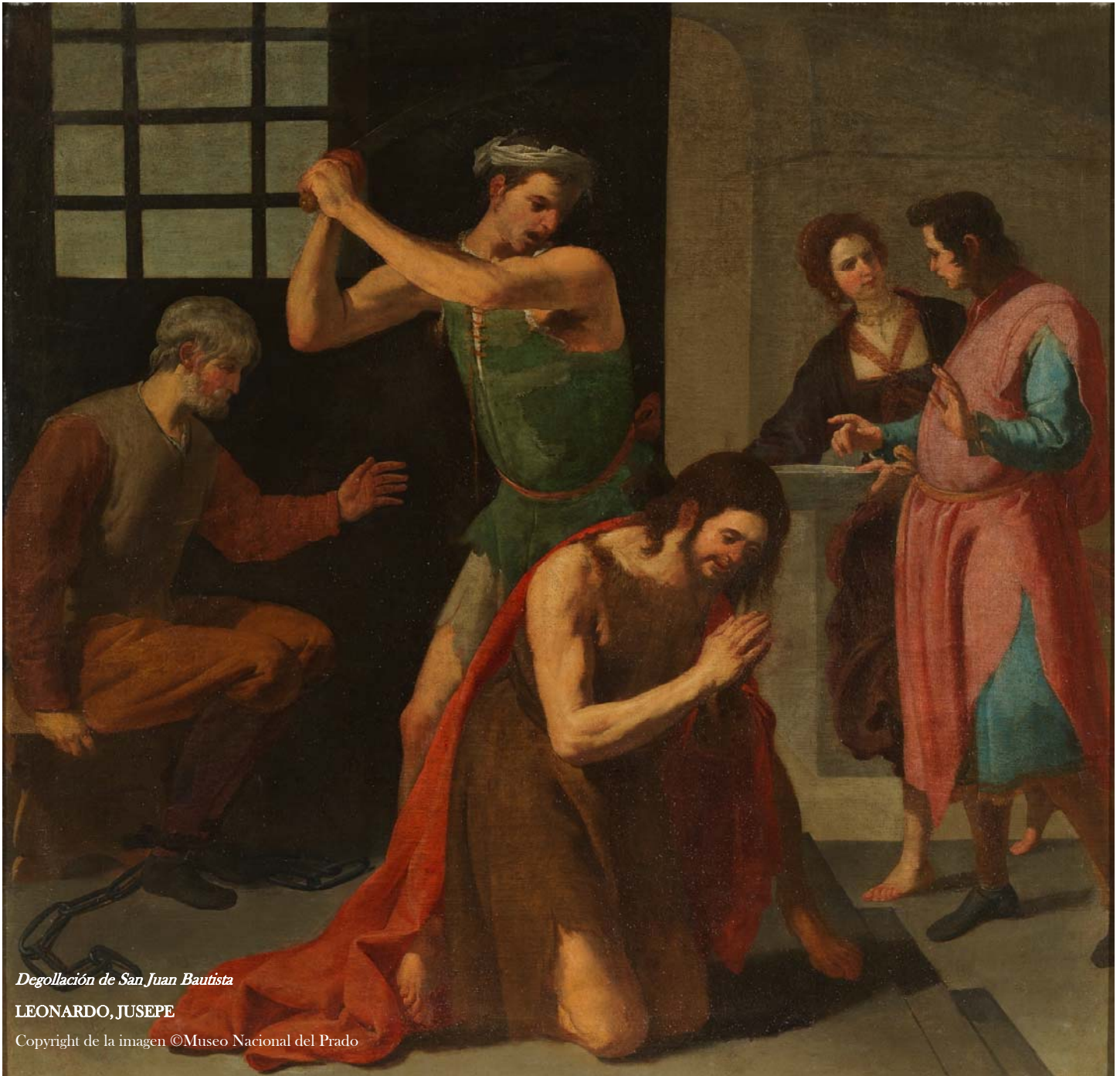


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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:00 am Lolita Bocello, RIP 5:00 pm Anna EG Conner, RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30 am For all Parishioners 9:00 am Derek and Danielle Beaupre (SI) 10:30 Tricia Foley Solorzano, RIP
<b>MONDAY</b>	Fr. Minh Do, Special Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Atanacio and Eulogia Montano, RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Andy Gargan, RIP
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Richard Rubio, RIP
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Dan Mulvihill, RIP

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
**Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 9:30 am**



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**Please join us**  
**at daily**  
**Mass & Adoration**  
**in thanksgiving for**  
**the gift of the**  
**Eucharist**  
**and to continue to**  
**grow in faith and**  
**spend**

**more time with Jesus in prayer.**

## MASS SCHEDULE:

**Daily Mass:**

**Monday—Saturday**

**8am**

**Sunday Masses:**

**Saturday Vigil:**

**5 pm**

**Sundays:**

**7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am**

**ALL MASSES**

**Outdoors in the Courtyard**

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2020

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,  
that you may discern what is the will of God,  
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

