

AS GOD HAS FORGIVEN OUR SINS, SO WE MUST

FORGIVE OTHERS

Today's Gospel reminds us that God freely and generously pours out His love and forgiveness upon us through our faith in Jesus and the sacraments of the Church. These gifts are given to us, not only for our salvation, but so we may share them with others, and so peace may be built up more fully in the world.

NATIVITY'S ANNUAL BLUE MASS

As a community of faith, we do well to come together in prayer for protection and support of our First Responders. We welcome our Mayor, policemen, firefighters and government officials to our Cathedral this weekend for this special Mass. This Mass petitions protection from God for all who are engaged in the virtue of keeping peace, order and law in our communities.

RCIA.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE! Tuesday, September 19th is the second meeting for our RCIA classes. We welcome all who will come to learn more about our Catholic Faith. We will meet in the RCIA room upstairs in Nativity Sacred Heart Center each Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. Please spread the word and encourage many people to come. We ask for your prayers in sending them to us and in leading them during their faith journey this year. For more information, please call Greg or Penny Payne at 365-6348.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN	#547
OFFERTORY	#522
COMMUNION	#497
SENDING	#616

NATIVITY'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR RETURNS:

Next Sunday, September 24th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, our Nativity Cathedral/School Children's Choir composed of 2nd through 6th graders will return to our Cathedral Home and lead in our worship through the Music Ministry. The School's Theme this year is "Called" and we will utilize their theme song and our Hymn of the Month – David Haas' "We Are Called" as our entrance hymn. Please be encouraging and welcoming to our wonderful choristers, their parents and relatives and any other members of Nativity School's family of teachers and other children and family that may make a special effort to visit us this Sunday. We look forward to those CCD participants who wish to be a part of this Choir through an extension program to join us in the future as the choir will be back once a month throughout the school year.

WELCOME "CHILDREN'S CHOIR MEMBERS!!! WE NEED SANCTUARY CHOIR MEMBERS! PLEASE CONTACT MR MADDUX IF INTERESTED!!! There is NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal this Wednesday, September 20th. Mr. Maddox will be away for Rosh Hashanah Services in New Orleans. TERRY D. MADDUX:

Office: 228 967-7230. Cell: number is 251-406-1454. E-Mail: terrydalemaddox@gmail.com

CCD!

Our CCD teachers are looking forward to welcoming new and returning students to our program! Please contact Barbara Ziz at 228-918-9778. CCD classes are on Wednesdays, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., in the Sacred Heart Center.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK FAMILY

Mon Sep 18 1 Tim 2:1-8, Lk 7:1-10
Tues Sep 19 1 Tim 3:1-13, Lk 7:11-17
Wed Sep 20 1 Tim 3:14-16, Lk 7:31-35, Wis 3:1-9, Lk 9:23-26
Thur Sep 21 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mt 9:9-13
Fri Sep 22 1 Tim 6:2c-12, Lk 8:1-3
Sat Sep 23 1 Tim 6:13-16, Lk 8:4-15, Mt 16:24-27
Sun Sep 24 Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a, Mt 20:1-16a



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND

CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>Regular Collections</i>	\$	8,463.28
<i>Nativity Maintenance</i>	\$	625.00
<i>Capital Improve.</i>	\$	74.00
<i>Nativity Elem.</i>	\$	692.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$	1,341.80
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	11,196.08
CASH NEEDED	\$	14,400.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING

NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY

Please contact Kristy Arguelles (324-9934) or Kim Audo (365-3248) or email nativityyouthministrybiloxi@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED –Have you ever

thought of becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist? Among the five weekend Masses, our Cathedral Parish requires from 18 to 21 Eucharistic Ministers each Sunday to assist in the distribution of the Most Holy Body of Christ and his Precious Blood. At normal Sunday Mass celebrated without the bishop and his deacons, three to five Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are needed at each Mass. Because of the normal atrophy due to death, disability, and relocation, we are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers at this time. Being called as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist is a great grace given by our Lord. So, please, help us with distributing the most Sacred Body and Blood of Christ. Forms for volunteering are in the back of the Cathedral Church.

LECTORS NEEDED -There is an old adage which states:

"When you proclaim the Word of God you become the Word of God". It is a genuine grace to proclaim the Holy Scripture before the gathered community of faith at Sunday Masses. Our Nativity Cathedral is in need of additional Lectors for our Sunday Masses. Please consider assisting in the celebration of Mass by proclaiming the Word of God to His holy people. Forms for volunteering are in the back of the Cathedral Church.

WORKSHOPS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND LECTORS!

Father Colten Symmes will oversee the Workshops for the new and current Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors. The dates are as follows: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – September 21st, at 6:00 p.m., in the Cathedral. Lectors – September 28th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Cathedral.

