

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	09/24	9:00am / 11:15am	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24,27a
Mon	09/25	No Daily Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time	Ezr 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18
Tues	09/26	No Daily Mass	St. Cosmas & St. Damien	Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20 / Lk 8:19-21
Wed	09/27	11:00am (NBVM)	St. Vincent de Paul	Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6
Thurs	09/28	11:00am (NBVM)	St. Wenceslaus	Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9
Fri	09/29	11:00am (NBVM)	Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael	Dn 7:9-10,13-14 / Jn 1:47-51
Sat	09/30	No Daily Mass	St. Jerome	Zec 2:5-9,14-15a / Lk 9:43b-45
Sat	09/30	5:00pm NBVM	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 21:28-32
Sun	10/01	9:00am / 11:15am	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 21:28-32

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
<b>Budget per Week</b>	<b>[\$1,338.00]</b>	<b>[\$754.00]</b>
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$837.00	\$200.00
Building Fund	\$273.00	\$275.00

Liturgical Ministers for – 09/30/17 to 10/01/17

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Ron Haley	Gracie, Christina, Pearl
Lector	Open	Gary Schiedler	Kathy Reandeau
EME	Deacon Paul	Tom Greer	Suzie Breeden
Music	Paula	Jackie & Connie	Open
Hospitality	n/a	Please sign up	Doyle & Michelle

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.

"Pay him your homage, so he will not be angry and you will not be lost, for his anger can flare up in a moment. How fortunate are all who take refuge in him." (Psalm 2:12)

Announcements

General:

SJB Pastoral Council has been working on the finalization for SJB’s 100th anniversary on Dec. 3rd. SJB is excited to welcome and celebrate with Archbishop Sample, to get to know him, and for him to get to know us. Our upcoming fundraiser, the casino trip on Oct. 21st, will help us to almost reach the finish line of our funding needs. At our last casino fundraiser, parishioners from both parishes who were not able to go offered scholarships. If you would like to help in this way, or make a donation, please contact Anita Laing at 728-3991.

If you would like to assist the existing teams in any way, please contact the following: 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:

Emma Hisey is holding a fundraising raffle which is being supported by the Monday Crafters, who are providing some items. Raffle tickets are available after Sunday Mass with the drawing today.

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

St. Johns:

Please support our fundraising trip to the Lucky Eagle Casino scheduled for October 21 to raise money for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please share information with family and friends. Watch for flyers for details.

**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.

# Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

But that’s not fair!” Most parents have heard this phrase umpteen times. The notion of fairness, also known as justice, is built into us. It makes us aware that each of us has certain rights that need to be respected.

But it also means that we each have duties. If others have the right to be paid for their work, those who benefit from that work have the duty to pay them. If others have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, we have the duty not to let our pursuit of happiness infringe on their rights.

But we have to widen our perspective a bit. God, the creator of all, is responsible for all the blessings we enjoy. Life in this world was given to each of us as an undeserved, free gift. We have unequal physical talents, features, and abilities, plus diverse spiritual and intellectual gifts as well. They vary a lot from person to person, but what they all have in common is that they come as free gifts from God who didn’t have to create any of us.

This is the necessary background to fully understand a parable that at first shocks our sensibilities. Matthew (20:1-16) records a story of an employer who hires workmen to harvest grapes. He hires members of the crew at various times of the day, so that at the end of the day, some have only worked a few hours while others have worked all day long. There’s grumbling when everyone is paid the same standard day’s wage, regardless of how long they worked. To add insult to injury, those who started last got paid first.

“No fair!” Wait a minute. The master paid those who worked all day exactly what he told them they’d get. He just decided to be generous and pay everybody, even the latecomers, a full day’s wage. Justice does not preclude generosity.

The Pharisees thought that they had always done the will of God and deserved more than the rest, especially the rabble Jesus appeared to favor—including tax collectors and sinners. It roiled them to think that these Johnny-come-lately’s would sit along them in the Kingdom of God.

Truth be told, neither they, nor any of us, are really like the folks who consistently did the will of the Master, working uninterruptedly at the assigned task. Our assigned job is to love the Lord our God with ALL our heart, ALL our soul, and ALL of our strength (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) every day of our life.

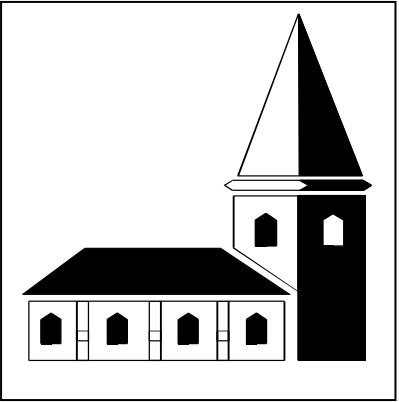
This is only fair since we owe God absolutely everything. But we’ve all unfairly walked off the job at various moments—thumbing our noses at him through our disobedience, pride, and selfishness. Some have gone AWOL longer than others, and some’s sins are more spectacular than others. But the bottom line is that, in terms of strict justice, God does not owe any of us anything except, perhaps, punishment.

But in his extraordinary generosity, the Lord has offered us a deal—if we will accept His beloved Son in faith as Savior and Lord, and through the power of the Spirit seek to do His will, and if we will repent each time we fail, He will give us what we do not deserve—friendship with Him here that opens out to eternal glory hereafter.

The first takers for this offer have typically been those most aware of their need for mercy. And this is why the last have usually been first when it comes to the Kingdom of God.

Seems fair to me.

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (Crossroads Initiative)



# Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

September 24, 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.*

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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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