

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	02/04	9:00am / 11:15am	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jb 7:1-4,6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 / Mk 1:29-39
Mon	02/05	No Daily Mass	St. Agatha	1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 / Mk 6:53-56
Tues	02/06	No Daily Mass	St. Paul Miki & companions	1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 / Mk 7:1-13
Wed	02/07	11:00am (NBVM)	5 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 10:1-10 / Mk 7:14-23
Thurs	02/08	11:00am (NBVM)	5 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 11:4-13 / Mk 7:24-30
Fri	02/09	11:00am (NBVM)	5 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 / Mk 7:31-37
Sat	02/10	No Daily Mass	St. Scholastica	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Mk 8:1-10
Sat	02/10	5:00pm NBVM	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lv 13:1-2,44-46 / 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 / Mk 1:40-45
Sun	02/11	9:00am / 11:15am	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lv 13:1-2,44-46 / 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 / Mk 1:40-45

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,338.00]	[\$754.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$1,097.00	\$551.00
Building Fund	\$25.00	

Liturgical Ministers for – 02/10/17 to 02/11/17

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Hannah Hisey	Gracie, Christina, Pearl, Gabriel
Lector	Open	Angelique Hisey	Gabriel Fiel
EME	Deacon Paul	Tom Greer	Suzy Breeden
Music	Connie	Paula & Jackie	Carol Fiel & “choir”
Hospitality	n/a	Please sign up	Machuca & Romer families

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 thank Yahweh for his justice; I will sing hymns to the name of Yahweh, the Most High." (Psalm 7:18)

Announcements

General:

The Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal is begins this Sunday.

Nativity:

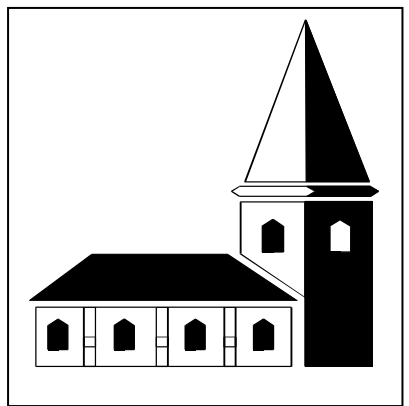
Please remember to sign-up to provide hospitality after Mass.

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.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 04, 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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The Bible is not just for Churches and Synagogues. Portions of it are read as literature, even in secular university classrooms. Invariably, when you look at the syllabus of such courses, you find Job.

It's not hard to see why. Job poignantly expresses what all human beings experience at one time or another—the feeling that life is a burden, that our daily routine is drudgery, that our suffering is meaningless, that there's not much hope for our future (Job 7:1-7).

Things are tough all over—in Job's day, in ours, in Peter's. It's all about trying to earn a living and raise a family with taxes, government, disease, and unexpected tragedies yapping at our heels.

The Gospel (Mark 1:29-39) shows us such a world that is suddenly turned upside down by someone who breaks all the rules. Demons that normally inspire terror now run away in fear. Fevers flee. Incurable illnesses yield. Instead of tiresome talk about the law and its innumerable regulations, Good News is announced that gives people hope again. The Good News is that God is on the move. That He — not the Emperor or the Prince of Darkness — is King. That he is not taskmaster but Father.

The Someone responsible for all this commotion happens to look like one of us, and indeed is one of us. Yet he does things that only God can do. As he speaks, they begin to feel as if the world just may have meaning, that life may actually be worth living. They want to be with him, to hear his electric words and see his astonishing deeds. So they won't leave him alone. Crowds gather outside the door of the humble place where he is staying. What happens next is instructive. Knowing his need for communion with his Heavenly Father, he rises early next morning to seek solitude and a few moments in prayer.

But the people need him. So they send the apostles to track him down. When they find Him, he is not annoyed. He does not protest that it is his day off, tell them to come back tomorrow. He has come to bring Good News, to bring light to those in darkness, relief to the suffering. Many are desperate, so his mission is urgent. He gets up, but doesn't return to Capernaum. Instead, he moves on to other towns. Those who wish to enjoy the excitement of his company must join him in his mission.

St. Paul has the same sense of urgency as his master (I Cor 9:16-19). He is aware of being entrusted with an awesome responsibility. It is not an option for him to share the gospel. What he has received as a gift, the most precious gift imaginable, he must give as a gift. And he must give it not only to those he likes, or those with whom he has some natural bond. He must not do it only when it suits him, when it is convenient.

No, he must exert himself. He must seek common ground with all — Jew, Greek, weak, strong, educated, uneducated — so as to express the gospel to them in a way that they can understand. And this mission leads him to cover more ground than even his master—not just Judea and Galilee, but what is now Turkey, Greece, and Italy!

It's true that not all are called to be traveling preachers like our Lord and St. Paul. But the Church teaches unequivocally that membership in the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic church is not just about being saved and enjoying God's company. There is a suffering world out there that desperately needs the saving truth and healing touch of Christ.

Notice that immediately upon being healed, Peter's mother-in-law began working! Baptism is completed by confirmation, an anointing to serve. You can't be fully a member of the apostolic church without participating in the apostolic mission.

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