

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	10/15	9:00am / 11:15am	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14,19-20
Mon	10/16	No Daily Mass	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	Rom 1:1-7 / Lk 11:29-32
Tues	10/17	No Daily Mass	St. Ignatius of Antioch	Rom 1:16-25 / Lk 11:37-41
Wed	10/18	11:00am (NBVM)	St. Luke	2 Tm 4:10-17b / Lk 10:1-9
Thurs	10/19	11:00am (NBVM)	St. John of Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues	Rom 3:21-30 / Lk 11:47-54
Fri	10/20	11:00am (NBVM)	St. Paul of the Cross	Rom 4:1-8 / Lk 12:1-7
Sat	10/21	No Daily Mass	Blessed Virgin Mary	Rom 4:13,16-18 / Lk 12:8-12
Sat	10/21	5:00pm NBVM	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 45:1,4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21
Sun	10/15	9:00am / 11:15am	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 45:1,4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21

Collection

Collection	NBVM (9/24)	SJB (9/24)	NBVM (10/01)	SJB (10/01)	NBVM (10/08)	SJB (10/08)
<b>Budget per Week</b>	<b>[\$1,338.00]</b>	<b>[\$754.00]</b>	<b>[\$1,338.00]</b>	<b>[\$754.00]</b>	<b>[\$1,338.00]</b>	<b>[\$754.00]</b>
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$1,296.00	\$772.00	\$1,387.00	\$291.00	\$1,304.00	\$349.00
Building Fund					\$2,070.00	
Building Fund Safety Grant					\$6,950.00	
Bible Sales & Holy Water Bottles	\$26.00 & \$60.03					
Hospitality	\$3.00			\$26.00		
Hall Rental						\$50.00

Liturgical Ministers for – 10/21/17 to 10/22/17

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Hannah Hisey	Gracie, Christina, Pearl
Lector	Open	Estrella Brown	Mannie Mustola
EME	Deacon Paul	Rick Brown	Tracy Points
Music	Open	Jackie & Connie	Carol Fiel & “choir”
Hospitality	n/a	Please sign up	Brace & Saltmarsh

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 503-556-0511 or 503-396-8554.

"I can lie down and sleep, and then awake, for Yahweh sustains me." (Psalm 3:6)

Announcements

General:

There will be a **joint liturgy and environment meeting** (NBVM & SJB) on Thursday, October 26, after the 11:00am daily Mass at NBVM.

There is a **second collection** next week for **World Mission Sunday**. Attached are envelopes.

**All Souls Day** - Thursday, November 2, at 1:00pm at SJB hall – Widows Dessert with a presentation by Fr. Mark. This day of support for our widows from SJB and NBVM is sponsored by the SJB Pastoral Council. To reserve your place, please call Angela at 503-728-3145 or [orazione@charter.net](mailto:orazione@charter.net). Please bring a photo of your husband for a Memorial Table.

**SJB 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - If you would like to assist, here is the list of folks to contact: History/photos, items, contact Carol Sluder at 503-728-3032; Flowers, Solo Nachbaur at 503-728-2624; Decorations, Kathy Reandeau at 503-728-3149; Publicity, Anita Laing at 503-728-3991; Fundraising, Pastoral Council - Kathy Reandeau; Programs/Commemorative items, Pastoral Council - Sandy Hartley at 541-315-5720; Hospitality, Bible Study ladies - Bonnie Romer at 503-728-2084; Liturgy, Fr. Mark and Liturgical Ministers; Current General Information, Angela Guerassio at 503-728-3145.

Nativity:

The **Pastoral Council** will meet Thursday, October 19, at 6:00pm in the hall.

**Annual Christmas bazaar** will be Nov. 3 & 4. We will need volunteers to set up, clean up, bake items, etc. The ladies have worked all year sewing and creating. Do your Christmas shopping early. If you have any questions, please call Estrella at (503)728 0249

**Bible Study** has resumed. It meets every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the hall. All are welcomed to attend. A person can start any time and attend any sessions.

