

THE CHURCH IS REBORN AND WE ARE RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST

The Jewish people celebrated Pentecost for centuries before it became the feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit. It was a celebration of the fiftieth day of Passover, a feast requiring every Jewish man, woman and child to come to the Temple at Jerusalem. This explains the large crowd present there fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead. They used this time to commemorate the giving of the Ten Commandments of the Law to Moses on top of Mount Sinai, where God revealed himself in wind and fire – the same way God reveals His spirit at Pentecost.

In John’ Gospel, Jesus appears in the Upper Room on that first Easter night, breathing His spirit on His Apostles and saying, *Peace be with you.* In that moment, Jesus takes away their fears that His body may have been stolen, and He assures them that He is both risen and glorified. This event draws our minds back to the book of Genesis where God created Adam, but he did not have life until God breathed His Spirit into his nostrils. In the Upper Room, the Apostles had long since been charged with the task of preaching and building God’s kingdom, but they did not have the capability of fulfilling this mission until Jesus breathed His God-given power upon them.

Just as God created Adam and gave him life, so too, Christ, who is God, created the Church and gives her the Spirit who guides her and protects her. Adam was created to know, love and serve God. He disobeyed and became a mere mortal. The Church was instituted by God to help all human beings to pick up where Adam left off – to make God known, loved and served by all. In as much as she obeys this great commission, the Church leads us back to immortality. In our creed, we profess faith in “the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.” Life is what the Spirit has given to the Church, and through baptism and confirmation, this same gift is given to all who believe.

At Pentecost, God comes to us as Spirit, calling all people to a new way of life. Hundreds of new disciples began that day to live according to the Spirit of God – living in charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faith, mildness and temperance.

Jesus said at Easter, As the Father has sent me, so I send you. In word, wind and fire, as in the body and blood, Jesus gives us His Spirit once again, renewing in us that same command he once gave to His first disciples – that we go out to all the world and make disciples. Today, we say with believers throughout time, *Veni, Sancte Spiritus,* Come, Holy Spirit – come into our hearts, come into our parishes, come into our homes, and renew the face of the earth.

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 Jun 5 Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8, Mk 12:1-12, Acts 26:19-23, Jn 10:11-16

Tues Jun 6 Tb 2:9-14, Mk 12:13-17

Wed Jun 7 Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a, Mk 12:18-27

Thur Jun 8 Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bvde, 9-17; 8:4-9a, Mk 12:28-34

Fri Jun 9 Tb 11:5-17, Mk 12:35-37

Sat Jun 10 Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20, Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7-8, Mk 12:38-44

Sun Jun 11 Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9, Dn 3:52-56, 2 Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS		
Regular Collections	\$	8,458.00
Nativity Maintenance	\$	1,535.65
Nativity Elem.	\$	5.00
Capital Improvement	\$	110.00
Miscellaneous	\$	696.15
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	10,804.80
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.

Please remember to keep our new Catholics in your prayers as they continue their faith journey of spiritual growth and integration into our Parish community. Our new Catholics are as follows: Jaime Hallman, Jordan Lancon, Amanda Naber, Vicki O’Neal, Martin Kreckler, Kaci Lancon, Marlene Matheny and Sidney Rushing. We extend our thanks to those who served as their Sponsors this year: Myrna Baucan, Laura Johnson, Bianca Manzanero, John Starks, John Welter, Randall Wetzell, and Daniel Williams. We also wish to give a special thanks to the RCIA Team: Margaret Baltar, Kathleen Coskey, Beverly Hammond, Charlie Heard, Judy Heard, Rose Anne Kimbell, Helen Languirand, Greg Payne, Penny Payne, Alberta Pisarich, Sharon Tash, and Judy Trahan.

