

JESUS LET HIS GLORY BE SEEN AND HIS DISCIPLES BELIEVED IN HIM

Weddings are joyous occasions which express our desire for a full and happy life.

The image of a wedding is frequently used throughout the Old Testament to describe God’s relationship with his chosen – Israel. Though often unfaithful, God always took her back, forgave her and turned her sadness into joy. As she awaited the coming of the Messiah, Israel’s hopes were expressed in terms of a wedding – a time of great rejoicing and celebration. Like abundant wine, God’s blessings would be poured out on his people in full measure.

As we hear the account of the miracle at Cana, it is hard not to notice the shadow of the cross. Like all of Jesus’ signs and miracles, this points to the greatest of all his signs: when he will be lifted up in obedience to the Father, for the salvation of humanity. This will be how the new covenant-marriage between God and his people will be brought about. Here Jesus speaks about his hour – a reference to that time when his truest identity and glory will be revealed.

Significantly also, Jesus’ mother is present at the wedding. In addressing her as woman, a title he will also use from the cross, Jesus is referring back to another woman, through whom sin first entered the world. Here now, through this woman – Mary, his mother – the healing of that sin will begin in her Son.

For Christians, the cross is the ultimate blessing, as it is the source of eternal life. So the 120-180 gallons of wine is indicative of the inexhaustible riches of God poured out on the faithful believer. Just as a wedding is a sign of who we are and what we hope for, so the miracle of Cana is a sign of what God offers us if we put our faith and trust in him.

Through the death and resurrection of his Son, God offers us more than we could ever hope. In addition to the gifts of the Spirit as listed by Paul in Corinthians, God offers us the fullness of life and love. It is through faith that the water of our daily lives with all its challenges and achievements can be transformed into something far superior, full bodied and with a deep quality and bouquet. Through faith our lives gain a new depth and meaning if we simply do as Mary says: Do whatever Jesus tells you.

WEEKLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

January 24, 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.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

It is time for us to renew our subscription for the Magnificat. If you currently receive your Magnificat through us and want to again in 2019, it is time to get your check in to us. This offer is to all parishioners as well. Please submit your check in the amount of \$36 to the church rectory no later than February 15th.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Nativity Cathedral Rectory will be closed Monday, January 21, 2019, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 9:00 am.00 to the church rectory no later than February 15th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Jan 21	Heb 5:1-10, Mk 2:18-22, 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 13:44-46
Tues Jan 22	Heb 6:10-20, Mk 2:23-28
Wed Jan 23	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17, Mk 3:1-6
Thu Jan 24	Heb 7:25—8:6, Mk 3:7-12
Fri Jan 25	Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18
Sat Jan 26	2 Tm 1:1-8, Mk 3:20-21, Lk 10:1-9
Sun Jan 27	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 15, 1 Cor 12:12-30, Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	9,705.98
Maintenance	\$	1,551.00
Capital Improv.	\$	160.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	640.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	12,056.98

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 21 Nativity Rectory Closed
- Jan 22 Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
BINGO, 5:30 p.m.
RCIA, 6:00 p.m., SHC
- Jan 23 Cleaning Team “C”
CCD, 5:30 p.m. SHC
- Jan 24 Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.
Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
- Jan 25 Mom’s Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., SHC

ROSARY RALLY

The annual Rosary Rally returns to its place of origin here at Nativity BVM Cathedral. We are grateful for Our Lady’s intercession in having it return home. It will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Attending this year’s Rosary Rally will fulfill your Sunday obligation. After the Rally, a Right to Life Procession will make its way to the Biloxi Lighthouse. Be sure to attend this historic event which honors Our lady.

RCIA

This week the RCIA class will be learning about the Fourth Commandment with Father Colten, and Daniel Guy will be leading our prayer service. Please pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors as they study the beliefs and traditions of our faith and continue this journey together. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

CCD CLASSES

Happy New Year to all of our CCD/LifeTeen families! All grades K-12 meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 in the Sacred Heart Center, which is directly behind the Cathedral. Any new students are welcome to join us. For additional information please call Barbara Ziz 238-918-9778.

