

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	10/01	9:00am / 11:15am	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 21:28-32
Mon	10/02	No Daily Mass	Guardian Angels	Zec 8:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5,10
Tues	10/03	No Daily Mass	26 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Zec 8:20-23 / Lk 9:51-56
Wed	10/04	11:00am (NBVM)	St. Francis of Assisi	Neh 2:1-8 / Lk 9:57-62
Thurs	10/05	11:00am (NBVM)	26 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12 / Lk 10:1-12
Fri	10/06	11:00am (NBVM)	St. Bruno	Bar 1:15-22 / Lk 10:13-16
Sat	10/07	No Daily Mass	Our Lady of the Rosary	Bar 4:5-12,27-29 / Lk 10:17-24
Sat	10/07	5:00pm NBVM	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43
Sun	10/08	9:00am / 11:15am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43

Collection

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

Liturgical Ministers for – 10/07/17 to 10/08/17

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Josh Ellis	Gracie, Christina, Pearl
Lector	Open	Jewell Lee	David Fiel
EME	Deacon Paul	Joe Elbert	Lloyd Hartley
Music	Paula	Jackie & Connie	Open
Hospitality	n/a	Please sign up	Fiel 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.

"But you, Yahweh, are a shield to cover me; you are my Glory, and you hold up my head."
(Psalm 3:4)

Announcements

General:

Please support St. John’s upcoming fundraiser, a casino trip on Oct. 21st, to help raise funds for their 100th anniversary. At our last casino fundraiser, parishioners from both parishes who were not able to go offered scholarships. If you would like to help in this way, or make a donation, please contact Anita Laing at 728-3991. If you happen to have old photos, news clippings,etc., or would like to assist in other ways, here is the list of folks to contact: History/photos, items, contact Carol Sluder at 503-728-3032; Flowers, Solo Nachbaur at 503-728-2624; Decorations, Kathy Reandeau at 503-728-3149; Publicity, Anita Laing at 503-728-3991; Fundraising, Pastoral Council - Kathy Reandeau; Programs/Commemorative items, Pastoral Council - Sandy Hartley at 541-315-5720; Hospitality, Bible Study ladies - Bonnie Romer at 503-728-2084; Liturgy, Fr. Mark and Liturgical Ministers; Current General Information, Angela Guerassio at 503-728-3145.

Nativity:

Bible Study has resumed. It meets every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the hall. All are welcomed to attend. A person can start any time and attend any sessions

St. Johns:

Please support our fundraising trip to the Lucky Eagle Casino scheduled for October 21 to raise money for our 100th Anniversary. Please share information with family and friends. Watch for flyers for details.

SJB 100th Anniversary: Archbishop Alexander Sample will celebrate Mass with us on Sunday, December 3, at 11:15am. Mass will be followed by a reception.

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.

Parable of the Two Sons

There will never be a shortage of words. Words are plentiful because talk is cheap. It’s easy to make a promise. Keeping a promise is an entirely different matter, as the parable of the two sons in Matthew’s Gospel makes abundantly clear.

There are over a billion people on the planet who have solemnly promised to live a life of loving service to God. For that is what baptism and confirmation mean. Millions renew this promise each Sunday. That’s what saying the creed and receiving communion mean. But what do our actions say? Sadly, most baptized Christians have lifestyles that don’t quite match the words they profess. Actions speak louder than words. The tongue often lies. But body language never lies. It reveals our true trajectory, our real priorities.

God’s Word is more than words. His Word is so substantial that it is a Person, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. And this Word was not satisfied to say “I love you.” Rather He leapt into action, stripped Himself of glory, assumed the form of a slave, healed the sick and washed feet. The last and ultimate word of the Word was the Cross, the most eloquent love letter ever written, the final PS of a 33 year life of love in action (Phil 2:1-11).

We don’t need to win God’s favor through perfect deeds. The Son did this for us because we were unable. But we do need to admit our need for him, repent of our sins, accept what Jesus did for us, and seek the will of the Father in the power of the Spirit.

We say “sorry.” But contrition is more than saying sorry. It includes the determination to change one’s life with the help of God’s grace and to avoid “the near occasion of sin.” If we say we regret falling off a cliff and then, soon after, walk right up to the edge again, our actions drown out our weak words. If we go to confession for sexual sin yet continue to watch sex-laden movies, we may be fooling the priest and maybe even ourselves, but we aren’t fooling God.

When in the parable of the two sons, one boy says yes to the will of His Father and fails to do it, there were probably excuses given. “I forgot.” “I’ll get around to it later.” “I was too busy.” “I do more than my fair share—let my brother do it.” God is wise to all this. He hears the real answer being given—“No.”

The younger son shouldn’t have said no to the Father verbally. But he had a change of heart. And his actions revealed that change of heart.

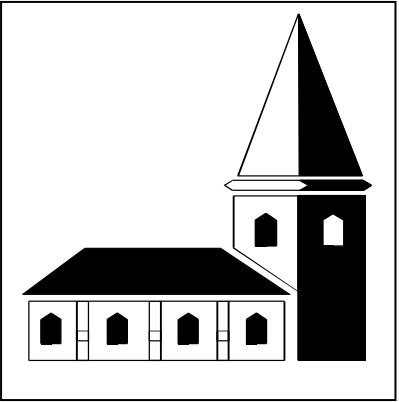
Many can’t see how a loving God could possibly condemn anyone to hell. I think the answer is simple. Yes, he is a loving God who happens also to be an honest God. And he insists that the people he has created free also be honest with themselves and accept responsibility for the answer they freely choose to give to his call. No “maybes.” No “let me think about it.” Just a simple yes or no.

Up until the very end, we have the freedom to change our answers. But the final answers which God reads are not written in Hebrew, Greek, or Roman script, but in the characters formed by our deeds.im here that opens out to eternal glory hereafter.

The first takers for this offer have typically been those most aware of their need for mercy. And this is why the last have usually been first when it comes to the Kingdom of God.

Seems fair to me.

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (Crossroads Initiative)



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

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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