:00 p.m., Cathedral
 Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 12:00 Noon
 Good Friday, April 14th, 3:00 p.m., Cathedral
 Holy Saturday, April 15th, 8:00 p.m., Cathedral
 Easter Sunday, April 16th, 7:00 a.m., Cathedral
 9:00 a.m., Cathedral and Sacred Heart Center
 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., in the Cathedral

THE FOUNDATION OF ST. PATRICK

The Foundation of St. Patrick is a newly formed fund raising organization to support St. Patrick Catholic High School in education scholars, training disciples, and supporting champions. There will be an inaugural event to explain the foundation on this Sunday, April 9th, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at The Dock on Seaway Road in Gulfport, Mississippi. The foundation is looking for pledged donations over a five-year period at any level. Come to this inaugural event and help support St. Patrick’s High School.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT!

The Knights of Columbus will host an Easter egg hunt after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday! This egg hunt will take place on the grounds at Blessed Seelos. Please feel free to enjoy this event.

DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Diocesan Choir will resume rehearsal for the ordination of Bishop Kihneman on Tuesday, April 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
APR 13 HOLY THURSDAY 6:00 PM 1. Deacon Ben 2. Penny Payne 3. Greg Payne 4. Nanette Burke 5. Vicki Howard APR 15 HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 PM 1. Penny Payne 2. Greg Payne 3. Judy Trahan 4. Kathleen Coskey EASTER SUNDAY Apr 16 7:00 am 1. Vicki Howard 2. Collen Kavanagh 3. Dany Kavanagh <u>9:00 am</u> Cathedral 1. Nannete Burke 2. Mariane Sherman 3. John Sherman 4. Belinda Corley 5. Linda Bourgeois <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Chapel 1. Jim Shugart 2. John Brauchle 3. Bary Gilmore <u>11:00 am</u> 1. Deacon Ben 2. Deacon Paul 3. Sandy Steckler 4. Judy Steckler 5. Sondra Williams 6. Johnny Williams <u>5:30 pm</u> 1. Roland Creel 2. Tricia Creel 3. Angela Cannon	APR 13 HOLY THUR. 6:00 pm Steve Theobald APR 14 GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 PM Julie Capuano APR 15 HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 PM Steve Theobald CANTORS Apr 13 HOLY THURSDAY 6:00 PM CHOIR Apr 14 GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 PM CHOIR April 15 HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 PM CHOIR EASTER SUNDAY Apr 16 9:00 am Dennis Burke <u>11:00 am</u> CHOIR	Apr 15 8:00 pm SEMINARIANS EASTER SUNDAY Apr 16 7:00 am Makayla Pfarrer Alec Ryan <u>9:00 am</u> Justin Useforge Jamey Useforge Terene McDonnell Cameron McDonnell <u>11:00 am</u> SEMINARIANS <u>5:30 pm</u> Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles

Mass Intentions			
		6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon	Apr 10	Otilio Aristizabal	Maria Teresa Aguilar
Tue	Apr 11	Chester Balias Fly.	Flora Aristizabal
Wed	Apr 12	Gary Michel	Anna Jo Wentzell
	Apr 13	Clare Hornsby	Gabe/Doris Kasovich
Fri	Apr 14	Hebert/Bertha McDonnel	Dr. Jessica Crowder
Sat	Apr 15	8 p.m Thomas Andrews	
Sun	Apr 16	7 –Dan Wiliams.	9 - For the Parishioners
		11 – Gary Michel	5:30 Chester Balias Fly.

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:
 Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Kay Lawson, Jeanie Harbison, Mickey Roberts, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Lisa Walker Kirkman, Raymond Egers, Betty Hilton, Walter Blessey, Mary Lancaster, Patsy Smolcich, Danny Boney, Sr., Kathleen Hebert, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte and Greg Hotaling, Richard “Red” White, Jack Joachim, Jr., Eugene LaCaze, Mabel Viator, Marian Semski and Michael Zorich.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 *The Third Grade class of Nativity School, under the guidance of Ms. Cheryl Gruich, will lead the Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 12th at 9:00 a.m. on the school grounds. All are welcome to come and pray with the children.
 *The prek 3 class, guided by Ms. Jackie and Ms. Kim, will lead prayer on Holy Thursday at 9:00 a.m. They will help us reflect on the Last Supper and the journey of Jesus from death to resurrection.
 *Mark your calendars! The Nativity Arts Alive group, under the direction of Mrs. Wanda Stewart and Mrs. Kelly Pennell, will perform an original play, “Home is Where the Haunt Is: The Reunion” on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursday, May 11th at 9:00 a.m. These young actors, grades 3 through 6, will amaze you!
 *School will dismiss for the Easter holidays at noon on April 13th and resume on Monday, April 24th.
 *Please note the following calendar change: The Diocesan Track Meet, sponsored by Nativity BVM School, will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd at 5:00 p.m. on the grounds of St. Patrick High School. Come and support the children of eight Catholic Schools as they compete in a variety of track and field events.

NATIVITY B.V.M. CATHEDRAL’S 5TH ANNUAL UNCORKED AND UNCAPPED WINE AND BEER TASTING! APRIL 29TH, 2017.

Save the date! Saturday, April 29th, 2017, Exotic Wines – Craft Beers – Gourmet Food – Silent Auction and Live Entertainment. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, \$80.00 per couple and \$350.00 for a reserved table of 10.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

We are looking for artsy items for our upcoming Beer and Wine Tasting Event scheduled for April 29, 2017. If you have something of interest – an antique item, artwork, crafts, jewelry – that you would like to donate, please call Fr. Dennis at (228) 374-1717. All proceeds from your donated auction item will go to the support of Nativity Cathedral Parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 10- Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
- April 11 - Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
 Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m., Cathedral
 Diocesan Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
 Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.
- April 12- **Cleaning Team “B”**
 Mass at Seashore Retirement Home, 3:00 p.m.
- April 13 Mass at Greenbriar Nursing Home, 10:00 a.m.
 Holy Thursday Mass, 6:0 p.m., Cathedral
- April 14 Good Friday Mass, 3:00 p.m., in Cathedral
- April 15 - Holy Saturday Mass, 8:-00 p.m., Cathedral

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for April 11th. King (Lee & Dannette), McHarg (Norman & Melissa), Randall (Amy), Stewart (Darrin & Linda), Adams (Robert & Robin), Vo (Tiffany)
REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.