St. Johns:

SJB 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Archbishop Alexander Sample will celebrate Mass with us on Sunday, December 3, at 11:15am. Mass will be followed by a reception.

**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 Reandeau at 503-728-3149.

### King’s Wedding Feast

At age 16, life was about rock ‘n roll. If my own band was not performing on Saturday night, I was out in the audience, watching another band. It would have never occurred to me to spend my Saturday nights at a Catholic conference or retreat. True, no matter how late I was out, I’d never miss Sunday Mass. But that’s not because it was the source and summit of my life. It was because I didn’t want to go to hell. Being roasted over an open fire for all eternity definitely did not appeal to me. But neither did wasting my Saturday night in a Church event that was not strictly required by divine law.

Why is this? Because I craved fun, joy, adventure and fulfillment. And Church was the last place I expected to find any of these things. Heaven was described as “eternal rest.” Nothing could have sounded more boring.

But in the gospel of Matthew (22:1-14), the kingdom of Heaven is not described in terms of an endless ceremony or angels sitting on clouds playing harps. It is painted in the colors of a wedding feast– a boisterous, energizing celebration with delectable food, choice wine, dancing, laughter, and fellowship. But not just any wedding feast. This party will be fit for a king since the bridegroom is a prince. Obviously, the royal Host will spare no expense and it will be truly a gala affair.

But when the King’s representatives issue personal invitations to this party of the century, there are few takers. Perhaps part of it is the fault of the messengers. Maybe their blank faces and monotone voices confirmed the worst suspicions of the invited guests – that anything put on by the King will be a crashing bore. But where did this suspicion come from in the first place?

Isaiah speaks of a veil that covers all peoples, a web that is woven over all nations (Is. 25:6-10). It is a web of deceit that has been woven not by a spider, but by the serpent that first deceived Eve. In fact, it is an immense propaganda campaign that is subtly woven into the message of movies, TV shows, and print advertising. It even shows up in teachers’ lesson plans and athletes’ locker room conversations.

The message is simple–“do what God says and you’ll have no life. His Kingdom is at worst about slavery, at best endless boredom. Either reject him or, if you really have to believe in him, just don’t waste too much time and energy on religion. Give the obligatory nod to God and go out and get a life.”

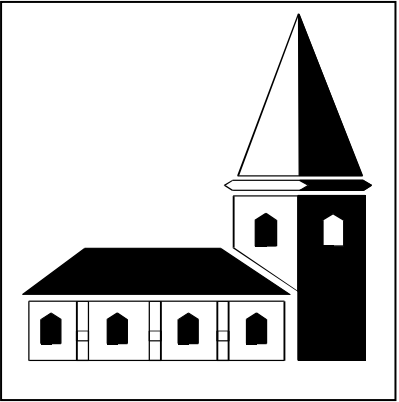
That’s why rock concerts and football games have sellout crowds but we often have to pull teeth to fill a church. That’s why the king in the parable had a hard time getting his invited guests to fill his banquet hall.

Be honest. Do you see the pursuit of the Kingdom as a joyful romp or as a tiresome chore? When it comes to your spiritual life, do you do the bare minimum or do you grab for all the gusto you can? When opportunities arise to grow spiritually, do you make excuses that you’re too tired or too busy or do you make the Kingdom of God top priority?

The Catholic tradition speaks of “Seven Deadly Sins.” One of the sneakiest and deadliest is often overlooked, which is exactly why it is sneaky and deadly. It is called “sloth” or spiritual laziness. The symptoms? The sloth perceives the kingdom of God to be boring and so can find no energy to pursue it. Everything else–work, kids’ soccer games, Superbowl parties, shopping – takes precedence so that the sloth never gets around to seeking God.

A wise monk once told me that the greatest sin of our sex-saturated, hyperactive culture was not lust but ironically that spiritual laziness called sloth. I think he was on to something.

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (Crossroads Initiative)



### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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(High Street; Clatskanie)

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### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 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.*

#### NBVM Volunteer Staff

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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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