

Holy Nativity Catholic Church

"Knowledge, love and service to God."

Weekly Schedule

Monday Mass: Noon

"Arise, O Lord, and go to Your resting place."

Tuesday Mass: Noon

"How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!"

Wednesday Mass 10 am

"The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom."

Thursday Mass: Noon

"Remember us, O Lord, when You show favor to Your people."

Friday Mass: Noon

"I am the Lord, your God: listen to My voice."

Saturday No Mass

Sunday Mass: 10 am

Followed by fellowship in the parish hall

Confession: one hour before every mass and as requested. *Don't hesitate!*

Holy Hour: The Holy Eucharist will be unveiled for adoration one hour before each of the weekday masses.

Announcements

Parish Council Meeting There will be a Parish Council Meeting on February 19th at 4 pm in the parish hall.

Financial Report to the Parish

	Income	Expense	Parish Reserve Fund
Dec	8917	4480	Target 100,000
Jan	5994	4087	Balance 58,559

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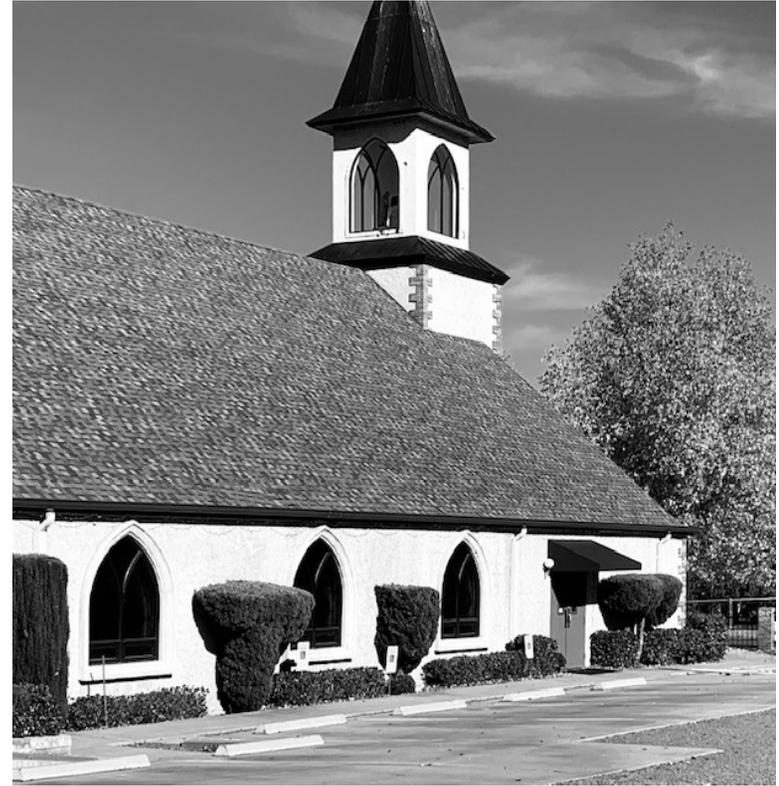
The Most Rev. Steven J Lopes—Bishop

The Rev. Fr. Joseph F Vieira—Pastor

The Rev Mr. Tom Fox —Deacon

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A Catholic Church under the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter



SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM

Septuagesima Sunday

February 9, 2020

Rev. Fr. Joseph F. Vieira, Celebrant

Responsorial Psalm

“Light rises in the darkness for the upright.”

Tract

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, Oh Lord: Lord, hear my voice

Hymns

500-- Lift High the Cross

609 -- For the Beauty of the Earth

501 -- Take Up Your Cross

Communion is taken by intinction

The Host is dipped in the Precious Blood and placed on the tongue.

If you wish NOT to receive the Precious Blood, place your finger over your lips.

When the Priest comes to you, he will give you the Host only.

Prayer Requests

For all members of the Armed Forces Deployed in harm's way.

To place requests call Fr. Vieira at 512-815-4760

or email at frviera.holynativity@gmail.com

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following Mass in the parish hall.

A message from Father Vieira.....

You are the salt of the earth

How often we hear this term and do not really give much thought to where it came from. Salt in the time of Christ was so precious that it was a form of wages. The Latin word for salt is the source of our word Salary. What gave salt such value? It was important for life. In the days before refrigeration salt was used to preserve food. If you go to the grocery store today you can still purchase meats preserved with salt and other seasonings in the form of jerky. Salt was also used medicinally to cleanse wounds and as a bath for eyes. In cooking, finding the right amount of salt can be a challenge as it disappears in the dish being prepared. However, it has not disappeared, it can still be perceived by taste. It has not lost its savor. The savor, or flavor, of salt is part of its very nature; thus, for it to lose its savor would be next to impossible.

When Jesus informs us that we are the salt of the earth, He is providing us with a mission statement. We are called to spread the savor of our Savior to the world. Following the salt image, what we do for the Kingdom of Heaven is not always visible. In fact, when we pray, we are told to go into our closet and pray that only God will see us. Our prayers for the world, our community, and our families and friends are some of the most potent flavorings we can provide to the world, and yet they are unseen.

Our actions also season the world when we refuse to engage in what the Apostle Paul referred to as “course jesting”. We also refuse to allow our language to descend into the banal or base when talking with others. These actions are more visible, and lead us to the next simile, that of being the light of the world. Our light is visible to all, yet, even as Moses was not aware of the fact that his face was shining with the Glory of God, we too may not be aware of the way others see us. This does not remove their eyes from us, it only makes any misbehaviors shine ever more visibly to those who see us.

So how can we deal with the pressure of knowing that we are so visible and responsible to season the world? The salt of the Christian life is special because we are able to recharge our saltiness by spending quality time with God. This is why Jesus demonstrated to His disciples and to us the need to step away from the world and our activities to pray, to meditate on sacred Scripture, and to listen to the voice of God whispering in our hearts. Jesus at times spent all night on the mountain praying, can we not spare at least 15 minutes?

Who Are We?!

Holy Nativity Catholic Church is a member of an administrative structure [“ordinariate”] under the Roman Catholic Church offering one of three forms of the Mass in the Latin Rite. With guidance and encouragement of Pope Benedict XVI, we were formed to accommodate the traditions of the Anglican communities as they entered in the Catholic Church, in full communion with Rome. All Catholics are welcome!

