

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	12/18	9:00am / 11:15am	4 th Sunday of Advent	Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24
Mon	12/19	No Daily Mass	Octave before Christmas	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
Tues	12/20	No Daily Mass	Octave before Christmas	Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38
Wed	12/21	11:00am NBVM	Octave before Christmas	Sg 2:8-14 / Lk 1:39-45
Thurs	12/22	11:00am NBVM	Octave before Christmas	1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56
Fri	12/23	11:00am NBVM	Octave before Christmas	Mal 3:1-4,23-24 / Lk 1:57-66
Sat	12/24	No Daily Mass	Octave before Christmas	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Lk 1:67-79
Sat	12/24	5:00pm / 8:00pm	Christmas Eve (Vigil) (Night)	Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17,22-25 / Mt 1:1-25
Sun	12/25	10:00am NBVM	Christmas Day (Dawn)	Is 62:11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,500.00]	[\$1,000.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday		
Building (Savings) Fund		
Flowers		
Turning Point		20 lbs

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

Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:

Liturgical Ministers for 12/25/2022

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Ron Haley	n/a
Lector	Brenda Plourde	Jewel Lee	Dyna Van Dolah
EME	Sacristan	Sacristan	Gloryann Brace
Music	Volunteer	Volunteer	Stempers
Hospitality	n/a	Gloria & Anne	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.

"The Redeemer listens to my voice."
(Psalm 55:18b)

Announcements

General:

Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve 5:00pm at St. Johns and 8:00pm at Nativity. Christmas Day 10:00am at Nativity. [Even though Christmas is on a Sunday, the only Mass that day will be the 10:00am at Nativity.]

If you wish to make any tax-deductible contributions to the church, please do so before December 31.

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. Sign up in the back of the church.

Bible Study – Bible Study will resume January 4. We begin with chapter 9 of the Gospel of John. Contact Connie Ramos by text or phone at **503-998-9172** for information.

St. Johns:

Hospitality – January hospitality will be on January 8. Sign-up is in the back of the church.

Turning Point – please donate unexpired canned goods.

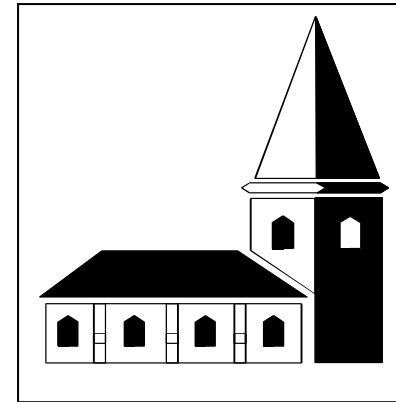
Choir practice is before Mass on Sundays. Everyone interested in singing is encouraged to attend. **Please bring your missals and music issues.**

Jesus compares himself to a mother hen who longs to gather her chicks under her wing. As the theologian N.T. Wright points out, this is much more than a sentimental image. It refers to the gesture of a hen when fire is sweeping through the barn. In order to protect her chicks, she will sacrifice herself, gathering them under her wing and using her own body as a shield.

On the cross, Jesus used, as it were, his own sacrificed body as a shield, taking the full force of the world's hatred and violence. He entered into close quarters with sin (because that's where we sinners are found) and allowed the heat and fury of sin to destroy him, even as he protected us.

With this metaphor in mind, we can see, with special clarity, why the first Christians associated the crucified Jesus with the suffering servant of Isaiah. By enduring the pain of the cross, Jesus did indeed bear our sins; by his stripes we were indeed healed.

Bishop Robert Barron



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(East 2nd & "D" Street; Rainier)

St. John the Baptist

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4th Sunday of Advent

December 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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