

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	10/08	9:00am / 11:15am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43
Mon	10/09	No Daily Mass	27 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Jon 1:1—2:1-2,11 / Lk 10:25-37
Tues	10/10	No Daily Mass	27 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42
Wed	10/11	11:00am (NBVM)	Pope St. John XXIII	Jon 4:1-11 / Lk 11:1-4
Thurs	10/12	11:00am (NBVM)	27 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13
Fri	10/13	11:00am (NBVM)	27 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2 / Lk 11:15-26
Sat	10/14	No Daily Mass	Pope St. Callistus	Jl 4:12-21 / Lk 11:27-28
Sat	10/14	5:00pm NBVM	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14,19-20
Sun	10/15	9:00am / 11:15am	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14,19-20

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,338.00]	[\$754.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday		
Building Fund		
Turning Point		43 lbs (Aug) / 73 lbs (Sept)

Liturgical Ministers for – 10/14/17 to 10/15/17

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Emma Hisey	Gracie, Christina, Pearl
Lector	Open	Brenda Plourde	Ed Johnson
EME	Open	Ann Greer	Doyle Ginn
Music	Open	Jackie & Connie	Carol Fiel & “choir”
Hospitality	n/a	Please sign up	Laing family

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.

"I cry aloud to Yahweh and he answers me from his holy mountain." (Psalm 3:5)

Announcements

General:

Deacon Paul will be gone next weekend.

The joint liturgy and environment meeting has been changed from October 12 to Thursday, October 26, after the 11:00am daily Mass at NBVM.

Please support St. John’s fundraising casino trip on Oct. 21st, to raise funds for the 100th anniversary. If you would like to help in this way, or make a donation, please contact Anita Laing at 728-3991. If you happen to have old photos, news clippings,etc., or would like to assist in other ways, here is the list of folks to contact: 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:

“I am eternally grateful to my parish for the prayers and concern for my recovery from surgery. May God bless you for your compassion and your work in his name.” -- Ivan Jones

Annual Christmas bazaar will be Nov. 3 & 4. We will need volunteers to set up, clean up, bake items, etc. The ladies have worked all year sewing and creating. Do your Christmas shopping early. If you have any questions, please call Estrella at (503)728 0249

Bible Study has resumed. It meets every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the hall. All are welcomed to attend. A person can start any time and attend any sessions

St. Johns:

The **Pastoral Council** will meet Thursday, October 12, at 3pm in the hall. Please give any agenda items to one of the council members, preferably after Mass today.

SJB 100th 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 Vineyard and the Wicked Tenants

A few years ago, I toured the far north of England. There, stretching 73 miles from coast to coast, looms a massive wall built by the command of the Roman Emperor Hadrian.

Constructed of stone, it was designed to last, since it marked the far northern boundary of the greatest empire the world had ever known. It was supposed to protect Roman Britain from the barbarians to the north. Soldiers from every corner of the empire were garrisoned there and excavations tell the fascinating story of their lives and deaths.

Roman civilization was nearly 1,000 years old at the time the wall was built. It must have seemed to the builders that Rome would indeed last forever. In fact soldiers manned the wall continuously for another 275 years after its construction. But the empire did not last forever. Despite all its protective walls and fortresses, Rome collapsed, and Hadrian’s wall became a quarry used by local people scavenging for building materials.

Historians spill lots of ink debating why Roman civilization gave way before roving bands of barbarians. But when you get right down to it, the answer is in the Bible (see Isaiah 5:1-7 and Matthew 21:33-43).

Rome fell for the same reason that the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah fell so many centuries earlier. Divine Providence had abundantly blessed all three societies. But he had also called them all to account and found them wanting. He had planted them as choice vines. Yet all three civilizations had yielded sour grapes. Idolatry, adultery, civil strife and social injustice were just some of the bad fruits they produced before their collapse.

And how about the people of Jericho? Why did their walls come tumbling down before Joshua? Could it have anything to do with the fact that they practiced child sacrifice and ritual prostitution?

That was then. How about now? America was founded in large part by people seeking to make it “a city on a hill.” Its motto was “in God we trust.” In recent years, politically correct US judges have ruled that this religious motto can be retained without infringing on anyone’s rights precisely because we really don’t mean it. America once exported democracy. Now it exports McDonalds, Walmart, and American Horror Show.

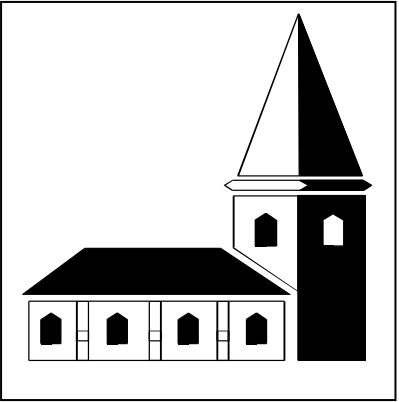
Many assume America will last forever. But there were soldiers manning Hadrian’s wall for more years than a US president has occupied the White House. No nation, no matter how large and powerful, is invulnerable. September 11 and recent hurricanes have reminded us of this. If America continues to yield sour grapes, its walls too will come tumbling down.

So what are we to do? Perhaps instead of killing the prophets, we ought to listen to them. Maybe we can begin honoring God rather than exiling him, respecting marital fidelity rather than ridiculing it, protecting the unborn rather than protecting their “terminators,” and welcoming refugees rather than turning them away.

And maybe we can follow the advice of St. Paul (Phil 4:6-9) and renounce the anxiety that makes us miserable and causes us to conclude that we must “take care of ourselves” rather than do things God’s way. Perhaps if we thank God for blessings and even trials, presenting our needs to Him in faith, we’ll see a change in our mood and even a change in our world. And maybe if we fill our minds with the splendor of truth rather than with trash like “The Modern Family,” we might just notice more joy and serenity in our lives.

Have you ever seen a society more frantic than ours? We eat, drink, and breathe tension. Yet St. Paul speaks of a “peace that passes all understanding.” It’s a peace that does not go away even when planes strike towers and hurricanes swamp cities. It starts in the inside but has impact on the outside. Without it, Mother Teresa could have never endured the chaos of Calcutta and John Paul the Great could have never made his way through Nazi tanks and Communist oppression to occupy the chair of Peter. This peace indeed defies comprehension. But it’s ours for the asking.

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (Crossroads Initiative)



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 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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