

**JESUS HAS COME TO US AS OUR KING AND SHEPHERD**

In a few days, we will celebrate the great gift that God has given to humanity two thousand years ago: the gift of Jesus. Jesus comes as Savior of the world and as the majestic King- but also as a Shepherd who cares deeply and personally for each one of us on our journey. He is truly God’s gift to us.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

If you are interested in serving our Cathedral Parish as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr. Dennis at dcarver@biloxidiocese.org or by calling the rectory at (228) 374-1717. Because our Cathedral Parish celebrates 5 weekend Sunday Masses, we can sometimes require as many as 25 Eucharistic Ministers and 5 Lectors per weekend. We are blessed to offer so many Sunday Masses to our community and visitors. Please help fill this most important and worthy need by volunteering as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister.

**CCD/LifeTeen News**

CCD/LifeTeen will be on a Christmas break December 26 and January 2. We will resume classes from 5:30-6:30 in the Sacred Heart Center on Wednesday, January 9. We wish all of your families a wonderful, blessed Christmas!

**RCIA**

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens, Candidates and their Sponsors during this Christmas Season. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

**Nativity Life Teen/Youth Ministry**

Life Teen will resume on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. Thank you to everyone that supported our fall fund raisers! We hope that you enjoy your pies and coupon books! Wishing you and yours a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please keep our youth and adults in your prayers as they prepare for their pilgrimage to March for Life in Washington D.C. January 16-20, 2019.

**WEEKLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

December 27th, we will have our weekly Thursday Adoration from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. This week Adoration will be in the CATHEDRAL. Adoration is a special time to spend with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. You don’t have to spend the whole hour, our Lord just wants to be with you.

**MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND**

ENTRANCE HYMN	#65
OFFERTORY	#82
COMMUNION	#705
SENDING	#40

**NATIVITY CATHEDRAL RECTORY CLOSED**

In observance of Christmas, Nativity Cathedral rectory will be closed from Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. We will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon Dec 24</b>	Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25
<b>Tues Dec 25</b>	Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18
<b>Wed Dec 26</b>	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22
<b>Thu Dec 27</b>	1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8
<b>Fri Dec 28</b>	1 Jn 1:5—2:2, Mt 2:13-18
<b>Sat Dec 29</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35
<b>Sun Dec 30</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Lk 2:41-52, 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28, 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24, Lk 2:41-52



**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	11,230.51
Maintenance	\$	2,049.00
Capital Improv.	\$	685.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	190.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	500.00
Miscellaneous	\$	300.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,954.51</b>

**Thank you for your contributions!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Dec 24** Children’s Choir Pre-Service, 3:30 pm  
Christmas Eve Masses 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral and Chapel
- Dec 24** Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm  
Cleaning Team “B”
- Dec 25** Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am
- Dec 27** Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.  
Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 28** Mom’s Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., SHC



We at Nativity Cathedral wish you a very Merry Christmas.  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS.**

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
<b>Dec 29 4:00 pm</b> 1. Kathleen Coskey 2. Dale Dorcik 3. Sondra Ahern 4. Andrea Gilich 5. Barbara Ziz	<b>Dec 29 4:00 pm</b> Michael Bruffey	<b>Dec 29 4:00 pm</b> Annabelle Landry Veronika Landry Julia Landry
<b>Dec 30 7:00 am</b> 1. Jim Shugart 2. Linda Stewart 3. Marcia Mayfield	<b>Dec 30 7:00 am</b> Jim Shugart	<b>Dec 30 7:00 am</b> Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart
<b>9:00 a.m.</b> 1. Nanette Burke 2. Jim Compton 3. Belinda Corley 4. Traci Kessler 5. Michael Kessler	<b>9:00 am</b> Steve Theobald	<b>9:00 am</b> Trent Fulton Rush Newman Rhys Newman Arny Gollott
<b>11:00 am</b> 1. Vicki Howard 2. Sondra Williams 3. Rhonda Clark 4. Judy Steckler 5. Sandy Steckler	<b>11:00 am</b> Don Marie	<b>11:00 am</b> Chaz Byers Izabell Byers Justin Useforge Jamey Useforge
<b>5:30 pm</b> 1. Janice Thornton 2. Teresa Ballinger	<b>5:30 pm</b> Tara Junkert	<b>5:30 pm</b> Samantha Sharplin Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich
	<b>Dec 31 6:00 pm</b> Patrick Hall	
	<b>Jan 01 10:00 am</b> Linda Bourgeois	
	<b>CANTORS</b>	
	<b>Dec 29 4:00 pm</b> Lauren D. Clark	
	<b>Dec 30 9:00 am</b> Dennis Burke	
	<b>11:00 am</b> Rocky Long	
	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	
	<b>10:00 am</b> Peter Abide	
	<b>CATHEDRAL CHOIR</b>	

