

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	07/17	9:00am / 11:15am	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gn 18:1-10a / Col 1:24-28 / Lk 1:38-42
Mon	07/18	No Daily Mass	16 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mi 6:1-4,6-8 / Mt 12:38-42
Tues	07/19	No Daily Mass	16 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mi 7:14-15,18-20 / Mt 12:46-50
Wed	07/20	11:00am NBVM	16 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Jer 1:1,4-10 / Mt 13:1-9
Thurs	07/21	11:00am NBVM	16 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13 / Mt 13:10-17
Fri	07/22	11:00am NBVM	St Mary Magdalen	Sgs 3:1-4b / Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Sat	07/23	No Daily Mass	Blessed Virgin Mary	Jer 7:1-11 / Mt 13:24-30
Sat	07/23	5:00pm NBVM	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gn 18:20-32 / Col 2:12-14 / Lk 11:1-13
Sun	07/24	9:00am / 11:15am	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gn 18:20-32 / Col 2:12-14 / Lk 11:1-13

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,500.00]	[\$1,000.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$1,679.00	\$425.00
Building (Savings) Fund	\$30.00	\$120.00
Turning Point		30 lbs.

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

Wednesday: Phil Dechaine
Thursday: Phil Dechaine
Friday: Phil Dechaine

Liturgical Ministers for 07/24/2022

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Ron Haley	n/a
Lector	Kathy Meier	Jewel Lee	Dyna Van Dolah
EME	Sacristan	Sacristan	Renee Stemper
Music	Volunteer	Volunteer	Stempers
Hospitality	n/a	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.

"The very heavens will announce his just claim: that he is the God of fair judgement."
(Psalm 50:6)

Announcements

General:

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:

John Chesebro is at St. Johns Hospital in Longview. He is in room #709.

Annual garage/rummage sale – The sale will be August 5th & 6th from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Set up time will be Monday, August 1 from 10:00am to 1:00pm; Tuesday, August 2 from 9:00am to 12:00pm; Wednesday, August 3 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Please bring only clean items starting Monday, August 1st at 10:00am. No clothing or shoes will be accepted. If you are unsure about your item, please contact Estrella at 971-404-8472.

Bible Study is on summer hiatus until September. If you have questions, contact Connie Ramos at 503-998-9172.

St. Johns:

Hospitality – there will be hospitality after Mass on the first Sundays of the month. A sign-up sheet is 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.**

Why do we bless salt, of all things?

What's the basis behind the powerful blessings associated with salt?

It's fairly easy to understand why we bless water. Water is cleansing, hydrating, and full of symbolism. We use it in Baptism, etc. Water is a necessity of life. The Bible is full of events that involve this element.

But did you know that the Church blesses salt, too?

It does—and a powerful blessing it is. Blessed salt is a sacramental that is strongly associated with protection from demonic influences. Demons hate it. It is thus used in exorcisms, as protection in homes and living spaces, is often added to holy water, and is used in the older rite of baptism.

But why salt, of all apparently-random things?

Salt in the ancient world was a valuable substance. Roman soldiers were, in fact, often paid in salt (Latin: sal), which is where we get the word "salary" from. Because it has a preservative effect, it was used to preserve food and also used medicinally to prevent infections. In a related way, it symbolized immortality and preservation from spiritual corruption. It saw use in both pagan and Jewish religious rituals.

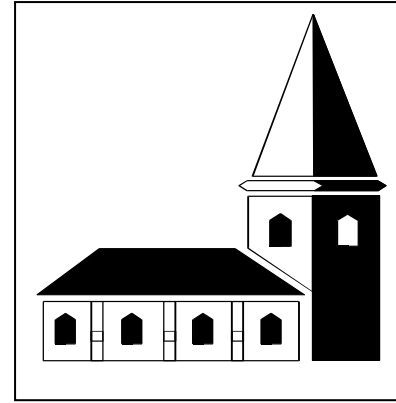
Okay, you think. So it was valuable, anti-physical-and-spiritual-corruption, and anti-sickness. This is starting to make sense.

We even have a scriptural basis for our use of salt, such as Elisha's blessing of the sickening waters of Jericho in the second book of Kings. This event is recalled in the present-day blessing of salt.

Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it, and said, "Thus says the Lord, I have made this water wholesome; henceforth neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it." So the water has been wholesome to this day, according to the word which Elisha spoke.—2 Kings 2:21-22

Salt is therefore highly symbolic and its use is well-supported by Scripture. Additionally, it has always been used for flavoring and hence is associated with hospitality, good cheer, welcome, and love of neighbor—all things the devil hates.

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 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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