

All three readings deal with the identity of 'the One who was to come'. The identity of the child was vaguely glimpsed in the Old Testament. Isaiah talked about the coming of a very special child (First Reading). But there is no reason to believe that he knew just how special that child would be. No prophecy is fully understood until after its fulfillment. Matthew shows that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, and in a far greater way than the prophet could ever have imagined. The New Testament reveals the true identity of this special Child (Jesus). The Second Reading and the Gospel make it clear that Jesus was the Son of David. This was so because Joseph, his legal father, was descended from the line of David. But he is more than that. He is also the Son of God. --New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB

## Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. — Mass for families with small children  
6:00 p.m. — Mass with Traditional Christmas Music  
11:00 p.m. — Midnight Mass  
Traditional "Adult Choir" Christmas Music  
Prelude Music 10:30 p.m., Mass at 11:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day:** 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31: 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, January 1: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.



The Church Office will be closed  
December 24, 2025 – January 1, 2026



The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed for  
Christmas Tuesday, December 23, 2025  
through Sunday, January 4, 2026 and will  
reopen on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Sharon Barthes, Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Greg Brou, Jr., Valerie Brou, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Arlene Burns, Mildred "Tootsie" Caillavet, Benny and Carol Lee Cantin, Marshall Car, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Dawn Fountain, Nija Fountain, Gordon Gaethe, Caroline Gautier, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Margie Gammon, Sandra Grantham, Richard Harrison, Trent Hartzog, James Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Olivia Hood, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Jeff Janus, Ashley Jensen, Fr. Jey Jordan, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Joey Kelley, Jack Kelly, Myra Kittle, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Carol Latham, Judy and Randy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Shellie McDaniel, Mrs. McKinney Steve Merkel, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaise, Donna and Edward Necaise Jr., Terese Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Kathy Pasquini, Janice Pepper, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Richard Potash, MaraLou Guice Richards, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Courtney Severino, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Sarah Galle Traylor, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	DECEMBER 22
1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56	
6:30 a.m. Ms. Kay Dennis	
8:15 a.m. Int. Ms. Dorothy Javorsky	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 23
Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66	
6:30 a.m. Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.	
8:15 a.m. Int. to Honor Our Guardian Angels	
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 24
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79	
6:30 a.m. Mr. Dick Porterfield	
8:15 a.m. Ms. Annette Lawrence	
Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25	
4:00 p.m. Ms. Jane Brenden	
6:00 p.m. Mr. Matthew Peresich Lyons	
Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14	
11:00 p.m. Ms. Rhonda Balias	
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 25
Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20	
9:00 a.m. Int. Deacon Jim & Toni Gunkel	
Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18	
11:30 a.m. Congregation	
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 26
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22	
6:30 a.m. Int. Tom and Kelli Pfister	
8:15 a.m. Mr. Adelbert Catchot	
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 27
1 John 1:4; John 20:1a & 2-8	
8:15 a.m. Ms. Sheila Daniels	
4:00 p.m. Ms. Ligaya Camagong	
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 28
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23	
7:30 a.m. Congregation	
9:00 a.m. Mr. Barney Banks	
11:30 a.m. Mr. Dick Eckert	
5:30 p.m. Int. Mr. Tom Pfister	

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,397.51  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,612.00  
Immaculate Conception Collection.....\$1,840.65  
Retired Religious Collection.....\$1,806.06  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



The "Adopt A Pew" offerings were a total success. Many of you were not able to participate because the offerings were filled quickly. We have extended the "Adopt A Pew" program to include

the pews in the Adoration Chapel, as well as the opposite side of each pew in the Church. The Adoration Chapel pews will remain in the present chapel. When the new Chapel is built (time undetermined at present), those pews will be transferred to the new Chapel. Applications are available in the back of the church. Please contact Linda Martin at 228-324-3408.



### A Holy Tabernacle

During the month of December, the Catholic Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. *"From all eternity God chose with infinite wisdom the woman who would be the Mother of His divine Son. To prepare for the Word Incarnate a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity."*  
~Liturgy Meditations, The Sisters of St. Dominic



The Diocese of Biloxi Vocations Office is proud to announce their first annual Altar Server Recognition Mass for all altar servers in the Diocese. This special Mass will take place at Our Lady of the Gulf in Bay St. Louis on Saturday January 31, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Bishop Kihne will celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. and immediately following Mass there will be a reception with pizza at the Our Lady of the Gulf community center.

To reserve your space please visit the following link:  
<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfu1oms6f1.../viewform...>

Please ensure that all names are entered correctly as certificates will be distributed with your altar servers names. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Fr. Braxton Necaise (Director of Vocations) at 228-863-1610.

### Religious Emblems Program Reinstated

We are pleased to announce that the Religious Emblems Program for Scouts has been updated and officially reinstated within the Diocese of Biloxi. Overseen by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, this program plays an important role in forming young disciples of Jesus Christ and accompanying them on their journey of faith.

The Religious Emblems Program invites Scouts to deepen their understanding of Catholic beliefs and traditions; participate more fully in Mass, the Sacraments, and parish life; engage in prayer, reflection, and acts of charity; and grow in respect and service toward all people as children of God.

More than a series of awards, the program serves as a pathway of discipleship. Through Scripture, the Sacraments, service, and intentional faith formation, Scouts are encouraged to integrate their Catholic faith into daily life. This aligns with our diocesan mission to form missionary disciples who know, love, serve, and witness God in all they do.

The four Religious Emblems include:

**Light of Christ** (Cub Scouts, Grades 1-2) — Helps Scouts discover Jesus as a friend and role model.

**Parvuli Dei** (Cub Scouts, Grades 3-5) — Encourages exploration of one's relationship with God and the role of family in faith.

**Ad Altare Dei** (Scouts, Grades 7-8) — Deepens understanding of the Sacraments and how they guide daily life.

**Pope Pius XII** (Older Scouts & Venturers) — Focuses on vocation, Christian leadership, and living one's Catholic faith in the world. Scouts who complete an emblem are honored during a special Mass, typically celebrated on Scout Sunday at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For more information, please contact the Office of Youth Ministry at aherbert@biloxidiocese.org, scouting@biloxidiocese.org, or 228-702-2142. You may also reach Bob Favre, Chairman of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, at 228-596-4681.



WWMIN would like to ask a special request for new or gently used coats for those they serve now that the weather is turning cold.

Infant, toddler, and small children sizes are definitely needed for the upcoming winter months. Jackets and sweaters can also be used. They continue to thank you for your overwhelming support of this ministry. Items can be dropped off in the WWMIN boxes at each of the church entrances. Contact : Mary @ 228-348-6092.



The Blessed Mother promises that praying the Rosary devoutly will lead to numerous graces, including special protection and the flourishing of virtue. The Rosary serves as a powerful spiritual armor against evil and helps deepen one's relationship with God. PLEASE JOIN US in praying the ROSARY every weekday, MONDAY through SATURDAY after the 8:15 a.m. mass in the Church. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Your Church Needs You - God is calling. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers at all the masses. Prayerfully consider God's calling to serve your St. Alphonsus Family.

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS