

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	08/09	9:00am / 11:15am	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33
Mon	08/10	No Daily Mass	St Laurence, Deacon & Martyr	
Tues	08/11	No Daily Mass	St Clare, Virgin	
Wed	08/12	11:00am Nativity	St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	
Thur	08/13	11:00am Nativity	St Pontian & St Hippolytus	
Fri	08/14	11:00am Nativity	St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martry	
Sat	08/15	No Daily Mass	Assumption of Mary	
Sat	08/15	5:00pm NBVM	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun	08/16	9:00am / 11:15am	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,500.00]	[\$1,000.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$1,946.00	\$1,155.00
Savings (Building Fund)	\$25.00	
Hospitality		\$23.00

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 08/16/26

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Ron Haley	n/a
Lector	Brenda / Kathy	Gary Schiedler	Tracy Points
EME	Sacristan	Sacristan	Renee Stemper
Music	Connie Ramos	Jackie Schiedler	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, listen to my prayer and let my plea come before you .”
(Psalm 102:2)

Announcements

General:

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

Nativity:

Bible Study - Bible Study is on hiatus until October.

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

St. Johns:

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

Who helped inspire Pope Pius X to lower the age for First Communion?

Ellen Organ never turned five years old, yet her love for the Blessed Sacrament raised her to the heights of sanctity.

Born in County Waterford, Ireland, in 1903, Ellen Organ—better known as Nellie—was the fourth child of poor but deeply-devout Catholic parents. Her father, facing unemployment early in his marriage, chose to become a soldier in the British Army rather than emigrate. The family was first stationed in Waterford, then in Cork.

Nellie’s mother, Mary, died of tuberculosis in early 1907, and William—facing the reality that he could not both work and care for his children—placed them in the care of religious communities. Nellie went to stay with the Good Shepherd Sisters, along with her sister Mary.

Here the “Little Violet of the Blessed Sacrament” spent the remainder of her life, both in profound suffering and in holiness that seemed beyond her years. Her angelic disposition and Heaven-sent intuition about spiritual things endeared her to the Sisters and convinced them that this was a very special child.

Nellie had a tender love for “Holy God,” as she had always called Him. She was particularly attracted to the Blessed Sacrament and knew early on exactly what—or rather, Who—this Sacrament was. She loved to see Our Lord enthroned in the monstrance, and she longed to receive Him. She would ask those who had been to Mass to kiss her so that she could participate in some way in their Communions.

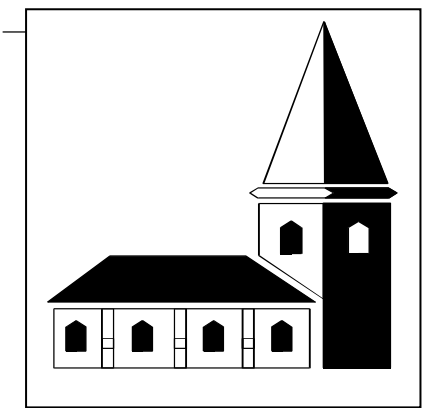
But Nellie suffered from a grave injury to her spine, caused by a fall as a baby. This injury would cause her terrible pain, yet she did not complain, bearing everything with fortitude even though she was unable to walk much of the time and had to be carried. A painful jaw disease and eventually tuberculosis would also bring her life to an early close.

In view of her probable death and of her profound understanding of the Sacraments and the truths of the Faith, Nellie was able to receive her Confirmation, First Confession, and First Holy Communion, though she was far below the normal age. Her ecstasy upon receiving Our Lord for the first time and every time thereafter—32 times in all—was celestial.

Little Nellie died in February of 1908. Around this time, a white-robed man in Rome had been considering lowering the age for Holy Communion. According to a monsignor familiar with the matter, Pope Pius X heard about Little Nellie and, turning to his Cardinal Secretary, said, “There! That is the sign for which I was waiting!”

Quam Singulari, the decree lowering the age for First Communion, was promulgated in 1910.

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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 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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