CATHEDRAL RECTORY VOLUNTEERS

If you have a desire to help in the Cathedral Rectory, we need you. We need a few volunteers to help answer phones and help visitors when they come to the door. Please let us know if think you would like to help. You may contact Jackie at jhwitt@nativitybvm.org or call 228-374-1717.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Jan 26 4:00 pm 1. Dale Dorcik 2. Kathleen Cosksey 3. Sondra Ahern 4. Andrea Gilich 5. Barbara Ziz	Jan 26 4:00 pm Rose Anne Kimbell	Jan 26 4:00 pm Sam Burke
Jan 27 7:00 am 1. Marcia Mayfield 2. Nancy Powell 3. Linda Stewart 9:00 a.m. 1. Vicki Howard 2. Belinda Corley 3. Linda Welter 4. Traci Kessler 5. Michael Kessler 11:00 am 1. Deacon 2. Judy Steckler 3. Sandy Steckler 4. Sondra Williams 5. Robert Moniot 5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel	Jan 27 7:00 am Jim Shugart 9:00 am Al Simons, Jr. 11:00 am Linda Bourgeois 5:30 pm Elizabeth Becker CANTORS Jan 26 4:00 pm Lauren D. Clark CATHEDRAL CHOIR Jan 27 9:00 am John Welter 11:00 am Elizabeth Cobb	Jan 27 7:00 am Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart 9:00 am Rush Newman Rhys Newman Arny Gollott Sabree Puzz 11:00 am Chaz Byers Izabell Byers Nicholas Gruich Aiden Tarrant 5:30 pm Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith

	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Jan 21	Patricia Pluff	Carl Kuluz
Tue Jan 22	Collins-Sims Fly.	Michael Sicuro
Wed Jan 23	Hugh Kavanagh	Gabriel/Doris Kasovich
Thur Jan 24	Int. of Extension Society	Hugh Kavanagh
Fri Jan 25	D. J. Hummer	Herbert/Bertha McDonnell
Sat Jan 26	8 Maria Gioi	4 Josephine Esposito Allen
Sun Jan 27	7 – Hugh Kavanagh	9 F. T. P.
	11:00 – Neil/Vela Tomba	5:30 Jackie Gilich

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Lehmon 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, Norma McMahan, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich, Sr. Fatima Starks and Karen Skremetta.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for Hugh Kavanagh on his birthday. With love from his wife and children.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE: The Children's Choir will sing at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 27th in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHEDULE: The Cathedral Choir will sing for the Sunday, January 27th – 11 a.m. Mass and the Saturday, February 2nd Mass at 4 p.m. Any interested individuals who would like to consider or become a part of the Cathedral Choir are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings for rehearsal at our usual time of 7:00 p.m.

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS": Our Cathedral/Diocese's Choral Society continues their rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. All interested singers – Catholic or non-Catholic - are cordially invited to attend.

YET – AGAIN! With the start of the New Year, we usually prepare and start the Music Ministry fresh and new with goals for Lent, Holy Week and the celebrations beyond. This year, we have been called to celebrate the lives of two Saints that we dearly loved. Being more than a parish Church – but the Cathedral – the Mother Church to the Diocese – this often asks our church musicians to carry a large ministry responsibility at times; - much more than usual. I simply want to "Thank" the members of the Children's Choir, Cathedral Choir, the Choral Society and the choir members from the Diocese for sharing in these past celebrations. And "Thank You" parents and guardians and our Clergy for your support. And finally, to the "Church" who has been praying for all of us – "Thank You"! For more information regarding our Music & Fine Arts Ministry Programs - please contact: Terry D. Maddox, M.M. – terrydalemaddox@gmail.com &/or 251-406-1454.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN	#546
OFFERTORY	#410
COMMUNION	#583
SENDING	#544

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A NOTE FROM MRS. SUSIE BASS, INTERIM PRINCIPAL

"I would like to express my thanks to the Nativity School and Church community for welcoming me so graciously as I began the task of Interim Principal at Nativity School this January 2019. I offer you all my sincere sympathy for the loss of your beloved Principal for 27 years, Sr. Mary Jo Mike. She was a blessing to the school and church communities and will be greatly missed. I will do my best to carry on in the same manner of leadership exhibited by Sr. Mary Jo. Please pray for all of us at Nativity School as we forge on to finish the school year. May God bless each of you this 2019 New Year".

As we begin Catholic Schools Week, please mark your calendars! Nativity School's annual Open House will be held on Sunday, January 27th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Choir will sing at the 9:00 am Mass.

BINGO MANIA:

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for January 22nd, 2019. Bodin (Amanda & Adam Ladnier), Boney (Betsy and Jackson, Christopher), Burke (Sam & Sarah), Byers (Rob & Jen), Canon (Ryan & Summer) and Chereskin (Alan & Jamie). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

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 need sometimes 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.