

hh**Sacraments:**

Infant Baptism -- Parents need to contact the pastor regarding instruction/preparation. The sacrament will be scheduled when the parents and pastor are in agreement that the family is ready for this experience.

Initiation of Adults & Older Children (RCIA): Contact the parish.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00pm at Nativity or by appointment (watch bulletin for special reconciliation services).

Matrimony -- Engaged couples need to contact the pastor at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. They need to participate in a series of instructions. They should make no final decision regarding the wedding date until they and the pastor are in agreement that they are ready for this experience. **Please do not set a wedding date prior to contacting the pastor.**

Sacrament of the Sick and/or Communion for the Sick -- Either the parishioner or a relative should contact the pastor whenever the parishioner is sick and wishes to receive communion or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Confirmation: Adult & Youth; preparation is required. Please contact the parish.

Parish registration: Registration cards are in the vestibule of the church.

Mass Schedules:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm at Nativity

Sunday: 9:00am at Nativity; 11:15am at St. John's

Daily: Wednesday through Friday at 11:00am at Nativity

Holy Days: see bulletin

Rosary: ½ hour before Mass on Sundays

Day	Date	Time	Intention/Feast	Mass Readings
Sun	04/01	9:00am / 11:15am	Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9
Mon	04/02	No Daily Mass	Easter Monday	Acts 2:14,22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
Tues	04/03	No Daily Mass	Easter Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
Wed	04/04	11:00am (NBVM)	Easter Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35
Thurs	04/05	11:00am (NBVM)	Easter Thursday	Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48
Fri	04/06	11:00am (NBVM)	Easter Friday	Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14
Sat	04/07	No Daily Mass	Easter Saturday	Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15
Sat	04/07	5:00pm (NBVM)	2 nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	Acts 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31
Sun	04/08	9:00am / 11:15am	2 nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	Acts 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,338.00]	[\$754.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$1,235.00	\$379.00
Palm Sunday	\$204.00	
Flower Fund	\$7.00	
Catholic Relief Services	\$20.00	
Turning Point		

Liturgical Ministers for – 04/07/18 to 04/08/18

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Hannah Hisey	Gracie, Christina, Pearl, Gabriel
Lector	Ivan Jones	Angelique Hisey	Kathy Reandeau
EME	Deacon Paul	Ron Haley	Lloyd Hartley
Music	Connie	Paula & Jackie	Carol Fiel & “choir”
Hospitality	n/a	Please sign up	Reandeau family

Bulletin: Announcements need to be received by Wednesday at 7pm for inclusion in that weekend’s bulletin. Items can be emailed to nbvm.sjb.bulletin@gmail.com or call Deacon Paul at 503-556-0511 or 503-396-8554.

"I will sing to Yahweh: how good the Most High is to me!" (Psalm 13:6b)

Announcements

General:

Deacon Paul and Paula would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and gifts.

Nativity:

Rainier United Methodist Church Ladies’ Spring Salad Luncheon – Friday, April 13, from 10:30am to 1:00pm. RSVP to Joan Hackathorn at 503-556-2711 by April 12.

Please remember to sign-up to provide hospitality after Mass.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the hall. All are welcome. You can join any time.

St. Johns:

TURNING POINT: Please remember to contribute to Turning Point when you can.

Ladies’ Bible Study & Reflection is on Thursdays. Adoration is at 9:45am in the Church. After Adoration, everyone meets at Kathy’s. If interested, call Kathy Reandeau at 503-728-3149.

Easter

The serpent’s bite was a deadly one. The venom had worked its way deep into the heart of humanity, doing its gruesome work. The anti-venom was unavailable till He appeared. One drop was all that was needed, so potent was this antidote. Yet it was not like Him to be stingy. The sacrifice of His entire life poured out to the last drop at the foot of the cross – This was the Son’s answer to the Problem of Sin.

Three days later came the Father’s equally extravagant answer to the Problem of Death. For Jesus was not simply brought back to life like Lazarus. That would be resuscitation, the return to normal, mortal life. Yes, Lazarus ultimately had to go through it all again . . . the dying, the grieving family, the burial. Jesus did not “come back.” He passed over, passed through. Death, as St. Paul said, would have no more power over him.

If you said that physical death was not the worst consequence of sin, you’d be right. Separation from God, spiritual death, is much more fearsome. But enough of this talk of physical death as beautiful and natural. It is neither. Our bodies are not motor vehicles driven around by our souls. We do not junk them when they wear out and buy another (that’s why reincarnation is all wrong). Rather, our bodies are essential to who we are. For human beings, body and immortal souls are intimately intertwined, making us so different from both angels and animals. Death separates what God has joined. It is natural that we shudder before it. Even the God-man trembled in the Garden.

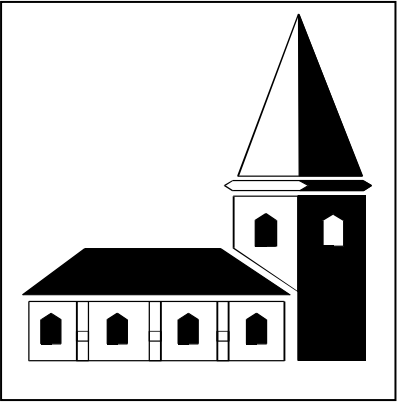
So Jesus confronts death head on. The ancient Roman Easter Sequence, a traditional part of the Easter liturgy, highlights the drama: “Mors et vitae duello, confluxere mirando. Dux vitae mortuus regnat vivus.” (“Death and life dueled in a marvelous conflict; the Dead Ruler of Life reigns Alive!”).

Jesus endured the wrenching of body and soul for our sake and came out the other side endowed with a new, different, glorified humanity. How does the Bible describe it? Well, Mary Magdalene did not recognize the Risen Christ at first. The disciples walking to Emmaus didn’t recognize him either. But Doubting Thomas shows us that his wounds were still evident. And though he could pass through locked doors, he proved he was not a ghost by asking for something to eat. Paul speaks of a “spiritual body” in I Corinthians 15, which sounds like an oxymoron to me. But we have to take off our shoes here, realize that we are on holy ground, and that we do not have words adequate to describe the awesome reality of the new humanity he won for us on that first Easter.

For resurrection is not something that He keeps for Himself. All that He has he shares with us: His Father, His mother, His Spirit, His body, blood, soul, and divinity, and even His risen life. And we can begin to share in this risen Life now, experiencing its regenerating power in our souls and even in our bodies. We have access to it in many ways, but especially in the Eucharist. For the body of Christ received in this sacrament is his risen, glorified body, so that we too will live forever (read John 6:40-65).

Each of us will pass through physical death, but not alone. He will be with us, just as the Father was with Him as He made his perilous passage. And while we will experience indescribable joy when our souls “see” him face to face, this is not the end of the story. He will return. Then His resurrection will have its ultimate impact. Joy will finally be full on that final Easter when he makes our bodies like his own, in glory. “We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!”

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (www.crossroadsinitiative.com)



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Easter Sunday

April 4, 2018

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The mission of Nativity of the B.V.M. is to know, love, and serve our Lord, by knowing and loving and serving His people, and by being open to our responsibility to all humanity.

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St. John the Baptist

The mission of St. John the Baptist Parish is to be an involved witness to the Gospel, so that each of us may develop more fully our potential for spiritual growth, as we nurture and expand our parish family and help the community around us experience the Lord.

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