

WE ARE INVITED TO ACCOMPANY JESUS AS HE FACES BETRAYAL, ABANDONMENT, SUFFERING AND DEATH

Today we commemorate the passion of Jesus. Through the Gospel reading, we are invited into the story, to be present with Jesus as he experiences his arrest, suffering and death. We reflect upon the various figures in the Gospel, those who actively contributed to his persecution, those who stood at a distance, and those who would not partake of the evil that was done. As Christians, we are called to remember the events of Palm Sunday whenever we encounter suffering, whether our own or others.

RCIA

The RCIA Candidates will be attending an RCIA Retreat this weekend. The Retreat will be led by Deacon Ed Ramos. Please pray for the success of the Retreat and for Deacon Ed. The Candidates are continuing to prepare for the Easter Sacraments, and they are appreciative of your continued prayers and support. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

CCD CLASSES

There will be no class on Wednesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 24, for our Easter/Spring Break. Classes will resume on Wednesday, May 1. We hope all of your families enjoy a wonderful, blessed Easter!

CHRISM MASS

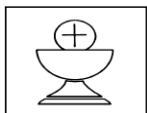
The Chrism Mass will be celebrated this Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10:30, here at Nativity Cathedral. The Mass emphasizes the unity of the diocesan Priesthood with its Bishop. Please consider attending this beautiful Mass.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Nativity BVM is hosting a men's and women's bible study this Lent based on Dr. Edward Sri's series titled "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass." This five-part series will take participants on an exciting tour of the Mass. This series explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m.

NATIVITY PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral is accepting nominations for the Pastoral Council. The Council has been dormant for the past several years and is seeking to re-establish its purpose to provide organization, voice and a sharing wisdom to assist the parish Rector and staff. If you would be interested in submitting your name to the Nominating Committee please contact the Parish Rectory Office.

COMMUNION VISITATION

Jesus says of you and me, "You are the salt of the earth". No one should be deprived of the Most Holy Eucharist because they are homebound, elderly, have no means of getting to Mass and/or sick in their home. Sister Jackie Tarrant, RSM will gladly bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Together we can be "salt of the earth". Sister can be reached at the rectory at 228-374-1717.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Apr 15	Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11
Tues	Apr 16	Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed	Apr 17	Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25
Thu	Apr 18	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15
Fri	Apr 19	Is 52:13—53:12, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat	Apr 20	Selected Easter Vigil Readings
Sun	Apr 21	Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9, 46; Lk 24:13-35

**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	16,363.00
Maintenance	\$	1,016.00
Capital Improvement	\$	521.00
Miscellaneous	\$	500.00
Easter Flowers	\$	673.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	19,073.00

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 15	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
Apr 16	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC Chrism Mass, Cathedral, 10:30 am Parish Penance Service, 6:00 pm RCIA Class, 6:00 p.m. BINGO, 5:30 p.m. Bingo Hall
Apr 17	Cleaning Team "C"
Apr 18	Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m. Holy Thursday Mass, 6:00 p.m.
Apr 19	Mom's Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., SHC Passion of the Lord Mass, 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Cathedral, 6:00 pm
Apr 20	Holy Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULES AT NATIVITY

April 16th, 2019 Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m.
April 16th, 2019 Parish Penance Service, 6:00 p.m.
April 18th, 2019 Mass of the Lord's Supper – 6:00 p.m.
April 19th, 2019, 12 Noon, Stations of the Cross
April 19th, 2019 Veneration of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.
April 20th, 2019 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
April 21st Resurrection of the Lord – 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (with a Mass in the Cathedral and Chapel), 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are observed every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church. Come and walk with Jesus on his way to the cross in Lent.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for **April 16th**: Smith (Scot & Alexandra), Snyder (Tommy & Alexandra), Stanley (Robert & Remelyn), Stevenson (Mark & Chere), Stoddard (Bryan & Kerry) and Stoddard (Clay & Jody). **REMEMBER!** If you are unable to **attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement!!!**

7th ANNUAL UNCORKED AND UNCAPPED BEER & WINE TASTING

SAVE THE DATE! On May 11, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 p.m., Nativity BVM Cathedral will host its 7th annual Uncorked & Uncapped Craft Beer and Wine Tasting featuring an expansive silent auction, delicious food, wonderful assortment of craft beer and wine, and live music. You will not want to miss out on this fabulous event! Prices for the tickets are: **\$50.00 for 1 ticket, \$90.00 for two tickets or \$450.00 for a table of 10. Tickets are now available.**

<p>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</p> <p>April 20 8:00 pm 1. Penny Payne 2. Greg Payne 3. Sarah Barhonovich</p> <p>April 21 7:00 am 1. Danny Kavanagh 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Nancy Powell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 am</p> <p>CHAPEL 1. Vicki Howard 2. John Brauchle</p> <p>CATHEDRAL 1. Michael Kessler 2. Traci Kessler 3. Kirsty Arguelles 4. Judy Trahan 5. Linda Bourgeois</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 am</p> <p>1. Deacon 2. Judy Steckler 3. Sandy Steckler 4. Sondra Williams 5. Edith Richardson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 pm</p> <p>1. Teresa Ballinger 2. Janice Thornton</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LECTORS</p> <p>April 18 6:00 pm HOLY THURSDAY Jim Shugart</p> <p>April 19 3:00 pm PASSION OF THE LORD Mary Townsend</p> <p>April 20 8:00 pm HOLY SATURDAY Steve Theobald</p> <p>April 21 7:00 am EASTER Joe Powell</p> <p>CATHEDRAL 9:00 am Maggie Landry</p> <p>CHAPEL Liz Wilkinson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 am</p> <p>Don Marie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 pm</p> <p>Kristy Arguelles</p> <p>CANTORS HOLY THURSDAY 6:00 pm Elizabeth Cobb & CATHEDRAL CHOIR</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 pm Dr. Betsy Uschkrat</p> <p>April 20 8:00 pm HOLY SATURDAY Lauren D. Clark</p> <p>April 21 EASTER 9:00 am Lauren D. Clark</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 am</p> <p>Lauren D. Clark</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ALTAR SERVERS</p> <p>April 20 8:00 pm Seminarians</p> <p>April 21 7:00 am Alec Ryan Liam Jerrel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 am</p> <p>Chaz Byers Izabell Byers McKinzy Mathis</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 am</p> <p>Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 pm</p> <p>Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles</p>
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	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Apr 15	Maria Hoang Thi Khoai	Gerrie Weldon
Tue Apr 16	Sr. Mary Jo Mike	Walker/Irene C. Tucei
Wed Apr 17	Deacon Ben Wimberly	Peter Skrmetta
Thur Apr 18	6:00 pm	Peter Skrmetta
Fri Apr 19	Collins/Sims Fly.	Hebert/Bertha McDonnell
Sat Apr 20	8 Raymond/Johanna Egers	8 Josephine Esposito Allen
Sun Apr 21	7 Gerrie Weldon	9 F. T. P.
	11:00 – Josh Bozeman	5:30 Collins/Sims Fly.

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lionell Sentell, Kevin Kavanagh, Nora Ziz, Bill Bergdoll, Marianne Sherman, Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nicholas Rodolfich, Marsha Marie, Nick Pass, Cooper Williams, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, 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, 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:

The Children's Choir's last Mass for the school year at the Cathedral will be at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 5th. We will celebrate May Crowning at this Mass. Our cantors will be Annabelle Tarrant and Angelica Foster.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHEDULE:

The Cathedral Choir will sing for the Chrism Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16th, the Maundy Thursday Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18th, Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday, April 20th and with a brass quintet to celebrate Easter Sunday, April 21st at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Throughout Holy Week, the Cathedral Choir will be joined by guest choir from our "Gloria In Excelsis" Choral Society and other guest choral friends. The Cathedral Choir will hold an extra rehearsal for Holy Week music on Sunday evening, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS":

On Tuesday, May 7th, "GIE" will resume rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on the stage in the Academy of Sacred Heart Building. We will begin our preparations for our "Patriotic Mass & Concert" on Saturday, June 29th.

In the words of Pope Francis: "Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others." "Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen."

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	#139
OFFERTORY	#148
COMMUNION	#675
SENDING	#152

WIN A FABULOUS VACATION

LET'S MAKE THIS FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL! PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE SUBSTANTIAL EXPENSES OF PROPERTY INSURANCE AND SCHOOL SUPPORT!

Nativity Cathedral will be raffling off a fabulous package of vacation trips. First place is an eight-day, all-expense paid trip on a European Avalon River Cruise for two. Air flight from New Orleans to Budapest included. In Budapest you board your luxury river boat which sails down the Danube River with many stops along the way. The option for the cruise is \$10,000.00 cash. Second place is an all expense four-day vacation for two at the Crown Plaza Time Square Hotel in New York. Round trip air fare is included. The option for this trip is \$1,500.00 cash. Third place is a weekend for two at the Monteleone Hotel on Royal Street in New Orleans. The option for this weekend is \$400.00 cash. **TICKETS ARE \$100.00!** The winning tickets will be drawn at this year's Uncorked and Uncapped Beer and Wine Tasting event, held at our Sacred Heart Center on May 11, 2019. If you are present at it and win you will receive extra spending money at \$1,000.00 for the European cruise, \$300.00 for the New York trip or \$100.00 for the New Orleans weekend. Buy your winning ticket for these fabulous vacations soon!