

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	04/15	9:00am / 11:15am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:13-15,17-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48
Mon	04/16	No Daily Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of Easter	Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29
Tues	04/17	No Daily Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Easter	Acts 7:51—8:1a / Jn 6:30-35
Wed	04/18	No Daily Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Easter	Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40
Thurs	04/19	No Daily Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Easter	Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51
Fri	04/20	No Daily Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of Easter	Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59
Sat	04/21	No Daily Mass	St. Anselm of Canterbury	Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69
Sat	04/21	5:00pm (NBVM)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18
Sun	04/22	9:00am / 11:15am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18

**Collection**

Collection	NBVM Easter	SJB Easter
<b>Budget per Week</b>	<b>[\$1,338.00]</b>	<b>[\$754.00]</b>
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$1,356.00	\$635.00
Votive Candles	\$13.00	

**Liturgical Ministers for – 04/21/18 to 04/22/18**

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
<b>Server</b>	<b>Ron Haley</b>	<b>Emma Hisey</b>	<b>Gracie, Christina, Pearl</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Ivan Jones</b>	<b>Estrella Brown</b>	<b>Ed Johnson</b>
<b>EME</b>	<b>Deacon Paul</b>	<b>Rick Brown</b>	<b>Gloryann Brace</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Paula</b>	<b>Paula &amp; Jackie</b>	<b>“Choir”</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>Please sign up</b>	<b>Rochon &amp; Austin families</b>

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](mailto:nbvm.sjb.bulletin@gmail.com) or call Deacon Paul at 503-556-0511 or 503-396-8554.

"I made this declaration: You, O Yahweh, are my sovereign, my happiness; there is none higher than you." (Psalm 16:2)

*Announcements*

**General:**

There will be no daily Mass during Father Mark’s vacation. Please welcome Fr. Jack Mosbrucker who will be filling in on the weekends.

**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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

In the heyday of the Roman Empire, the corruption of the times caused waves of dissatisfaction to ripple across the civilized world. Many were disgusted with the gross sensuality of society and yearned for a higher, spiritual kind of existence. They sought a redeemer who would come down from heaven and enlighten those who walked in darkness.

When they heard about Jesus of Nazareth, they suspected they’d found their man. But surely, they thought, he had to have been a divinity that just appeared to be flesh and blood so that he could pass on to us the secret knowledge needed for spiritual enlightenment. Since he wasn’t really human, he couldn’t have really died. The whole Calvary thing must have just been the final act of the play, the necessary device to get him off stage so he could resume his proper angelic mode of existence, free of all entanglement with our gross, material world.

For these people thought that the greed and lust they saw all around them was just the inevitable result of having physical bodies. Salvation for them was the soul’s escape from the prison of the body so that it could soar like a bird back to its heavenly home.

These people, known as the Gnostics, wrote documents that they claimed represented the secret, spiritual view of Jesus and his message. The supposed “gospels” of Judas, Thomas, and Mary Magdalene all come from this movement, written about 120 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

It’s as if Jesus knew that this distorted idea would arise. For in the gospel of Luke, written much earlier than the phony Gnostic gospels, the risen Lord appears to the disciples and debunks the idea that he is some pure spirit.

As might be imagined, the disciples are spooked by the appearance of someone they buried just a few days before. But Jesus insists that he is no ghost. Though he is somewhat changed in appearance, He is clearly flesh and blood and has a fish dinner to prove it. His death was no accident or mirage. He proved that by showing them the wounds in his hands and feet.

God had created the material world, and placed man and woman in it as rulers over it. He views creation as good, and man and woman as very good. It wasn’t the body that caused the problem, but a horrible choice made by the soul. Sin was a spiritual decision, acted out in the body and having a disastrous impact upon all creation on every level, both spiritual and material.

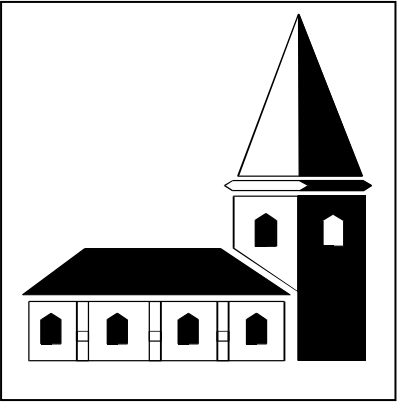
So the redeemer saved us by a spiritual decision that had to be acted out in the body, consisting of the offering of his body as a sacrifice that would remove sin and renew all creation. The psalms, the law, and the prophets had all foretold it—the savior would not just teach, but had to suffer and die. This however, would not be the end of the story. Passage after passage hinted that he would somehow live again.

Was all this easy to find and clearly laid out in the Old Testament? Not in the least. The Scriptures are divine, having been inspired by the Holy Spirit, laden with meaning exceeding the awareness of their human authors. Reading the scriptures with just human eyes, a person is bound to miss a lot.

So on that Easter Sunday afternoon, Jesus explained all the passages that referred to his death and resurrection and opened the disciples’ minds to the understanding of the Scriptures. He did that by giving them a share in the same Spirit who inspired the Scriptures in the first place.

Through baptism and confirmation, he has given us the very same spirit of understanding. So let’s forget about the lost “gospel” of Judas and fantasies like the DaVinci Code, and instead approach the life-giving words of the Spirit-breathed Scriptures with zeal and faith. There are so many exciting discoveries to be made!

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 15, 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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