

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	11/19	9:00am / 11:15am	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 / 1 Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30
Mon	11/20	No Daily Mass	33 rd Weekday in Ordinary Time	1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 / Lk 18:35-43
Tues	11/21	No Daily Mass	The Presentation	2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10
Wed	11/22	11:00am (NBVM)	St. Cecilia	2 Mc 7:1,20-31 / Lk 19:11-28
Thurs	11/23	10:00am (NBVM)	Thanksgiving	Sir 50:22-24 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19
Fri	11/24	11:00am (NBVM)	St Andrew Dung-Lac & companions	1 Mc 4:36-37 / Lk 19:45-48
Sat	11/25	No Daily Mass	Blessed Virgin Mary	1 Mc 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40
Sat	11/25	5:00pm NBVM	Christ the King	Ez 34:11-12,15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 / Mt 25:31-46
Sun	11/26	9:00am / 11:15am	Christ the King	Ez 34:11-12,15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 / Mt 25:31-46

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,338.00]	[\$754.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$1,402.00	\$338.00
Building Fund		
Hospitality (100 th Anniversary)		\$150.00
Bazaar (Building Fund)	\$197.00	

Liturgical Ministers for – 11/25/17 to 11/26/17				
	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday	Thanksgiving NBVM
Server	Ron Haley	Emma Hisey	Gracie, Christina, Pearl	Ron Haley
Lector	Open	Brenda Plourde	Mannie Mustola	Jewell Lee
EME	Deacon Paul	Del Elbert	Lloyd Hartley	Anne Greer
Music	Connie	Paula & Jackie	Carol Fiel & “choir”	TBA
Hospitality	n/a	Please sign up	Linda Rochon	Whole Parish

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.

"Offer sacrifices that are fitting, and put your trust in Yahweh." (Psalm 4:6)

Announcements

General:

There will be Mass Thanksgiving Day at 10:00am at Nativity.

Nativity:

Bible Study: There is no Bible Study this Wednesday, November 22nd.

St. Johns:

TURNING POINT: This year our focus will be the collection of food for Turning Point Christmas food boxes. Items to serve at the Christmas table will be a priority. Non-perishable food can be brought to church and placed in the collection box for the next three weeks. Any perishable food can be taken to the Center during that time also. Let us once again remember the less fortunate in our community.

100th ANNIVERSARY: next Sunday, November 26, after Mass, TRAINING for all liturgical ministers for the Mass. All those involved are asked to make these preparatory meetings a priority. December 3rd is just around the corner.

HOSPITALITY SURVEY: The Pastoral Council will be conducting a survey after Mass to assess our Sunday hospitality ministry. Please watch the bulletin for the date these will be distributed to parishioners. Questions can be addressed to Bonnie Romer.

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.

Parable of the Talents

I’ve seen it time and time again. Someone decides to seek a better paying job, or pursue and investment strategy, or launch a new business. Invariably some pious person in the parish objects that maybe this is too worldly, that it will be a distraction from Church and family priorities, that one should be satisfied with what one has.

You’d think from this that faith equals passivity. That the only perfect Christian is the cloistered contemplative. That mildness is the greatest of Christian virtues.

There are a number of Scripture texts that shatter this picture. One is the image of the ideal wife in Proverbs 31. The Blessed Virgin Mary read this passage and, as the most perfect of Israelite wives, most probably modeled herself after the woman portrayed here. Does the Proverbs 31 woman sit around passively, praying a lot, and wearing beige? No. The first few verses of the chapter poetically tell how she is more valuable than pearls, a true prize.

The rest of the passage tell us why she is such a catch—she knows how to roll up her sleeves and hustle. The passage tells of her side business ventures that increase the family’s wealth, which she shares with the poor. Of course if she hadn’t worked so shrewdly and diligently, there would not be anything to share with the poor.

Another Scripture that shatters the picture of Christianity as passivity is the famous parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Note that it is money (yes money!) that the master entrusts to his various servants, different amounts according to varying abilities. Two servants realize that the master wants a return on his capital, so they invest it and each double it. The master does not expect to get the same sum back from these two because they started with different amounts. But they both received the exact same praise because they both gave him a hundred per cent return.

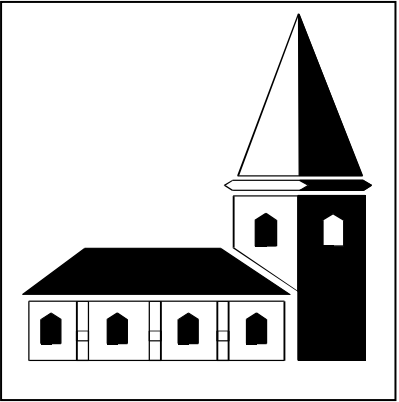
The servant of least ability, on the other hand, buried the money to make sure he didn’t lose it. Instead of praising him for being conservative, the master is outraged. If you entrusted your retirement nest egg to a stockbroker and years later it had not grown at all, would you be happy? The master was angry because the servant had allowed fear to paralyze him. So afraid was he of losing money that he did not even take the very modest risk of depositing the money in the bank (there was no FDIC insurance in those days).

The Lord has entrusted lots of things to us: money, natural talents, spiritual gifts, the saving truth of the Gospel. He expects us not just to conserve these things but to grow them. In the Last Supper discourse (John 15) he speaks of the disciples as bearing much fruit. In the Parable of the Sower and the Seed (Mt 13:1-23, Mk 4:1-20, and Lk 8:1-15) he speaks of grain that bear 30, 60, and 100 fold. Whatever labor we are engaged in—economic, family, apostolic—the goal should be to develop, increase, and grow what God has given us, for his honor and glory. This inevitably involves taking risks. It means not letting the fear of failure stop us from pursuing success.

One of the greatest Catholic thinkers of the 20th century was a Swiss priest named Hans Urs von Balthasar. He once pointed out that one of the most frequently used words in the book of Acts was the Greek word parrhesia, meaning cheerful boldness in the face of danger and opposition. Without such boldness, Christianity would have stalled in Jerusalem. It never would have made it to Antioch, Greece, and Rome.

Faithfulness to God means having the courage to take bold initiatives in pastoral life, family life, and business, to be creative, even entrepreneurial, to express our gratitude to God for all that He has given us by making it grow.

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (Crossroads Initiative / www.crossroadsinitiative.com)



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 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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