

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	07/15	9:00am / 11:15am	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Am 7:12-15 / Eph 1:3-14 / Mk 6:7-13
Mon	07/16	No Daily Mass	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Is 1:10-17 / Mt 10:34—11:1
Tues	07/17	No Daily Mass	15 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Is 7:1-9 / Mt 11:20-24
Wed	07/18	11am (NBVM)	St. Camillus of Lellis, Priest	Is 10:5-7,13b-16 / Mt 11:25-27
Thurs	07/19	11am (NBVM)	15 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 / Mt 11:28-30
Fri	07/20	11am (NBVM)	St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr	Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 / Mt 12:1-8
Sat	07/21	No Daily Mass	St. Laurence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor	Mi 2:1-5 / Mt 12:14-21
Sat	07/21	5:00pm (NBVM)	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30-34
Sun	07/22	9:00am / 11:15am	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30-34

Collection

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

Liturgical Ministers for – 07/21/18 to 07/22/18

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Ron Haley	Gracie &/or Pearl
Lector	Ivan Jones	Gary Schiedler	Tammy Saltmarsh
EME	Deacon Paul	Brenda Plourde	Gloryann Brace
Music	Paula	Jackie & Connie	“Choir”
Hospitality	n/a	Please sign up	Please volunteer

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.

"His judgments are all before my eyes and I do not put aside his commands."
(Psalm 18:23)

Announcements

General:

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Nativity:

Please remember to contribute to HOPE of Rainier.

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

Bible Study is on break for the summer and will resume in September.

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 Reandeu at 503-728-3149.

Everybody likes free gifts. Advertisers know that a campaign will have much better results if there are free samples or a free gift with every purchase. A friend of mine lived by this motto: when it's free, take two.

But when we receive a favor, we're wise enough to know there has got to be a catch somewhere. The giver usually expects something of us in return.

At the beginning of his letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul tells us that God is the most generous of all givers. In fact his generosity is immeasurable and unlimited. He does not just give us a percentage off the price of our purchase, or a trinket to induce sales. He does not just forgive a few sins and require that we work off the rest of our tab. He entirely cancels the debt, wipes the slate clean and, as a bonus, gives us supernatural insight into the cosmic plan that makes the whole universe tick, the "mystery" that underlies history. He gives us eternal life as a free gift, and as the down-payment on this inheritance, gives us the supernatural power of his own Spirit, dwelling in our hearts.

But of course, there is a catch. We are filled with gifts so that we in turn can become givers. We owe love and worship and gratitude to the Giver, of course. But that's not what He is most concerned with. After all, He is God, perfect in himself, and has no needs. Instead, His preoccupation is with our neighbors who do have needs. What we've received as a gift, He calls us to give as a gift. We are to "pass it forward."

That's why Amos, a simple shepherd and dresser of sycamores, is not just given God's word, but is called to leave his home in Judah to bring that word to the royal sanctuary in Bethel. It's also why fishermen and tax collectors are first called disciples, those who receive and learn the teaching of the master, but are then dubbed "apostles," meaning those who are "sent out" to spread that teaching.

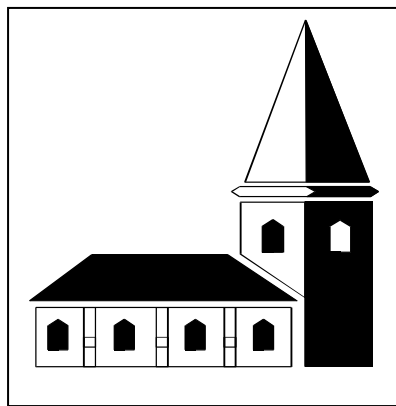
Funny thing, though. When prophets and apostles bring God's gifts to town, not everyone is excited. The King's chaplain told Amos to go home. Jesus warned the apostles that some would not be interested in their message. They were to shake the dust of such towns from their feet and move on.

The scope of these Scriptures, however, is not simply restricted to the job description of professional clergy and foreign missionaries. It is true that the bishops of the Catholic Church are the official successors of the apostles and ultimately bear responsibility for the Church's mission to all nations. In Greek, the word bishop means "overseer" or "superintendent." Their role is not to do it all, but to oversee and direct it all. The Church teaches that every person who is baptized and confirmed receives directly from Christ a mandate to share in the Lord's prophetic mission.

Prophet literally means spokesman. While most of us will never be called to utter oracles that predict the future, we all are called to speak in behalf of God a message that sometimes challenges people and other times brings them comfort. While most of us are not called to the sacrament of Holy Orders, we are all called to the "lay apostolate." And according to the teaching of the Church, we've been amply equipped with the gifts necessary to carry out this mission, endowed with "every spiritual blessing in the heavens" (Ephesians 1:3).

Of course we need to develop these gifts and hone our apostolic skills. We need education and formation. But neither Amos nor the apostles were perfectly polished before they were sent out. If we wait till we know it all, we'll never share it. There comes a point where we just have to take Nike's advice and "just do it!"

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



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 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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