

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	02/01	9:00am / 11:15am	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 5:1-12a
Mon	02/02	No Daily Mass	Presentation of the Lord	Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40
Tues	02/03	No Daily Mass	St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr	2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30—19:3 / Mk 5:21-43
Wed	02/04	11:00am Nativity	4 th Weekday in Ordinary Time	2 Sm 24:2,9-17 / Mk 6:1-6
Thurs	02/05	11:00am Nativity	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 / Mk 6:7-13
Fri	02/06	11:00am Nativity	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	Sir 47:2-11 / Mk 6:14-29
Sat	02/07	No Daily Mass	Blessed Virgin Mary	1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Mk 6:30-34
Sat	02/07	5:00pm NBVM	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16
Sun	02/08	9:00am / 11:15am	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,500.00]	[\$1,000.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$1,882.00	\$585.00
Savings (Building Fund)		\$25.00
Votive Candles		\$42.00

Mass Intentions: The intention for the 9am Sunday Mass is for the whole parish.
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday Vigil:
Sunday 11:15am:

Liturgical Ministers for 02/08/26

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Ron Haley	n/a
Lector	Brenda / Kathy	Gary Schiedler	Kathy Reandeau
EME	Sacristan	Sacristan	Suzy Breeden
Music	Connie Ramos	Jackie	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.

“Yahweh is King, and appareled in majesty.” (Psalm 93:1a)

Announcements**General:**

There is a special collection next Sunday for **“The Catholic Home Missions.”** Nearly 40% of the dioceses in the United States are unable to fund essential pastoral services for their communities.

Adoration and Benediction: Sundays at 3:00pm at Nativity.

Nativity:

The Pastoral Council meets Saturday, February 7, at 1:30pm.

Hospitality will meet Monday, February 9, at 10:00am.

Bible Study - Bible study meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Please contact Connie Ramos at 503-998-9172 for further information.

Please sign-up for Sunday **hospitality** in the hall.

St. Johns:

Hospitality – Please remember to sign up in the back of the church.

Why should I get my throat blessed?

In some parishes, priests will use two candles in the form of a cross to bless the congregation's throats after Mass, usually around St. Blaise's feast day, celebrated on February 3rd.

St. Blaise of Sebaste was a physician and the bishop of Sebastea, in modern-day Armenia, around the 3rd century A.D. Not much is known about his life, but we do know that many people came to him seeking healing for body and soul. The Acts of St. Blaise is a series of legends about his life. According to the medical writings of Aetius Amidenus, Blaise would treat people who had objects stuck in their throats.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia (modern-day central Turkey) was ordered by the Roman Emperor Licinius to persecute St. Blaise. Blaise was hunted down, imprisoned, and eventually beheaded.

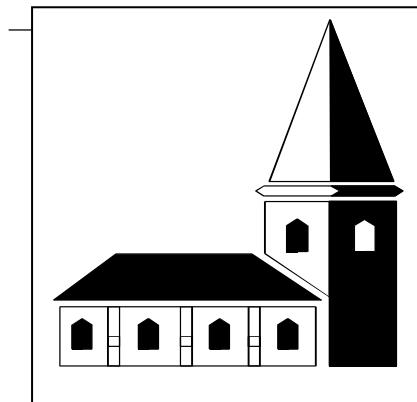
St. Blaise became associated with blessings of the throat after a miracle he performed shortly before his death. According to his Acts, as St. Blaise was being taken into custody, a child nearby was choking on a fishbone. His mother threw herself at the saint's feet and begged him for his intercession. Blaise prayed for the child, who was then cured. As a result, St. Blaise often intercedes for protection against illnesses and injuries of the throat. (Some accounts state that Blaise had been given two candles and formed the candles in a cross around the boy's throat.)

The tradition of blessing throats dates back to the 8th century and is derived from the Book of Blessings, a liturgical book that contains instructions for Catholic ritual blessings. Within the Book of Blessings is the Order of the Blessing of Throats on the Feast of Saint Blaise, which states that, to bless someone's throat, the priest must join two candles with a red ribbon and make the sign of the cross while saying the following blessing:

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

The intercession of St. Blaise through the Blessing of the Throats can protect us from diseases and anything that distracts us from God and His healing power. Customs like this one, so deeply rooted in our history as a Church, show us the beauty of our faith and how close we are to the miraculous.

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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

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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