

JESUS HAS SENT US THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, we ask God to grant that where there is doubt, we may sow faith. But the two are not mutually exclusive. They tend to co-exist in us because we are, after all, only human. We can't eliminate doubt from our minds completely, nor can we always live in complete faith.

It is comforting in a way, then, to hear that the disciples continued to doubt, even after the risen Christ appeared to them many times, broke bread with them and spoke to them. Even at the moment of his ascension, when Jesus commissions them to go into the world and make disciples of all nations, we are told that they worshiped, but they doubted. They witness the exaltation of Christ in all his glory, returning to sit at the right hand of the Father, and still they harbored doubts.

We may be tempted to think that it was easier for the disciples to believe, because they lived with Jesus and saw him face to face, even after the resurrection. But the Gospel reading reminds us that even they had difficulty maintaining a strong faith in Christ. The key, however, is that even though they doubted, they continued to worship. We can't wait for our minds to be completely satisfied before committing ourselves to Christ. After all, isn't that what faith is: Giving ourselves to something, or someone, despite our doubts? If we were absolutely certain, we wouldn't need faith.

In a way, we are more fortunate than the disciples. As He promised at the ascension, Christ is with us continually in the Church, which is His body. He promised to send us the Holy Spirit, a Spirit of wisdom and revelation, to guide and strengthen us in our faith. We have each other to lean on and to share our faith – and even our doubts. Most important, we have the sacraments. What a gift it is to have the opportunity to receive the Body of Christ daily to nourish and sustain us. He truly is with us, until the end of time.

BISHOP KIHNEMAN'S HOMILIES

Bishop Kihneman's homilies will be available each week in audio form on Nativity BVM Cathedral's website. To access these homilies, visit nativitybvm.podbean.com.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

When planning a baptism, marriage, or for subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you attend Mass. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of Mass attendance. The parish registration form can be found online at www.nativitybvmcathedral.org, or at the entrance of the Cathedral in the vestibule.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Mon May 29	Acts 19:1-8, Jn 16:29-33
Tues May 30	Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:11a
Wed May 31	Zep 3:14-18a, Rom 12:9-16, Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6, Lk 1:39-56
Thur Jun 1	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, jn 17:20-26, 1 Cor 1:18-25, Mt 5:13-19
Fri Jun 2	Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19
Sat Jun 3	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Jn 21:20-25, 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14, Mt 5:1-12a
Sun Jun 4	Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS		
Regular Collections	\$	7,145.00
Nativity Maintenance	\$	1,254.90
Nativity Elem.	\$	95.00
Capital Improvement	\$	90.00
Miscellaneous	\$	950.25
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	9,535.15
CASH NEEDED	\$	14,400.00

NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School will be held June 19-23, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon daily. Students that are currently in grades K-5 may attend. There are slots for 50 children. Spots are not secure until payment and paperwork are received. Youth, in grades 6-12, and adults are welcome to volunteer. The cost is \$30.00 and includes a snack and activities daily and a t-shirt. Paperwork may be picked up from the back of the church following Mass. Please complete paperwork and mail it, along with payment to Nativity Rectory: **Nativity Youth Ministry VBS, c/o Kristy Arguelles, 870 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristy: nativityyouthministrybiloxi@gmail.com

R.C.I.A.

Our newly Baptized Catholics will be celebrating their first Confessions this week. Please remember to pray for them as well as all of our new Catholics. Pentecost ends their final Period of Mystagogia, so please remember them in your prayers as their RCIA journey comes to an end and their faith journey of spiritual growth and integration into our Parish continues.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for May 30th. Ladnier (Amanda Bodin/Adam Ladnier), McCaleb (Robby/Shanel Williams), Naber (Kayla Owen), Nguyen (David/Thu Thuy), O'Grady (Sean/Katie), Phelps (Sally Richards) and Ramon (Missy) **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

