

hhSacraments:

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	03/25	9:00am / 11:15am	Palm Sunday	Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1—15:47
Mon	03/26	No Daily Mass	Monday of Holy Week	Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11
Tues	03/27	No Daily Mass	Tuesday of Holy Week	Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed	03/28	11:00am (NBVM)	Wednesday of Holy Week	Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25
Thurs	03/29	6:30pm (NBVM)	Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1-8,11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15
Fri	03/30	3:00pm (SJ) 6:30pm (BVM)	Good Friday	Is 52:13—53:12 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat	03/31	No Daily Mass	Holy Saturday	-----
Sat	03/31	8:30pm NBVM	Easter Vigil	[Old Testament Readings] / Rom 6:3-11 / Mk 16:1-7
Sun	04/01	9:00am / 11:15am	Easter Sunday	Act 10:34a,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,338.00]	[\$754.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday		
Building Fund		
Hospitality		
Catholic Relief Services		
Turning Point		

Liturgical Ministers for – 03/29/18 to 04/01/18

	Thurs & Friday	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	See schedule	Emma, Hannah, Josh, Ron	Ron Haley	Gracie, Christina, Pearl, Gabriel
Lector	See schedule	Estrella Brown, Gary Schiedler	Jewell Lee	Tammy Saltmarsh
EME	See schedule	Rick Brown	Tom Greer	Suzy Breeden
Music	See schedule	Connie & Jackie	Theresa & Jewell	Carol Fiel & “choir”
Hospitality		n/a	Whole Parish	Whole Parish

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 or call Deacon Paul at 503-556-0511 or 503-396-8554.

"Yahweh, protect us! Guard us from this generation, Eternal One!" (Psalm 12:8)

Announcements

General:

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 6:30pm at Nativity

Good Friday: 3:00pm at St. Johns / 6:30pm at Nativity

Easter Vigil: 8:30pm at Nativity

Easter Sunday: 9:00am at Nativity / 11:15am at St. Johns

Nativity:

Rainier United Methodist Church Ladies’ Spring Salad Luncheon – Friday, April 13, from 10:30am to 1:00pm. RSVP to Joan Hackathorn at 503-556-2711 by April 12.

Please remember to sign-up to provide hospitality after Mass.

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

St. Johns:

TURNING POINT: Please remember to contribute to Turning Point when you can.

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.

Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday.

We now come to the Sunday with a split personality. It starts with an upbeat gospel recounting Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is a festive affair, complete with a parade route strewn with palm branches instead of ticker tape. But we quickly progress to the stark reading of Jesus’ passion, bearable only because we already know its happy ending. Mel Gibson’s film did us a favor in reminding us how shockingly brutal the whole business really was.

Two names for the same day: Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. I propose a third name: Fickle Sunday. For the same crowd that was cheering during the parade was jeering a few days later. They’d been wowed by his sermons, fed with loaves and fishes, healed of their diseases, delivered of their demons. But as soon as the tide began to turn, so did they. Their cries of “Hosanna” turned to shouts of a very different kind: “Crucify him!”

Of course, he was not surprised in the least. The gospels tell us that he knew the human mind and heart all too well. He was not fooled by all the acclamations and fanfare. Flattery could not swell his head. He had no illusions of grandeur or ambition for worldly glory. In fact, Paul tells us that He had willingly emptied Himself of heavenly glory in pursuit of His true passion – His Fathers will and our salvation.

Jesus “set his face like flint.” He was on a mission and nothing would deter him. He barreled through barriers that usually stop us dead in our tracks—fear of ridicule, fear of suffering, abandonment by our closest companions. He was willing to endure the sting of sin to blot out sin, and was eager to face death in order to overcome it.

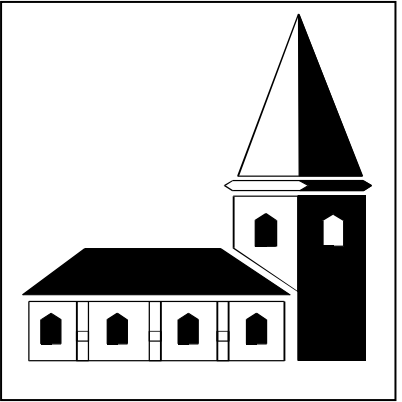
He did indeed have a “well-trained tongue.” His words had mesmerized the crowds, intrigued Herod and even made Pilate stop and think. But now his lips are strangely silent. All the gospels point out that he said very little during his passion, collecting only seven brief statements from the cross. Maybe this was to fulfill the Scripture that said “like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth” (Isaiah 53: 7b).

Actually, everything that happened in these fateful hours fulfilled Scripture. Isaiah 50 had foretold the beating and mockery. Psalm 22 lays it all out hundreds of years before it happens: his thirst, the piercing of his hands and feet by Gentiles (called “dogs” by the Jews), and the casting of lots for his clothing. The opening line of this psalm happens to be “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Could it be that the Lord uttered this phrase to remind us that this was all in the plan?

So the virtual silence of his well-trained tongue was to fulfill Scripture. But there was another reason for his silence. Though Jesus was destined to preach on Good Friday, the message was not to be delivered in words. The language of this sermon was to be “body language.” Good Friday, according to Jewish reckoning, actually began at sundown on Holy Thursday. So on the beginning of his final day, Jesus gave us the verbal caption of his last and greatest sermon: “This is my body, given for you; this is my blood, which is poured out for you.”

“I love you” is not so much something you say as something you demonstrate. Diamonds may be a moving testimony to love, but the laying down of one’s life is even more compelling. And though this life is human and therefore vulnerable, it is also divine and therefore infinite in value. A gift so valuable that it outweighs every offense committed from the dawn of time till the end of the world. A gift so powerful that it melts hearts, opens the barred gates of paradise, and makes all things new.

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (www.crossroadsinitiative.com)



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Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

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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