

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: By appointment until further notice (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: 8:15am on Sundays / 4:15pm on Saturdays

Day	Date	Time	Feast	Mass Readings
Sun	09/18	9:00am / 11:15am	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13
Mon	09/19	No Daily Mass	St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr	Prv 3:27-34 / Lk 8:16-18
Tues	09/20	No Daily Mass	St Andrew Kim Taegon & comp	Prv 21:1-6,10-13 / Lk 8:19-21
Wed	09/21	11:00am NBVM	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	Eph 4:1-7,11-13 / Mt 9:9-13
Thurs	09/22	11:00am NBVM	25 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Eccl 1:2-11 / Lk 9:7-9
Fri	09/23	11:00am NBVM	St Padre Pio	Eccl 3:1-11 / Lk 9:18-22
Sat	09/24	No Daily Mass	Blessed Virgin Mary	Eccl 11:9--12:8 / Lk 9:43b-45
Sat	09/24	5:00pm NBVM	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Am 6:1a,4-7 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31
Sun	09/25	9:00am / 11:15am	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Am 6:1a,4-7 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,500.00]	[\$1,000.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$1,319.00	\$430.00
Building (Savings) Fund	\$30.00	\$20.00

Mass Intentions: The intention for the Sunday Mass is for the whole parish.

Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:

Liturgical Ministers for 09/25/2022

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Ron Haley	n/a
Lector	Brenda Plourde	Estrella Brown	Dyna Van Dolah
EME	Sacristan	Sacristan	Renee Stemper
Music	Volunteer	Volunteer	Stempers
Hospitality	Jewel Lee	Sign up	Sign up

Bulletin: Announcements need to be received by Wednesday at 7:00pm for inclusion in that weekend's bulletin. Items can be emailed to nbvm.sjb.bulletin@gmail.com or call Deacon Paul at 503-396-8554.

"Rescue me from the Land of Tears, O God, my God; O my Savior, let my tongue shout your generosity."
(Psalm 51:16)

Announcements

General:

Rosary Bowl - Come pray with us! Join us for the 16th Annual Rosary Bowl NW – A Marian and Eucharistic Celebration: Saturday, October 1st from 9am-3pm at the East Salem Community Center, 1850 45th Ave., NE, Salem. Conveniently located east of I-5 (Market Street Exit) For details: www.rosarybowlnw.org or email: info@rosarybowlnw.org.

Reconciliation—Parishioners can call Father Mark to make an appointment. You can also contact a neighboring parish to schedule time with a priest. [St. Frederic – 503-397-0148; St. Wenceslaus – 503-543-2110; St. Rose – 360-425-4660; St. Birgitta – 503-286-3929.]

Nativity:

Sunday **hospitality** will be twice a month instead of every week. There will be a sign up in the back of the church.

The **Pastoral Council** will meet Saturday, September 24, at 2:00pm in the hall.

Bible Study -- Will begin **Wednesday, September 28** in the hall. Class will be from 6:30-7:30, it may extend to 8:00 if all participants agree. We will be studying the Gospel of John using the Ignatius study guide. I purchased 10 copies and will hand out in the first week. Please read the first chapter of the Gospel of John before class. We will also continue studying the catechism. We left off on paragraph 74 for those who wish to join and catch up before the first class. Please contact me by texting or calling **503-998-9172** as I want to make sure I have enough study guides. I look forward to learning with you - Connie Ramos

St. Johns:

Hospitality – Hospitality is the second Sunday of the month. A sign-up is available in the back of the church.

Please remember to donate for replacing the church roof. If you choose to do so, mark your check or an envelope designating the contribution to the **roof fund**.

Turning Point – please donate unexpired canned goods.

Choir practice is before Mass on Sundays. Everyone interested in singing is encouraged to attend. **Please bring your missals and music issues.**

Why does the Church use candles?

Every time we attend Mass, there are candles on the altar.

Sometimes two. Sometimes four. Sometimes six or more. At some Masses, there are dozens and dozens of them.

In nearly every church, votive candles burn before statues and sacred images.

For us Catholics, they are omnipresent, automatically turning our thoughts and minds to prayer, to worship, to God.

But why does the Church use candles? What do they actually symbolize?

Primarily, the candles—with their burning, light-giving flame—represent Christ, the Light of the World.

Candles are traditionally made of 100% beeswax, which symbolizes the pure flesh of Our Lord, received from His immaculate Virgin Mother. (Although candles are not required to be pure beeswax, they must at least contain some percentage of that wax.) The wick, enrobed in the wax, represents His soul, and the flame His divinity.

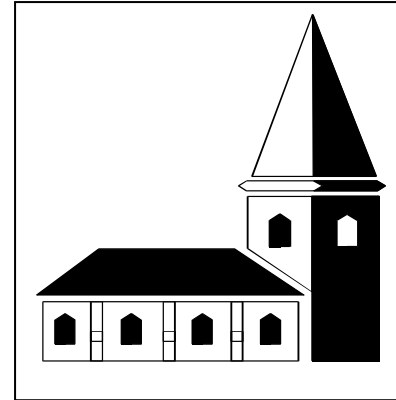
Since we offer Christ Himself on the altar in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is only fitting that such a powerful symbol of Christ should be a required element in the Mass.

The layers of meaning in candles run deep. They symbolize our prayers rising up to God. They also contain the idea of sacrifice, since they are an offering made by human hands that we burn—often on an altar—and which is consumed as it is used. During the Mass, candles are a vivid representation of Christ offering Himself to the Father through the hands of the priest.

Candles represent the burning light of faith that compels us to adore God and bring our petitions to Him. And, of course, flame reminds us of the Holy Spirit, the very Love of God dwelling within the hearts of the faithful and sanctifying our prayers and sacrifices.

Our use of candles need not be confined to those times that we are physically in church—many people light candles at home, too, as part of their personal prayer.

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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022

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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