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Jun 10 4:00 pm 1. Deacon Ben 2. Mary Wimberly 3. Gerrie Weldon 4. Gayle Mavar 5. Ann Kavanagh	Jun 10 4:00 pm Julie Capuano	Jun 10 4:00 pm Sabree Sanders Sam Burke
Jun 11 7:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Vicki Howard 3. Dale Dorcik	Jun 11 7:00 am Joe Koonce	Jun 11 7:00 am Alec Ryan Wyeth Stewart
9:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Linda Welter 3. John Brauchle 4. Marianne Sherman 5. John Sherman	9:00 am Steve Theobald	9:00 am Sofia Carreon McKinzy Mathis Terrene McDonnell Cameron McDonnell
11:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Judy Steckler 3. Sandy Steckler 4. Rhonda Clark 5. Rocky Greathouse	11:00 am Johnny Williams	11:00 am Hadyn Hollis Greysen Ross McRae Ross
5:30 pm 1. Deacon Ben 2. Teresa Ballinger 3. Annette Luther	5:30 pm Youth Ministry	11:00 am Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Taylor Y. Chereskin
	CANTORS	
	Jun 10 4:00 pm Billy Endicott	5:30 pm
	Jun 11 9:00 am John Welter	
	11:00 am Nicholas Rodolfich	

MASS INTENTIONS

		6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon	Jun 5	Dan Williams	Paul H./Betty Boudreaux, Sr.
Tue	Jun 6	Betty Lou Callegari	Sr. Mary Jo Mike, (S.I.)
Wed	Jun 7	Collins-Sims Fly.	Sonny/Helen Ross
Thur	Jun 8	Eileen McAuliffiee	Sue Kostmayer, (S.I.)
Fri	Jun 9	Hebert/Bertha McDonnell	Kathleen Hebert
Sat	Jun 10	<u>8</u> Mary Rosella McAuliffiee	<u>4</u> Thomas Andrews
Sun	Jun 11	<u>7</u> -Thomas E. Connell	<u>9</u> - F. T. P.
		<u>11</u> - Patsy Smolicich (S.I.)	<u>5:30</u> Ned Peresich

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Patsy Smolicich, Candy Widener, Tommy Sliman, 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.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*The Nativity School Summer Saints program begins on Monday, June 5th. Hours for Summer Saints are from 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily, through July 28th. For more information, please call the school at 432-2269 or visit the school's website.

*Registration continues for the 2017-2018 school year at Nativity BVM School. Although several classes are filled, openings remain in many grades. For more information about our Preschool through Grade 6 programs, please call the school at 432-2269 or visit the school's website at www.nativitybvm.org.

*During the summer months, don't forget to continue to save Box Tops for Education, UPC codes from Community Coffee products and aluminum beverage cans. All of these help our school in some way!

WOMEN'S CURSILLO – JUNE 22ND-25TH, 2017

The Cursillo weekend is for Catholics who are looking to deepen their faith and love for Christ. Consider giving yourself a gift this year! For more information contact Angela Cannon at 228-365-4385.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6 - Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
- Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.

June 7 - **Cleaning Team "B"**

- Mass at Seashore Retirement Home, 3:00 p.m.

June 8 - Mass at Greenbriar Nursing Home, 10:00 a.m.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for June 6th. Smith (Byron & Sarah), Snyder (Tommy & Alexandra), Butterfield (Brad Butterfield & Tami Madeira), Clayton (Jason & Reagan), Cook (Clifford & Shannon), Dujmov (Patricia Zidek) and Mabary (Shawn & Kendra). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

WELCOME TERRY MADDOX

Welcome Terry Maddox, Nativity Cathedral's new Minister of Music and Director of Fine Arts! Terry joins the Nativity Cathedral family as a life-long Catholic with a plethora of education and experience in liturgical music. He completed his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Evansville (Indiana) and his Masters in Choral Conducting from Loyola University in New Orleans. For the past fifteen years, Terry has served as Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries at Government Street Presbyterian Church in Mobile, AL. Since 1992 Terry has served Touro Synagogue in New Orleans as their Music Director and since 2001 has taught and directed at Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL. Terry brings experience, enthusiasm, and new life to Nativity Cathedral. Again, Terry, welcome!