This is such a beautiful and holy time to come and spend with Jesus in Adoration. Won't you prayerfully consider giving the gift of your time to our savior and be pleasantly surprised to receive the gifts He will give you in return. First Friday Adoration is June 2nd, from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., in the Cathedral.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Jun 3 4:00 pm 1. Helen Languirand 2. Jim Coskey 3. Kathleen Coskey 4. Andrea Gilich 5. Liz Joachim Jun 4 7:00 am 1. Vicki Howard 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh 9:00 am 1. Barry Gilmore 2. Judy Trahan 3. Bobby Weaver 4. Belinda Corley 5. Barbara Ziz 11:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Deacon David 3. Sondra Williams 4. Johnny Williams 5. Nanette Burke 5:30 pm 1. Roland Creel 2. Tricia Creel 3. Kristy Arguelles	Jun 3 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey Jun 4 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield 9:00 am Terry Simons 11:00 am Linda Bourgeois 5:30 pm Maggie Landry CANTORS Jun 3 4:00 pm Billy Endicott Jun 4 9:00 am Phil Frisby 11:00 am Dennis Burke	Jun 3 4:00 pm Keegan Cuevas Sabree Sanders Jun 4 7:00 am Alec Steward McKinzy Mathis 9:00 am Trent Fulton Sofia Carreon Annabelle Tarrant Brennan Tarrant 11:00 am Aidan Tarrant Clayton Stoddard Ave M Stoddard 5:30 pm Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles Sydney Wills

MASS INTENTIONS

		6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon	May 29	Paul Zenner	Jim Kelly
Tue	May 30	Anna Jo Wentzell	Jerry O'Keefe
Wed	May 31	Thomas Edward O'Connell	Eileen McAuliffe
Thur	Jun 1	Collins-Sims Fly.	Richard Wells
Fri	Jun 2	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich	John T. Collins
Sat	Jun 3	8 Dan Williams.	4 Stanley Dellenger
Sun	Jun 4	7 - Kathleen Hebert	9 - F. T. P.
		11 - Charles Romero	5:30 Ray Yenewine

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Patsy Smolcich, 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, Danny Boney, Sr., Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte and Greg Hotaling, Richard "Red" White, Jack Joachim, Jr., Eugene LaCaze, Don Viator, Mabel Viator, Marian Semski and Michael Zorich.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Vito and Mollie Catalano, who were married in the Cathedral in May 1944, while stationed at Keesler. In loving memory from their daughter, Vinnie Calvey.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*The final drawing for the Nativity School raffle will be held on Thursday, June 1st at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for the 2017-2018 raffle. Tickets are \$100 and entitle the holder to 10 chances to win \$3,000. The first drawing will be held on September 7th. For more information or to purchase a ticket, please contact any parent of a Nativity student or call the school office at 432-2269.

*Nativity School will once again host the Summer Saints program, for children entering prek 3 through 6th grade. The camp will begin on Monday, June 5th and will be held through July 28th. For more information, please contact our school office (432-2269) or visit our school's website at www.nativitybvm.org.

*Registration continues for the 2017-2018 school year. Although two classes have waiting lists, openings remain in most grades. For more information or to arrange a tour of the school, please contact Sr. Mary Jo at 432-2269 or visit the school's website, www.nativitybvm.org.

A MESSAGE FROM SISTER MARY JO

Thank you so very much for the wonderful 25th anniversary celebration! I really can't believe that I have been privileged to minister at Nativity BVM School and Parish for that many years. Being here has been such a blessing in my life. YOU have been such a blessing in my life! The liturgy and time of prayer together was so very meaningful and the gathering afterward for food and conversation was a real delight. The beautiful commemorative plaque has a special place in my office. And what can I say about the tickets to the Vikings/Saints game? Well, I am speechless and any of you who know me, know that doesn't happen very often. Again, thank you for your love, prayer and support over these last 25 years. May we continue to minister together among the people of our beloved Mississippi Gulf Coast. May God bless you. With love and appreciation, Sister Mary Jo.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 30 - Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
 Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.
 - RCIA at 6:00 p.m., SHC
- May 31- **Cleaning Team "A"**
 Mass at Seashore Retirement Home, 3:00 p.m.
- June 1 Mass at Greenbriar Nursing Home, 10:00 a.m.
 June 2 Adoration, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Cathedral

COMMUNION VISITATION

Jesus says of you and me, "You are the salt of the earth". No one should be deprived of the Most Holy Eucharist because they are homebound, elderly, have no means of getting to Mass and/or sick in their home. Sister Jackie Tarrant, RSM will gladly bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Together we can be "salt of the earth". Sister can be reached at the rectory at 228-374-1717.

BEST WISHES TO BOB CHISM

Bob Chism, who has ministered to Nativity Cathedral in music, will be retiring after many years of working in music. We thank him for his gift of talent which he so generously shared with us at Nativity for the past four years. We wish him rest and relaxation in his retirement years and God's blessings upon this golden age of his life.

NEW WINE GROUPS TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER, 2017

The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi will again offer a 3 year program called "New Wine" beginning in September of this year. The program provides education and formation for adults interested in being involved in lay ministry. Interested individuals should contact Father Dennis no later than June 9, 2017.