

**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	08/28	9:00am / 11:15am	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29 / Heb 12:18-19,22-24a / Lk 14:1,7-14
Mon	08/29	No Daily Mass	Passion of John the Baptist	1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mk 6:17-29
Tues	08/30	No Daily Mass	22 <sup>nd</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time	1 Cor 2:10b-16 / Lk 4:31-37
Wed	08/31	11:00am NBVM	22 <sup>nd</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time	1 Cor 3:1-9 / Lk 4:38-44
Thurs	09/01	11:00am NBVM	22 <sup>nd</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time	1 Cor 3:18-23 / Lk 5:1-11
Fri	09/02	11:00am NBVM	22 <sup>nd</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time	1 Cor 4:1-5 / Lk 5:33-39
Sat	09/03	No Daily Mass	St Gregory the Great, Pope	1 Cor 4:6b-15 / Lk 6:1-5
Sat	09/03	5:00pm NBVM	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 9:13-18b / Phmn 9-10,12-17 / Lk 14:25-33
Sun	09/04	9:00am / 11:15am	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 9:13-18b / Phmn 9-10,12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

**Collection**

Collection	NBVM	SJB
<b>Budget per Week</b>	<b>[\$1,500.00]</b>	<b>[\$1,000.00]</b>
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$2,123.00	\$600.00
Building (Savings) Fund	\$415.00	\$25.00

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

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:**

**Friday:**

**Liturgical Ministers for 09/04/2022**

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
<b>Server</b>	Ron Haley	Ron Haley	n/a
<b>Lector</b>	Brenda Plourde	Estrella Brown	Ed Johnson
<b>EME</b>	Sacristan	Sacristan	Renee Stemper
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Stempers
<b>Hospitality</b>	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](mailto:nbvm.sjb.bulletin@gmail.com) or call Deacon Paul at 503-396-8554.

"Turn your face away from my sins and erase all my guilt." (Psalm 51:11)

# 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 **Monday Crafters** will meet Monday, August 29, at 10:00am to organize the back room. We also have a table at the Rainier Senior Center Bazaar, and we will discuss our participation for this fund raiser which contributes to the building / savings account. All are invited to this meeting. Please bring your creative ideas!

The **Pastoral Council** will meet Saturday, September 24, at 2:00pm in the hall.

**Hope of Rainier** is “recruiting” for a board member. They would like a representative from Nativity. Contact the chair of the board, Lisa Soule, at 503-369-3561 for information. Email can be sent to hope97048@gmail.com. The website is www.hopeofrainier.net.

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

**St. Johns:**

**Hospitality** – September 11 will be the next Sunday with hospitality after Mass. It is on the 11<sup>th</sup> as the first Sunday in September is Labor Day Weekend. A sign-up sheet 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.**

## Do Catholics believe they can “earn” salvation?

No, but they do believe that good works play a vital role in salvation.

“I believe salvation is a free gift,” says your Protestant friend. “But it seems like you Catholics think you can earn salvation.”

Ah, the good ol’ “faith alone” argument, you think to yourself. Luckily, you’re feeling confident, because you’ve been studying.

One of the main points of disagreement between Catholics and Protestants is the role of good works in salvation. Misinterpreting such passages as Ephesians 2, they argue that faith alone is necessary:

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast.

—Ephesians 2:8-9

Catholics, on the other hand, know that good works are bound up with faith, and that both are necessary for salvation. Salvation is truly a free gift in the sense that we can do nothing to earn it—that is what the above passage from Ephesians means. And it is of course necessary to believe—with a firm faith—in Christ and His promises if we are to receive them.

Good works, in their turn, support our faith; safeguard the life of grace in our souls; demonstrate our sincerity of heart, interior conversion, and love for God; and increase God’s grace in us.

St. James explains this very clearly in his Epistle, which Martin Luther was never able to explain away:

What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead... You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

—James 2:14-17, 24

Christ, in fact, commands us to do good works throughout the Gospels:

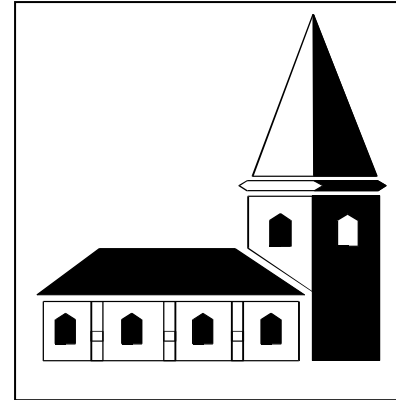
“Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

—Matthew 7:21

This emphasizes the importance of doing as well as believing.

FUN FACT: Nowhere in Scripture does it say we are justified by faith alone. A passage often used to defend “faith alone”—Romans 3:28—never says this. Martin Luther actually inserted the word “alone” after the word “faith”!

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## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 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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