

LET US HAVE IN US THE SAME ATTITUDE THAT IS

ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS

It's not fair! How many times have we heard this from our kids or uttered these words about our boss or, God forbid, felt this way about God?

The Jewish community in Judah and Babylon in the time of the prophet Ezekiel certainly felt that way about God, at least until they came to a greater understanding of God's promises to them through Ezekiel's words of judgement and encouragement. Ezekiel speaks for God when he tells the people that it is because of sin, wickedness and lack of virtue that punishment has befallen them – not that suffering and difficulties have come to them because God is unfair. They learn they are responsible for their own actions: if they do what is right and just, they will live; if they do not, they will die.

This same encouragement – yes, encouragement! – comes to us from Saint Paul in his letter to the Philippians. For as we heard from Ezekiel, the promise of life is not based on things beyond human capability. In fact, it is based on our human free will and capacity to choose that which is good and right and just. And Saint Paul tells us how. He says, and it quite simple really, *do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.*

Have the same attitude of Christ Jesus, who – remember- was fully human even as He was fully divine. This is encouraging because it means it is something we can do, with Christ's help. We can, through the practice of virtue and with God's grace, choose that which is good and which is life-giving. Even when our human faults and weaknesses cloud our understanding, we can still choose to follow god's command, as the first son in today's Gospel reading did. We may not know why he initially refused, but we know by his actions the he is the one who had the same attitude as Christ because he did as his father asked.

Let us do the same. Trust in God's promises, rely on Christ's help and allow the grace of the Holy Spirit to work in us – that in all we might do we have the attitude of Christ.

RCIA.

This week the RCIA class will be studying, "The Good News – God Sent His Son" and the "Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ" with Father Dennis. Daniel Guy will be leading the Prayer Service. Please pray for the Inquirers as they are learning the teachings and traditions of our faith. For more information, please call Penny or Greg Payne at 365-6348.

CCD!

Our CCD classes are well underway. 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

Mon Oct 2	Zec 8:1-8, Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tues Oct 3	Zec 8:20-23, Lk 9:51-56
Wed Oct 4	Neh 2:1-8, Lk 9:57-62, Gal 6:14-18, Mt 11:25-30
Thur Oct 5	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12, Lk 10:1-12
Fri Oct 6	Bar 1:15-22, Lk 10:13-16
Sat Oct 7	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29, Lk 10:17-24, Acts 1:12-14, Lk 1:26-38
Sun Oct 8	Is 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND

CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>Regular Collections</i>	\$	8,181.00
<i>Nativity Maintenance</i>	\$	826.00
<i>Capital Improve.</i>	\$	55.00
<i>Nativity Elem.</i>	\$	10.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$	538.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	9,610.00
CASH NEEDED	\$	14,400.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

As the Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass, with Bishop Louis Kihneman is celebrated this Sunday, October 1st, 2017, we wish each of you a happy anniversary.

NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth in grades 6-12 are welcomed and encouraged to join! Saturday, October 7: Overnight Lock-in @ Altitude Trampoline Park, Hwy 49 in Gulfport. 11:30 p.m. - 6:30 a.m. Cost - \$20 per youth (covers jumping fees for the night, pizza @ 1:00 a.m. and Do-nuts @ 6:00 a.m. Sunday, October 22: Youth Mass @ 5:30 p.m. followed by a meeting and dinner in the Youth Hall. If you are interested in joining Youth Ministry or have questions, please contact Kristy Arguelles by phone, 228-324-9934, or email, nativityyouthministrybiloxi@gmail.com

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.

CATHEDRAL OFFICE VOLUNTER WANTED

Have you ever thought about volunteering at the Cathedral Parish Office? Our parish needs a Friday afternoon volunteer from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. to simply answer phones, greet visitors and do some light office work. If interested please call Jackie Hewitt or Fr. Dennis Carver at 228-374-1717. Thank you.

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
Oct 7 4:00 pm 1. Deacon Ben 2. Mary Wimberly 3. Gerrie Weldon 4. Andrea Gilich 5. Dale Dorcik	Oct 7 4:00 pm Julie Capuano Oct 8 7:00 am Joe Powell	Oct 7 4:00 pm Sabree Sander Sam Burke
Oct 8 7:00 am 1. Jim Shugart 2. Nancy Powell 3. Vicki Howard	9:00 am Steve Theobald	Oct 8 7:00 am Wyeth Steward Alex Steward Alec Ryan
9:00 am 1. Nanette Burke 2. Judy Trahan 3. Sharon Tash 4. Marianne Sherman 5. John Sherman	11:00 am Daliance Kirkland-Ross	9:00 am Sofia Carreon McKinzy Mathis Clayton Stoddard Ava M. Stoddard
11:00 am 1. Sandy Steckler 2. Judy Steckler 3. Linda Welter 4. Rocky Greathouse 5. Ben Eastman	5:30 pm Youth Ministry	11:00 am Aidan Tarrant Greysen Ross McRae Ross
5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel 3. Angela Cannon	CANTORS Oct 7 4:00 pm William Endicott Oct 8 9:00 am Dennis Burke 11:00 am John Welter	5:30 pm Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Taylor Yehereskin

MASS INTENTIONS

		6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon	Oct 2	William/Evelyn Collins	Jeanne Harbison
Tue	Oct 3	Betty Lou Callegari	Kathleen Hebert
Wed	Oct 4	Gladys Schmidt	Collins-Sims Fly.
Thur	Oct 5	Ray Yenewine	Anthony Walter Davidson, Jr.
Fri	Oct 6	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich	Patsy Smolcich
Sat	Oct 7	8 Mary Collins Wilson	4 Thomas Andrews
Sun	Oct 8	7 -Jeanne Harbison	9 - F. T. P.
		11 Walter Blessey	5:30 Lori Weiher

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, 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.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Nativity School will hold its annual BLESSING OF PETS on St. Francis Day, Wednesday, October 4th at 8:15 a.m. on the school grounds. The blessing is for pets of all kinds and sizes. The blessing will be held rain or shine.

*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)

*Nativity BVM School continues to save Box Tops for Education, UPC Codes from Community Coffee products and aluminum cans. Thank you for your help and support.

*Mark your calendars! The 59th annual Nativity BVM School Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on the school grounds

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES:

*On Tuesday, October 3rd – We hope to begin having rehearsals for a Diocese Choral Society that will rehearse every Tuesday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. This is a new offering Music Ministry-Fine Arts Offering.

*Calling all Singers – the Cathedral's Sanctuary Choir needs YOU!

On Wednesday, October 4th – CCD Children's Extension Choir Program at 6:30 p.m. in the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

*The NEW Fine Arts – "Year-Round" Cathedral Concert Series seeks sponsorships. Can you help?!?!

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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

Oct 2 Women of Mary at 5:30 p.m.

Oct 3 -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

Oct 4 - Cleaning Team "C"
Blessing of the Pets, Nativity Elem. 8:00 /10:00 am
Seashore Oaks Mass, 3:00 p.m.

CCD -5:30 p.m. SHC

Oct 5 Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Oct 6 First Adoration, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Chapel

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for October 3rd: Chereskin (Alan), Cloud (Brandon & Emily), Codella (Armondo & Rene), Codella (John & Rachel), Collins (Shelly), Conway (Joshua & Victoria) and Cook (Clifford & Shannon). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN #531

OFFERTORY #474

COMMUNION #324

SENDING #616

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 October 6th, from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., in the Chapel.