

**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   | 07/25 | 9:00am / 11:15am | 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  | 2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15         |
| Mon   | 07/26 | No Daily Mass    | Sts Joachim & Anne                        | Ex 32:15-24,30-34 / Mt 13:31-35               |
| Tues  | 07/27 | No Daily Mass    | 17 <sup>th</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time | Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9,28 / Mt 13:36-43          |
| Wed   | 07/28 | 11:00am NBVM     | 17 <sup>th</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time | Ex 34:29-35 / Mt 13:44-46                     |
| Thurs | 07/29 | 11:00am NBVM     | St. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus               | Ex 40:16-21,34-38 / Jn 11:19-27               |
| Fri   | 07/30 | 11:00am NBVM     | St Peter Chrysologus                      | Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37 / Mt 13:54-58    |
| Sat   | 07/31 | No Daily Mass    | St Ignatius Loyola                        | Lv 25:1,8-17 / Mt 14:1-12                     |
| Sat   | 07/31 | 5:00pm NBVM      | 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  | Ex 16:2-4,12-15 / Eph 4:17,20-24 / Jn 6:24-35 |
| Sun   | 08/01 | 9:00am / 11:15am | 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  | Ex 16:2-4,12-15 / Eph 4:17,20-24 / Jn 6:24-35 |

**Collection**

| Collection                 | NBVM                | SJB               |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Budget per Week</b>     | <b>[\$1,338.00]</b> | <b>[\$754.00]</b> |
| 5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday | \$1,271.00          | \$880.00          |
| Building (Savings) Fund    | \$418.00            | \$30.00           |
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**Liturgical Ministers for 8/1**

|             | NBVM Vigil | NBVM Sunday | SJB Sunday            |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Server      |            |             |                       |
| Lector      |            |             | <b>Mannie Mustola</b> |
| EME         |            |             | <b>Carol Sluder</b>   |
| Music       |            |             |                       |
| Hospitality | n/a        | n/a         | n/a                   |

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

**Wednesday:**  
**Thursday:**  
**Friday:**

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](mailto:nbvm.sjb.bulletin@gmail.com) or call Deacon Paul at 503-396-8554.

"Just watch the man of integrity, just observe the man of honesty; there is a future for the man of peace." (Psalm 37:37)

*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:**

The Rosary has resumed. It is at 4:15pm on Saturdays and 8:15am on Sundays.

The Monday, July 26, meeting has been cancelled as the hall is being re-roofed that day.

**Bible Study** is on summer break. It will resume in September.

Please don't forget to contribute to HOPE, especially during this time.

**St. Johns:**

Don't forget to contribute to Turning Point, especially during this time.

Do Catholics worship statues?

Church teaching is very clear about how Catholics view statues. Those who accuse Catholics of worshipping statues misunderstand the purpose of statues.

The First Commandment says not to worship false idols. In the Old Testament, we see the Israelites create a golden calf to worship instead of God. This is idolatry.

But Catholics don't worship statues. We do, however, venerate them.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that, in the Old Testament, God allowed the Israelites to make certain images to use as symbols to help them point their minds towards heaven (CCC 2130). The Catechism also explains that we can venerate statues and images (CCC 2132). However, to venerate is not the same as to worship. To venerate means to pay respect, while worshiping is adoration that belongs to God alone.

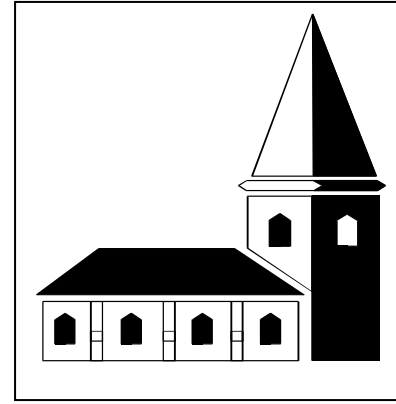
Statues and other pieces of religious artwork are sacred symbols because they help us raise our minds to what they symbolize: God Incarnate and all His saints.

For instance, a crucifix is a common Catholic statue. We don't pray to a crucifix; we pray to Christ, and the crucifix is a visual reminder of Christ's sacrificial love for each of us. We human beings are body and soul, not just soul; we are physical creatures that benefit from physical representations of invisible realities.

The Church has a long history of using statues. In the early Church, most people couldn't read or write. Also, before the invention of the printing press in the fifteenth century, very few people had access to books, including the Bible. Many were illiterate. As a result, many clergy used religious art to depict the story of salvation history for those who could not read.

Statues and religious artwork help us focus on holy realities, which is why we act reverently toward them. But Catholics don't pray to statues or worship them. The Church embraces statues and other sacred artwork as symbols of who we are praying to and the salvation that we are praying for.

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## *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

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## *17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*July 25, 2021*

### *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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