

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	03/26	9:00am / 11:15am	5 th Sunday of Lent	Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45
Mon	03/27	No Daily Mass	5 th Weekday of Lent	Dn 13:41c-62 / Jn 8:1-11
Tues	03/28	No Daily Mass	5 th Weekday of Lent	Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30
Wed	03/29	11:00am NBVM	5 th Weekday of Lent	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 / Jn 8:31-42
Thurs	03/30	11:00am NBVM	5 th Weekday of Lent	Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59
Fri	03/31	11:00am NBVM	5 th Weekday of Lent	Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42
Sat	04/01	No Daily Mass	5 th Weekday of Lent	Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56
Sat	04/01	5:00pm NBVM	Palm Sunday	Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14—27:66
Sun	04/02	9:00am / 11:15am	Palm Sunday	Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14—27:66

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,500.00]	[\$1,000.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$1,412.00	\$473.00
Building (Savings) Fund	\$540.00	\$1,145.00
Flowers	\$12.00	\$85.00
Catholic Relief	\$230.00	\$121.30

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 04/02/2023

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Ron Haley	n/a
Lector	Brenda Plourde	Jewel Lee	Bonnie Romer
EME	Sacristan	Sacristan	Renee Stemper
Music	Volunteer	Volunteer	Stempers
Hospitality	n/a	Anne & Gloria	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.

"A fortress is my God! I am guarded well, because God is my bulwark."
(Psalm 59:10)

Announcements

General:

Volunteers are needed for the foot washing on Holy Thursday. Please contact Brenda Plourde (503-556-1708) if you are interested.

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:

HOPE is in need of volunteers (at the main program and the thrift store). You can contact Lisa Soule at 503-369-3561 or Kelly Miller at 360-593-8294. You can also visit their website at hopeofrainier.com where additional information can be found.

Please sign-up for Sunday **hospitality** is in the back of the church.

Bible Study – Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the hall. Contact Connie Ramos by text or phone at **503-998-9172** for information.

St. Johns:

Hospitality is on the first Sunday of the month. Sign-up is in the back of the church.

Choir practice is before Mass on Sundays. Everyone interested in singing is encouraged to attend. **Please bring your missals and music issues.**

Why is Lent forty days long?

Lent is forty days long because Jesus fasted in the wilderness forty days and forty nights before embarking on His public ministry.

But Jesus did not select the length of His fast at random. Throughout the Old Testament, a stretch of forty days (or years) has always carried a deep meaning often related to punishment, penance, and/or preparation.

Here are a few examples:

During Noah's time, God sent rain for forty days and forty nights to punish the earth with flood. In consequence of their lack of faith, the Israelites wandered in the desert forty years before reaching the Promised Land.

The people of Nineveh fasted and repented to avert the wrath of God which the prophet Jonah predicted would come upon them in forty days.

Both Moses and Elijah fasted forty days before or during important conversations with God.

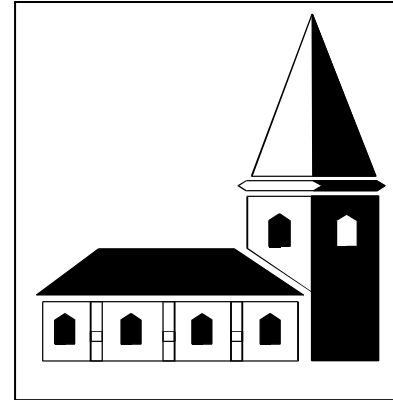
When the time came for Jesus to begin His public mission, He utilized this tradition. His mission was of an all-encompassing nature that taps into—and fulfills—all the biblical reasons for forty-day events.

As the God-Man, He was embarking on His mission to be our Mediator—to converse with God on our behalf, as Moses and Elijah did in a prefigurative way.

As the one Man Who came to bear the punishment due to all men, He evokes the repentance of Nineveh that averted the punishment of God.

His time in the desert—reminiscent of the Israelites' forty-year sojourn—proffers the idea that He is deliberately taking on the punishment due to our faithlessness, which otherwise would keep us away from the Promised Land of Heaven.

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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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5th Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

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.

NBVM Volunteer Staff

Rev. Mr. (Deacon) Paul Cramer (Permanent Deacon, Bulletin, Communications, Call To Protect) - (503) 396-8554

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John Wallace (Chair of Finance Council) - (503) 556-4092

Brenda Plourde (503-556-1708) / Anne Greer (503-556-9571) (Liturgy & Environment)

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Ron Haley / Brenda Plourde (Sacristans/Altar Linens)

Jackie Schiedler (Music Coordinator) - (503) 556-9690

Theresa Jones (Music - when available) - (503) 556-9137

Estrella Brown (Funeral Arrangements/Hospitality) - (971) 404-8472

Russ Lenoir (Maintenance-when Available)

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.

SJB Volunteer Staff

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