

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	08/31	9:00am / 11:15am	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29 / Heb 12:18-19,22-24a / Lk 14:1,7-14
Mon	09/01	No Daily Mass	22 nd Weekday in Ordinary Time	1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30
Tues	09/02	No Daily Mass	22 nd Weekday in Ordinary Time	1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11 / Lk 4:31-37
Wed	09/03	11:00am Nativity	St Gregory the Great, Pope	Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44
Thurs	09/04	11:00am Nativity	22 nd Weekday in Ordinary Time	Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11
Fri	09/05	11:00am Nativity	St Teresa of Calcutta	Col 5:15-20 / Lk 5:33-39
Sat	09/06	No Daily Mass	Blessed Virgin Mary	Col 1:21-23 / Lk 6:1-5
Sat	09/06	5:00pm NBVM	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 9:13-18b / Phlm 9-10,12-17 / Lk 14:25-33
Sun	09/07	9:00am / 11:15am	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 9:13-18b / Phlm 9-10,12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

Collection

Collection	NBVM	SJB
Budget per Week	[\$1,500.00]	[\$1,000.00]
5pm & 9am / 11:15am Sunday	\$950.00	\$686.00
Savings (Building Fund)		\$20.00

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 09/07/25

	NBVM Vigil	NBVM Sunday	SJB Sunday
Server	Ron Haley	Ron Haley	n/a
Lector	Brenda / Kathy	Gary Schiedler	Renee Stemper
EME	Sacristan	Sacristan	Renee Stemper
Music	Connie Ramos	Jackie / Theresa	Stempers
Hospitality	n/a	Whole Parish	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.

"Because your unfailing love is great, O Most High, you will rescue my soul from the depths of Sheol.” (Psalm 86:13)

Announcements

General:

There is no Adoration or Benediction until further notice.

Nativity:

Bible Study - Bible study will be on break until October. When it resumes the focus will be on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

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

St. Johns:

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

How did the Church find the relics from Jesus’ crucifixion?

Have you ever wondered what happened to Jesus’ cross? Known as “the True Cross,” for hundreds of years this highly-venerated relic was thought to be lost.

Anti-Christian Romans sought to dispel any effort to spread the Good News; that included destroying objects from Jesus’s crucifixion. According to tradition, the True Cross was buried in the ground with the crosses of the two thieves who were crucified with Jesus.

Almost 300 years later, after the Roman Emperor Constantine’s conversion to Christianity, he sent his mother, St. Helena, to the Holy Land in search of the True Cross. According to legend, St. Helena followed in Jesus’ footsteps by performing corporal works of mercy—such as feeding the hungry and visiting the sick—on her way to Jerusalem. Once in the Holy Land, some legends say a commoner led her to the True Cross, while others believe that St. Judas Cyriacus helped her find it.

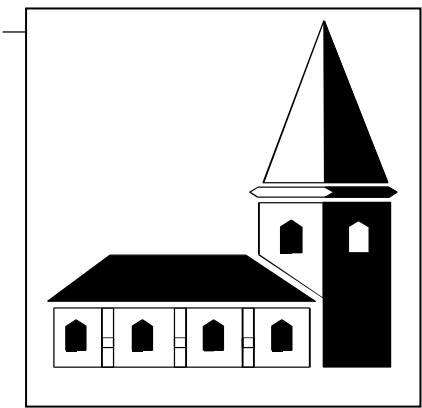
St. Helena found all three crosses buried in the ground, but wasn’t sure which one belonged to Jesus. There are many different legends about how St. Helena and the bishop of Jerusalem confirmed which one was the True Cross. One myth claims the bishop of Jerusalem had an ill woman touch all three crosses. As soon as the woman touched the True Cross, she was healed.

Upon discovering the True Cross, St. Helena ordered a church to be constructed on the site where she found it. This church is known as the Church of the Resurrection, or the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. St. Helena brought a piece of the True Cross back to the empire’s capital city, Constantinople, and left another part at the Church of the Resurrection, where Christians made a yearly pilgrimage to see the relic.

Throughout the next thousand years, the piece of the True Cross at the Church of the Resurrection changed hands many times. It was captured in 614 by the Sassanid emperor, and then restored to Jerusalem by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius. Later, when the Islamic rulers took Jerusalem at the beginning of the 11th century, Greek Orthodox Christians protected and hid the relic of the True Cross, a small piece of wood embedded in a gold cross.

This relic was restored to the Church of the Resurrection when Europeans in the First Crusade captured Jerusalem. Finally, in 1187, it was captured by Saladin, the leader of the Muslim military campaign against the Crusader states in Levant. This piece of the True Cross has never returned and was last seen in the city of Damascus.

The piece of the True Cross that was preserved in Constantinople was shared among the Venetians and the new Eastern Roman Empire. However, threatened with bankruptcy, this new empire decided to sell the relics. St. Louis, King of France, bought several pieces of the True Cross and preserved them in Sainte-Chapelle in Paris. Most of these relics disappeared during the French Revolution. All that remain are a few fragments and a Holy Nail; these are preserved with the other relics in the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

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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