

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	11/26	9:00am / 11:15am	Christ the King	Ez 34:11-12,15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 / Mt 25:31-46
Mon	11/27	No Daily Mass	34 <sup>th</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time	Dn 1:1-6,8-20 / Lk 21:1-4
Tues	11/28	No Daily Mass	34 <sup>th</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time	Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11
Wed	11/29	11:00am (NBVM)	34 <sup>th</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time	Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 / Lk 21:12-19
Thurs	11/30	11:00am (NBVM)	St. Andrew, Apostle	Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22
Fri	12/01	11:00am (NBVM)	34 <sup>th</sup> Weekday in Ordinary Time	Dn 7:2-14 / Lk 21:29-33
Sat	12/02	No Daily Mass	Blessed Virgin Mary	Dn 7:15-27 / Lk 21:34-36
Sat	12/02	5:00pm NBVM	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37
Sun	12/03	9:00am / 11:15am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB		NBVM	SJB
<b>Budget per Week</b>	<b>[\$1,338.00]</b>	<b>[\$754.00]</b>			
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$1,047.00	\$550.00			
Building Fund	\$705.00	\$37.00	Campaign for Human Development	\$279.00	
Hospitality (Hall Rental)		\$50.00	Turning Point (November)		65 lbs
Mass Stipend		\$25.00			
Building Fund (Pipe & Gravel)		\$255.00			
Hospitality	\$5.00				

Liturgical Ministers for – 12/02/17 to 12/03/17

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Josh Ellis	Gracie, Christina, Pearl, Gabriel
Lector	Open	Estrella Brown	Tammy Saltmarsh
EME	Deacon Paul	Rick Brown	Doyle Ginn / TBA
Music	Connie	Connie & Jackie	Carol Fiel & “choir”
Hospitality	n/a	Please sign up	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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.

"Heed my cry for help, my King and my God. Because it is to you that I pray." (Psalm 5:3)

Announcements

General:

St. John’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be next week at 11:15am. Archbishop Sample will be presiding.

Next Saturday at the Vigil Mass at Nativity is the “Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens” for Gary Points.

Healing Mass – this Monday, November 27, at 6:30pm at Immaculate Heart in Kelso. Bishop Peter is presiding

Nativity:

The parish is in need of de-icer for the winter for sprinkling on all the sidewalks on icy days. Last year we used about 15 bags.

**Bible Study:** Every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the hall. All are welcome. You can join any time.

St. Johns:

TURNING POINT: This year our focus will be the collection of food for Turning Point Christmas food boxes. Items to serve at the Christmas table will be a priority. Non-perishable food can be brought to church and placed in the collection box. Any perishable food can be taken to the Center during that time also. Let us once again remember the less fortunate in our community.

**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 Reandean at 503-728-3149.

# Christ the King

On the final Sunday in the Roman Catholic liturgical year, it is time to remember things that we’d prefer to forget. For starters, we recall that there is an infinite qualitative difference between us and God. He is immortal and infinite. We are not. Each one of us will come to our individual end. But so will our society, our world, even our universe.

Another thing to call to mind on this day is that while the Son of God came the first time in a way both lowly and hidden, he will come one day in a way both public and glorious. Yes, he is the Lamb of God. But He is also the Lion of Judah. He takes away the sin of those who let him. But he is also will bring things hidden in darkness into the light, call a spade a spade, and insist that all bear the consequences of their choices.

That is what any judge does. And he will come in glory, says the creed, to judge the living and the dead. But what will the Last Judgment be like? By what criteria will we be judged?

Only one passage in the Gospels provides a sneak preview of that day of reckoning - Matthew 25:31-46. First of all, note that most of Jesus’ parables have a jarring punch line. He’s always upsetting the preconceived notions of just about everyone, especially the most religious, whether they be Pharisees or disciples.

Clearly, all of us expect that the Judge will condemn evil and impose sentence on the guilty. And we tend to think of evildoing as stepping over the line and infringing on the rights of others, taking their possessions, maybe even taking their lives. The language of the Our Father lends itself to this interpretation of sin when it says “forgive us our trespasses.”

The problem with this understanding of sin is that it is incomplete, even shallow. Lots of people think that as long as they don’t lie, cheat, and steal, but just keep to themselves and mind their own business, they deserve big rewards from God.

The story of the Last Judgment addresses these “decent folks.” Imagine their shock as they swagger smugly up to the judge’s bench expecting praise only to be sent off to eternal punishment!

Why? Because they neglected to do the good love required them to do. They did not “commit” offenses or infractions of the law; they did nothing positively destructive. In the presence of suffering, they just heartlessly did nothing. Their sin was not a sin of “commission” but a sin of “omission.”

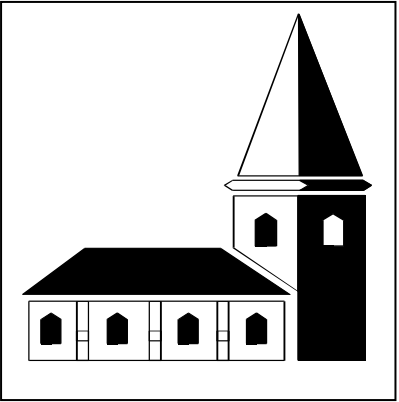
But note—these sins of omission ultimately seal the fate of the damned.

There are lots of negative commandments, often expressed as “thou shalt not’s.”But the two most important commandments are positive “thou shalt’s”. “You shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, and strength and you shall love thy neighbor as yourself.”

These two commandments require an interior disposition that issues in outward actions. If you are hungry, you love yourself enough to go to the fridge. If you truly love your hungry neighbor as yourself, you don’t just say a prayer and offer sympathy (James 2:15-17). Loving God with all your heart doesn’t mean giving a respectful nod to God and then going on your merry way. It means going out of your way, passionately seeking to love him and serve him in all that you do.

In this Last Judgment scene we see how these two commandments, these two loves, are really one. Jesus makes clear that loving God with your whole heart is expressed in loving your neighbor as yourself. And whenever you love your neighbor in this way, you are actually loving the Son of God. So ultimately, the judgment is simple. It all comes down to love. The judge happens to be the King of hearts.

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (Crossroads Initiative / [www.crossroadsinitiative.com](http://www.crossroadsinitiative.com))



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# Christ the King

November 26, 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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