

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 | 01/15 | 9:00am / 11:15am | 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Is 49:3,5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34 |
| Mon | 01/16 | No Daily Mass | 2 nd Weekday in Ordinary Time | Heb 5:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22 |
| Tues | 01/17 | No Daily Mass | St Antony, Abbot | Heb 6:10-20 / Mk 2:23-28 |
| Wed | 01/18 | 11:00am NBVM | 2 nd Weekday in Ordinary Time | Heb 7:1-3,15-17 / Mk 3:1-6 |
| Thurs | 01/19 | 11:00am NBVM | 2 nd Weekday in Ordinary Time | Heb 7:25—8:6 / Mk 3:7-12 |
| Fri | 01/20 | 11:00am NBVM | St Sebastian, Martyr | Heb 8:6-13 / Mk 3:13-19 |
| Sat | 01/21 | No Daily Mass | St Agnes, Virgin & Martry | Heb 9:2-3,11-14 / Mk 3:20-21 |
| Sat | 01/21 | 5:00pm NBVM | 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Is 8:23—9:3 / 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 / Mt 4:12-23 |
| Sun | 01/22 | 9:00am / 11:15am | 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Is 8:23—9:3 / 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 / Mt 4:12-23 |

Collection

| Collection | NBVM | SJB |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Budget per Week | [\$1,500.00] | [\$1,000.00] |
| 5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday | \$2,537.00 | \$152.00 |
| Building (Savings) Fund | | \$70.00 |
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Mass Intentions: The intention for the Sunday Mass is for the whole parish.

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Liturgical Ministers for 01/22/2023

| | NBVM Vigil | NBVM Sunday | SJB Sunday |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Server | Ron Haley | Ron Haley | n/a |
| Lector | Brenda Plourde | Estrella Brown | Renee Stemper |
| EME | Sacristan | Sacristan | Suzy Breeden |
| 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.

"I trust in God and will not be afraid. What can man do against me?"
(Psalm 56:12)

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 **Pastoral Council** will meet Saturday, January 28, at 2:00pm in the hall.

Sunday, February 19, is Septuagesima Sunday, the traditional beginning of the Pre-Lenten season. Years ago, we observed Shrove Tuesday with an evening potluck. We would like to observe Septuagesima Sunday with a potluck after the 9:00 Mass. All are welcome, even if you usually attend the Saturday Vigil. This breakfast will give us an opportunity to meet new parishioners who have joined our church the past year, to visit with parishioners we have not seen in a while, and greet potential parishioners. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the church. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

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

Bible Study – Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the hall. Contact Connie Ramos by text or phone at **503-998-9172** for information.

St. Johns:

The **Pastoral Council** meets today after Mass.

Hospitality – Hospitality is on the first Sunday of the month. 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.**

What did Tolkien call “the one great thing to love on earth”?

The famous Catholic author J.R.R. Tolkien was referring to the Blessed Sacrament.

In a letter to his son, Michael, he wrote:

Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ... There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth, and more than that...

When we think of Tolkien, perhaps we don't think of anything else but the fact that he was a great writer. If we're not fantasy readers, we probably don't think about him at all, though most of us have heard of his classic works *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

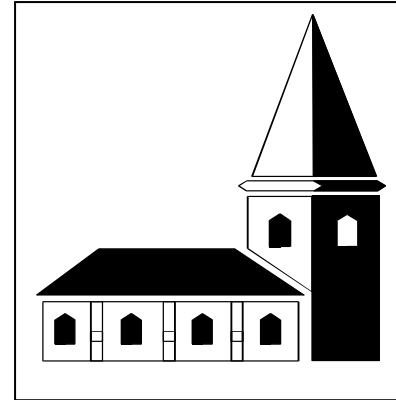
But there's much more to Tolkien than his books. His life—much like ours—was no fairy tale. His faith—in which his extraordinary imagination was rooted—was tried and tested by unbelievable trials.

He lost his father and mother early. Most of his friends who were with him in the trenches of World War I were killed. He saw the world go from one global conflict to another, and surely was grieved by the loss of faith in an increasingly secular and modern world.

But his faith was his guiding light. He was deeply devoted to the Holy Eucharist, finding in it a place of refuge from the inevitable trials of this world. More than that, he found that everything—even suffering—was transformed by the Eucharist, gaining an eternal meaning in the context of Christ's love made present on the altar.

So whatever the challenges in your life, the Eucharist is your anchor. Frequent and devout reception of Holy Communion is essential to our spiritual lives. We should also work into our schedules some regular Adoration, where we will find peace and refreshment amidst all our difficulties.

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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2023

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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