



THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 24, 2018

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

A WARM WELCOME to Fr. KEVIN CLARKE!

It's great to have you with us again while Fr. Jim enjoys a few more days in Fairbanks. Thank you for being here!

NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD SUNDAY!

45th ANNUAL OUR LADY OF PEACE INSTITUTE IN CATHOLIC

TEACHING: July 16-20, 2018 "Poor in Spirit, Rich in Faith." For information, full course description and to register: www.olpretreat.org or call 503-649-7127.

A DAY WITH THE LORD: Friday July 20th, Our Lady of Sorrows, 5239 SE Woodstock Blvd. Church open 7AM to 7PM. Confessions all day, Mass at noon, Adoration 12:30 pm to 7pm. Movie night: "Presence" at 7:30 pm in the parish office conference room.

ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Daytime Session -- *The School of Prayer* -- July 23-27 (M-F) -- 10 to 11:30 AM

Pray as Jesus and our Blessed Mother prayed -- with the Psalms. This program will explore these sacred hymns as a response to God's loving and wonderful deeds and allow participants to obtain a richer understanding of how the Psalms impact and enrich our lives. \$5 per session.

Evening Session -- *Hearing the Voices in the Psalms* -- June 25-29 (M-F)

7:00 to 8:15 PM Discern the various voices in the Psalms and add your own voices to them in prayer. This program will use methods of discernment culled from centuries of Christian interpretation of the Psalms by Fr. Jeremy Driscoll. Led by Cynthia Wong, MAPM. Free.

Both programs will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Conference Room, access off SE 52nd and Knight Street. No registration required. Questions: 503-775-6731.

HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND: July 1st!

9:00 AM -- Maryla & Greg Kaminski

11:00 AM -- Kathy & Rich Sabel

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$3,328.00



John the Baptist was a man of the desert and began his preaching in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path" (Mk. 1:3; Mt. 3:3). His long years in the desert before his appearance as a preacher and teacher of repentance (Lk. 1:80) were the source and time for many possibilities. It must be the same for all who would follow Jesus. Each and every ministry and service in the Kingdom of God that involves communication with others requires first a period of preparation in the wilderness and loneliness of our own human deserts. Only in those moments of solitude can we be attentive to God's word in our lives. When do we go to listen to the Word of God? Where is that holy ground in our own life where God's word is unbound and totally free to be heard, experienced and lived? Do we allow our deserts to speak to us and form us?

When the time had come, John led his own disciples to Jesus and indicated to them the Messiah, the True Light, and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus' own testimony to John makes the Baptizer the greatest of all Israelite heroes (Mt. 11:7-19; Lk. 7:24-35). Jesus also testifies to John's greatness in calling him a "witness to the truth, a burning and shining lamp" (Jn. 5:33-56). John could not save, but he gave other people a profound experience of forgiveness, thus allowing them to experience God wherever they were on their life journey. He considered himself to be less than a slave to Jesus, "There is one among you whom you do not recognize- the one coming after me- the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to unfasten" (John 1:26-27). When John's own disciples came to him and were troubled about the meaning of Jesus' baptizing in the Jordan, he answered them confidently: "No one can receive anything except what is given them from heaven . . ." John says that he is only the friend of the bridegroom, the one who must decrease while his master increases (Jn. 3:25-30). The Baptizer defined his humanity in terms of its limitations.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.* Isaiah 49:1-6/ Psalm 139/ Acts 13: 22-26/
Luke 1:57-66, 80.
- Monday: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/ Psalm 60/ Matthew 7:1-5.
- Tuesday: 2 Kings 19:9b-1, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Psalm 48/ Matthew 7:6, 12-14.
- Wednesday: 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3/ Psalm 119/ Matthew 7:15-20.
- Thursday: *Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr.* 2 Kings 24:8-17/ Psalm 79/ Matthew 7:21-29.
- Friday: *Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles.* Acts 12:1-11/ Psalm 34/ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18/
Matthew 16:13-19.
- Saturday: Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Psalm 74/ Matthew 8:5-17.
- Next Sunday: *13th Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24/ Psalm 30/
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mark 5:21-43.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday – Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00

PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor

Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