MAGNIFICAT PRAYERBOOKS AVAILABLE

The October issue of the Magnificat Prayer Book is available in the back of the church to those having subscriptions.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sep 23 4:00 pm 1. Deacon Ben 2. Mary Wimberly 3. Gayle Mavar 4. Andrea Gilich 5. Barbara Ziz Sep 24 7:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Vicki Howard 3. Jim Shugart 9:00 am 1. Beacon Ben 2. Judy Trahan 3. Nanette Burke 4. Marianne Sherman 5. John Sherman 11:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Sondra Williams 3. Johnny Williams 4. Rocky Greathouse 5. Linda Welter 5:30 pm 1. Deacon Ben 2. Tricia Creel 3. Roland Creel	Sep 23 4:00 pm Rose Anne Kimbell Sep 24 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield 9:00 am Al Simons, Jr. 11:00 am Don Marie 5:30 pm Youth Ministry CANTORS Sep 23 4:00 pm William Endicott Sep 24 9:00 am Peter Abide 11:00 am Rocky Greathouse	Sep 23 4:00 pm Sofia Carreon McKinzy Mathis Sep 24 7:00 am Makayla Pfarrer Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart 9:00 am Morgan Newman Rhys Newman Rush Newman Triston Davis 11:00 am Aidan Tarrant Clayton Stoddard Ava M. Stoddard 5:30 pm Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Taylor Yasar

MASS INTENTIONS

		6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon	Sep 18	Eileen McAuliffee	Collins-Sims Fly.
Tue	Sep 19	Thomas Connell	George Krebs
Wed	Sep 20	Kathleen Hebert	Pat Smolcich
Thur	Sep 21	William/Evelyn Collins	Traci Kessler (SI)
Fri	Sep 22	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich	Clare Hornsby
Sat	Sep 23	<u>8</u> Jane Mai <u>4</u>	Brothers Jordan/Gary (SI)
Sun	Sep 24	<u>7</u> -Jeanne Harbison	<u>9</u> - F. T. P.
		11 Stanley Dellenger	5:30 Thomas Duston

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Hugh Kavanagh, Buddy Pullen, Candy Widener, John Pat Skrmetti, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Kay Lawson, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Lisa Walker Kirkman, Raymond Egers, Betty Hilton, Walter Blessey, Mary Lancaster, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte, Greg Hotaling, Richard "Red" White, Jack Joachim, Jr., Eugene LaCaze, Mabel Viator, Michael Zorich, and Karen Skremetta.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Sonny Ross on his 88th birthday, from his daughters.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*It's not too late! You have nine chances to win! The next drawing for the \$3,000 Nativity School Raffle will be held on Thursday, October 5th. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact any Nativity School parent, call the school office (432-2269) or purchase through the school's website (www.nativitybvm.org)

*All "Wisdom People" of our parishes and grandparents of Nativity School students are invited to a special Mass in their honor on Tuesday, September 19th at 9:00 at the Nativity School gym. Our celebrant will be Bishop Louis Kihneman, III. Come and celebrate together!

*School Pictures will be taken on Friday, September 22nd at the school.

Nativity BVM School is raffling off a brand new Louis Vuitton Neverfull MM purse for \$20/ticket! Only 500 tickets are being sold and the drawing will be held at the 59th Annual Nativity BVM Halloween Carnival on October 14th. To purchase your ticket, call the school office (228-432-2269) or go to the school's website and buy online: www.nativitybvm.org.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER

We welcome the members of the *Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem* this weekend at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This organization traces its roots back to 1099 at the time of the First Crusade. Although having existed in various forms for over its 900 year history, its principal mission today is to reinforce the practice of Christian life in fidelity to the Pope, and to sustain the spiritual, charitable, and social works of the Catholic church in the Holy Land.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 18 Women of Mary at 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 19 -Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
 Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.
RCIA at 6:00 p.m. in the RCIA Room-SHC
 Sept 20 - Cleaning Team "A"
 Seashore Oaks Mass, 3:00 p.m.
CCD -5:30 p.m. SHC
 Sept 21 Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.
 Workshop for EM's, 6:00 p.m. Cathedral

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are provided this week in honor of Sonny Ross on what would have been his 88th birthday. With love from his girls.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for September 19th: Abbott (Tina), Alvarez (Edgar & Juanita), Amos (Albert & Dorthy), Baker (Roy & Jenny), Baxter (Brandon & Nicole), Boney (Betsy Boney) and Borja (Mary). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

THANKSGIVING HOME GIVEAWAY!!!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. Tickets are now available in the Church and Church rectory. Tickets are \$100.00. This new home is here in Biloxi! Let's make this a great fundraiser for our St. Vincent de Paul.

GRANDPARENTS NATIVITY SCHOOL MASS WITH BISHOP KIHNEMAN

Bishop Kihneman will be celebrating the Nativity Elementary School Mass on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. All of our parish grandparents, our "Wisdom People" are most welcome to attend.