	<b>6:30 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Mon Dec 24</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Johnny Carver <b>11:00 PM</b> Sr. Mary Jo Mike (S.I.)	<b>7:00 PM</b> Hugh Kavanagh
<b>Tue Dec 25</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b> Michael Sicuro	
<b>Wed Dec 26</b>	Michael Sicuro	Steve Zorich
<b>Thur Dec 27</b>	Sr. Mary Jo (S.I.)	Jacinto/Norine Baltar
<b>Fri Dec 28</b>	Nita Newman	Herbert/Bertha McDonnell
<b>Sat Dec 29</b>	<u>8</u> Collins-Sims Fly.	<u>4</u> Andrew/Jackie Gilich
<b>Sun Dec 30</b>	<u>7</u> - Delores Lee <b>11:00</b> - Patrick Murphy	<u>9</u> - <b>5:30</b> Hugh Kavanagh

**PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sr. Mary Jo Mike, Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nicholas Rodolfich, Marsha Marie, Nick Pass, Cooper Williams, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Elie Hebert, Jerry Ellis, Lehwmom Skrmetti, Helen Gutierrez, Annette Luther, Macklin Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Betty Hilton, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich, Sr. Fatima Starks and Karen Skremetta.

**From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE:** Monday, December 24th-3:30 p.m. (ish) - Pre-Service Music - 4:00 p.m. - Children's Choir Christmas Eve Mass.

**Children's Pre-Service Offering:** Once again this year, our Children's Choir composed of both our students from our CCD program and Nativity Elementary will share a program of Christmas Music starting slightly before 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This year's program will feature a live tableau of the manger scene. Our choristers are to warm-up on stage in the Sacred Heart Center at 2:45 p.m. that day.

**CHRISTMAS EVE ALTERNATIVE MASS IN THE CHAPEL:**

An additional offering of a simpler version of the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will be offered in the Chapel with Christmas Carols shared.

**CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00 p.m. MASS:**

For our mid-evening Christmas Eve Offering, we will feature the enhancement of a harpist to the music liturgy of this celebration. A Pre-Service of "Carols of the Harp and Chimes" will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m.

**CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

**December 24th -10:00 p.m. - "Christmas 'Lessons & Carols'" then ~ 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass** "Christmas 'Lessons & Carols'" is a new offering being shared this year to the congregation. Beginning an hour prior to our late service Christmas Eve Mass, this service of scriptural lessons with choral and carol musical reflections will offer a deeper and richer celebration to our conclude Christmas Eve Mass celebration. Our Cathedral Choir will be joined by other choral friends and a string quartet to share in this festival of reflection. All are encouraged to attend. Our choir will warm-up on stage in the Sacred Heart Academy Center at 9:15 p.m.

For more information regarding our Music & Fine Arts Ministry Programs - please contact: Terry D. Maddox, M.M. - terrydalemaddox@gmail.com &/or 251 406-1454.

**NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

As we celebrate this time of Christmas, we are so grateful to you, the parishioners of Nativity BVM School for your love, prayer and support of our school. You are remembered in prayer each and every day as we "pray for those who are so good to us and so good to our school."

Through the "I give Catholic Campaign," we are delighted to tell you that we are "able to retire the relic" our former outside drinking fountain. Monetary donations will make it possible for us not only to replace our outside fountain, but also to replace several of our indoor fountains with bottle fillers.

Special thanks to Brian and Sandra Patterson of Patterson Plumbing for donating the labor entailed with the replacement of the exterior fountains, to Laney Roch of Mississippi Coast Supply for the donation of one of the exterior fountains and to Nick and Tracy Strayham of Lamey Electric for providing the electrical work!

**ALSO:**

\*Did you know that Nativity School has a chapel? Repurposing an upstairs classroom, the school chapel provides a quiet place for private as well as class prayer.

\*As you celebrate the holidays, don't forget to save the following for our school: Box Tops for Education, UPC codes from Community Coffee products and aluminum beverage cans.