

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 | 07/01 | 9:00am / 11:15am | 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 / 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 / Mk 5:21-43 |
| Mon | 07/02 | No Daily Mass | 13 th Weekday in Ordinary Time | Am 2:6-10,13-16 / Mt 8:18-22 |
| Tues | 07/03 | No Daily Mass | St. Thomas, Apostle | Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29 |
| Wed | 07/04 | 11am (NBVM) | 13 th Weekday in Ordinary Time | Am 5:14-15,21-24 / Mt 8:28-34 |
| Thurs | 07/05 | 11am (NBVM) | St. Elizabeth of Portugal | Am 7:10-17 / Mt 9:1-8 |
| Fri | 07/06 | 11am (NBVM) | St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr | Am 8:4-6,9-12 / Mt 9:9-13 |
| Sat | 07/07 | No Daily Mass | Blessed Virgin Mary | Am 9:11-15 / Mt 9:14-17 |
| Sat | 07/07 | 5:00pm (NBVM) | 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6 |
| Sun | 07/08 | 9:00am / 11:15am | 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6 |

Collection

| Collection | NBVM | SJB |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Budget per Week | [\$1,338.00] | [\$754.00] |
| 5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday | TBA | TBA |
| Building Fund | | |
| Hospitality | | |
| Turning Point | | 45 lbs |
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Liturgical Ministers for – 07/07/18 to 07/08/18

| | NBVM Vigil | NBVM Sunday | SJB Sunday |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Server | Ron Haley | Josh Ellis | Gracie &/or Pearl |
| Lector | Ivan Jones | Estrella Brown | Ed Johnson |
| EME | Deacon Paul | Ron Haley | Lloyd Hartley |
| 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.

"[Yahweh] is my mountain, and I trust in him. He is my shield, my mighty savior, my stronghold, worthy of all praise." (Psalm 18:3b-4)

Announcements

General:

Our new home in Madras is now complete and ready for us, so this is our goodbye to you, our fellow workers in the vineyard. You have been an intimate part of our family life; sometimes even more so than our own extended family. Over the past 52 years we have all loved one another, struggled together to overcome obstacles, cried, dreamed, and brought joy to one another as true Catholic brothers and sisters. Our lives have been lovingly enriched by you, and we will continue to be a part of you in Spirit. Today at the Celebration after Mass we will be able to hug each one of you goodbye. To our brothers and sisters at NBVM, we extend our love and wonderful memories of ministering together, sharing the Sacraments, enjoying one another, especially at your socials over the years, and working together to build our parishes, vicariate, and being a Catholic sign to our communities. Our little home in the central high desert will be open to your visits and we will send our new address and phone as we get settled. We rejoice that we have loved God by loving each of you. Please remember us in your prayers as we transition to a new life, in our old age!

- Love and blessings, Bob and Angela Guerassio

Nativity:

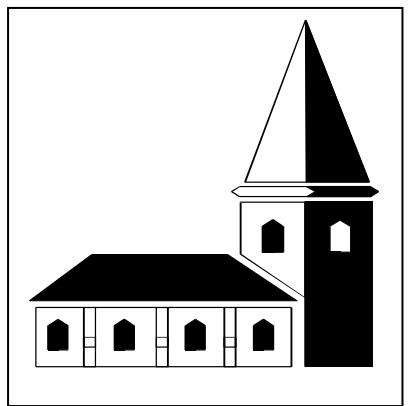
Please remember to sign-up to provide hospitality after Mass.

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 Reandean at 503-728-3149.



In the days when states were still “The Colonies” and men wore powdered wigs, a new way of thinking captured the intelligentsia of the western world. “The miracle stories in the Bible and the lives of the saints may be quaint, entertaining, and even have symbolic meaning. But certainly we should not take them literally! Oh, God exists, for sure. But if the Creator made such a marvelous world, humming along according to the laws of nature which he designed, why would he ever step in and work against those rules? So let’s not be naive.”

Thomas Jefferson went so far as to take scissors and cut all the supernatural stories right out of his Bible, leaving only the moral teaching of Jesus. Others insisted on keeping their bible intact, but reading the miracle stories with a nod and a wink, just like they read Greek mythology. This movement, known as the Enlightenment, was just too sophisticated to take literally such primitive fantasy.

To tell the truth, the Enlightenment raised a very good question. Why would the creator of nature violate natural laws by doing miracles? Perhaps because not everything we experience in this fallen world is so “natural” after all. The first chapter of the book of Wisdom says plainly that death is really not “natural” (Wis. 1:13). God designed human beings to live forever. It was by the envy of the devil that death came into the world, and the spiritual death resulting from the sin of our first parents had a disastrous impact on all of creation. One of the foremost Enlightenment philosophers, Gottfried Leibniz, said that the world we live in was the best of all possible worlds. Genesis and the book of Wisdom beg to differ.

So perhaps God works miracles, and defies seemingly “natural” laws, to restore nature, to rescue his creation from the degradation and misery that sin has let loose in the world. Plus, in the case of truly natural laws, if He created nature, he is above nature. “Nature” comes from the Latin word for birth. Nature is that which has been born, which has come into existence. Our God, unlike the gods of the Greek and Roman myths, has no beginning or end. He was, He is, and He is to come. He is therefore transcendent, above nature, super-natural.

This is point Mark’s gospel is making when it tells us about Jesus calming the storm, healing the woman with the flow of blood, and raising Jairus’ daughter. Standing in front of Jesus, we are in the presence of Mystery. He does not plead or conjure or recite incantations. He does supernatural things not through petition but by word of command. Sophisticated skepticism is a useless response to Him. So is fear. If I want to experience the saving, life-giving power that He offers me, the only useful and appropriate response is faith. Before the tragedies and challenges of life in this imperfect world, this is what faith says: “I can’t, He can, and I think I’ll let Him.”

Many children were ill in Galilee on that day. But only Jairus believed that Jesus could do something about it, and let him, despite the ridicule of his friends. Many adults physically touched Jesus on that day as he made his way through the crowd, but only one woman believed Jesus could heal her. She had the boldness to reach out and touch him with expectant faith, and healing power flowed out of him, changing her life forever.

If the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of this supernatural miracle worker, why we don’t see more healing, miracles, and sanctification going on in the lives of communicants?

Maybe it’s because many who shuffle forward in communion lines each Sunday are like the nameless people who bumped into Jesus in the square but were too busy to notice and too jaded to expect anything. Or maybe it’s because we’re just too “enlightened” to take such quaint Bible stories too seriously.

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

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 1, 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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