

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	08/07	9:00am / 11:15am	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 18:6-9 / Heb 11:1-2,8-19 / Lk 12:32-48
Mon	08/08	No Daily Mass	St Dominic, Priest	Ez 1:2-5,24-28c / Mt 17:22-27
Tues	08/09	No Daily Mass	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Ez 2:8—3:4 / Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wed	08/10	11:00am NBVM	St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr	2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26
Thurs	08/11	11:00am NBVM	St Clare, Virgin	Ez 12:1-12 / Mt 18:21—19:1
Fri	08/12	11:00am NBVM	19 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Ez 16:1-15,30,63 / Mt 19:3-12
Sat	08/13	No Daily Mass	Blessed Virgin Mary	Ez 18:1-10,13b,30-32 / Mt 19:13-15
Sat	08/13	5:00pm NBVM	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 38:4-6,8-10 / Heb 12:1-4 / Lk 12:49-53
Sun	08/14	9:00am / 11:15am	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 38:4-6,8-10 / Heb 12:1-4 / Lk 12:49-53

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,500.00]	[\$1,000.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday		\$135.00
Building (Savings) Fund		\$40.00

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

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Liturgical Ministers for 08/14/2022

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server			n/a
Lector	Kathy Meier	Estrella Brown	Kathy Reandeau
EME	Sacristan	Sacristan	Renee Stemper
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.

"Have pity on me, O God, in your unfailing love."
(Psalm 51:3a)

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:

John Chesebro is at St. Johns Hospital in Longview. He is in room #627.

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

St. Johns:

Hospitality – there will be hospitality after Mass on the first Sundays of the month. A sign-up sheet will be 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.**

The Catholic doctor who survived the atomic bomb...

August 9th, 1945. Dr. Takashi Nagai picked his way through the rubble of his home in Urakami, the Catholic district of Nagasaki, Japan. He had been at the hospital when the bomb fell, but his wife, Midori, had been at home.

Amidst the ruins, he found her skeleton. In her hand was her rosary, melted into a lump of metal. She was among the tens of thousands of people—eight thousand of them Catholic—who died in the blast.

Nagai was born in 1908 in rural Japan. His father was a Western-educated doctor and both his parents were from samurai families. He was raised in the Shinto religion but had drifted into atheism by the time he started medical school in 1928.

But his mother's death in 1930 and the writings of Christian scientist Blaise Pascal led him to question his atheism. The final nudge came when he lodged with the Moriyama family, who were descended from the "hidden Christians" who had passed on the faith in Japan during the centuries of persecution.

Among them, Nagai was immersed in the everyday life of Catholics. He heard the bells of the cathedral; his hosts invited him to Christmas Midnight Mass; their daughter Midori gave him a Catechism and promised to pray for him while he was deployed with the army.

The joyful, steadfast faith of the Moriyamas won him over while the harrowing experiences of war further dismantled his prior unbelief. He was baptized in 1934 and married Midori later that year.

He joined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at his parish and organized teams of doctors to serve remote villages that had none. During those years, he met St. Maximilian Kolbe, who lived for a time in a suburb of the city.

Being a specialist in radiology when such studies were still hazardous, Nagai was already suffering from leukemia when the bomb was dropped in 1945. He was badly wounded in the blast and the radiation worsened his cancer.

Despite his own sufferings, the loss of his wife and home, and the devastation all around him, Nagai rejected bitterness, anger, or vengefulness. Rather, from that day until his death five years later, he became a beacon of hope in a land of despair.

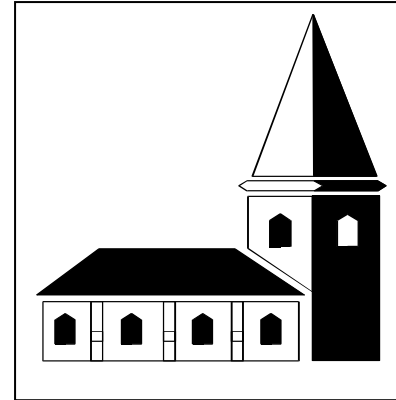
In the direct aftermath of the bombing, he worked tirelessly to save the wounded and suffering. He restored the bell of the destroyed cathedral of Nagasaki so that it sounded out over the city once again. He planted cherry trees to bring beauty and joy to the streets. He founded a library for children.

And he picked up his pen and wrote. He wrote of forgiveness, of healing, of hope, of the value of Nagasaki's sacrifice, of God's tremendous love shining through even in such dark moments. He wrote thirteen books and many essays. His most famous work, *The Bells of Nagasaki*, became a bestseller.

He was bedridden for the last three years of his life, living in a hut that he named the "As Yourself" Hermitage—that is, "Love your neighbor as yourself." His two children, who had been safely evacuated before the bombing, spent those days with him as he studied, sketched, wrote, and received countless visitors.

Dr. Nagai died in 1951, and has taken the first step towards sainthood, having been awarded the title "Servant of God."

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 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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