— *Romans 12:2*

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God  
in Christ Jesus for you.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**Prayer is needed now more than ever!**

**Please join us!**

**What? Rosary and Diving Mercy Chaplet**

**When? 6:30 AM Every Morning**

**How? Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7704958780>

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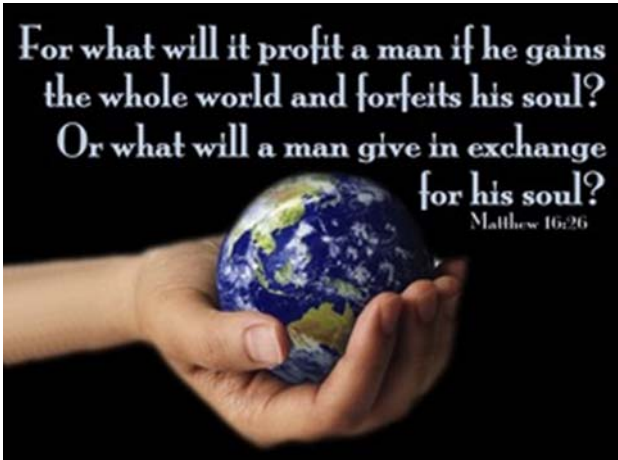
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“My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, being a Catholic Christian is not easy. While the world turns its eyes and even its hearts from the cross, we are called today in the Gospel to take up our cross and follow Jesus. With the current Pandemic in the world, we see and hear many people coming to help those who are suffering. At the same time, there are those who see this as an opportunity to do harm - riots, looting and gouging the price of the necessities of survival, etc. Would this be the world we want to have? Are we one disaster away from being like those who prey on the sufferings of others? What kind of suffering will it take to influence us to turn our hearts away from the sufferings of others? In other words, what will it take for us to lose our humanity? As Catholic Christians, I hope it will never come to this. We are God’s children in our baptism and are charged with the mission to bring the Good

News of salvation to the world in our actions and prayers. In Jesus Christ, we are the instruments of hope in the world. But what about the sufferings around us? There are brothers and sisters in our community and perhaps in our family that are suffering. Have we responded charitably towards them? These are hard but real questions we must ask ourselves. Are we just takers, always expecting others to cater to our every whim? Or are we givers? For, it is in giving that we receive.

The Church of the Nativity, for all of us, is our Church and the cornerstone of our faith where we build our family and community. What happens to her reflects us and our faith. We do have a great and faith filled community. The question for you and me is how have we been building up this community? We have strength in numbers, and you can take part in building up our community and church here, to be a light and godly example for others to see God’s love and work in this little vineyard of His. It is all about prioritizing what is important in our lives. If the things of God are not at the top of our priority list, then we need to change so that they can be. We cannot expect God to bless us if we do not take care of our faith, which means words and deeds, which translate to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. As you will recall, the corporal works of mercy are helping others with material and physical needs such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead by attending funeral masses for those of our community, and giving alms to the poor. The spiritual works of mercy are the acts of compassion which involve teaching the faith, advising those needing the wisdom of our experience, consoling those suffering, comforting one another in times of need, forgiving one another, and especially, bearing wrongs patiently.

In our suffering, will we complain like Jeremiah or will we try to avoid it like Peter in the Gospel today? This is not to point to their downfall, but to weak moments in their lives as well as ours. We must and can bear our cross patiently. As St. Paul reminds us in his letters to the Romans, “Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the will of God, that which is good and pleasing and perfect.” God does not cause sufferings, but sometimes he allows them to bring about good. Sufferings can bring the best or the worst out in people. We cannot be naïve in thinking that we will never turn our eyes and hearts away from the sufferings of others. If we stay near the light of Christ in the church, we will see things other cannot see. To do this we must put aside our selfish desires and take up our cross each day to help build up the kingdom of God, beginning with our family and community. Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

When God calls us home, “he will repay all according to his conduct.” The world always reduces the cross to novelties, jewelry, and the like. The cross is a stumbling block to those who have yet to know Jesus. We all have inner struggles, like Jeremiah, in being faithful to God’s call to serve as his prophet in the world. In our ministry, we will face challenges, but “We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.” Everybody has a cross. The question is: what we are going to do with that cross? Will we deny it, rebel against it, curse it, numb ourselves with alcohol and drugs to make us forget it? Or will we take it up and follow Jesus? The Lord teaches us the great truth of the Christian faith, that the cross is our way to life everlasting with him.

# FAITH FORMATION



*Fr. Minh Do and the catechists at Church of the Nativity wish you a warm welcome to our Faith Formation program. We hope that you find all the information you need here and, if not, please do not hesitate to call or email us!*

## Children's Faith Formation

The Church of the Nativity invites all children and youth, baptized or not, to participate in the catechetical program. Faith Formation is designed for children in grades K-8 who are not currently attending a Catholic school.

## Goals

The goals of Nativity's Faith Formation are:

- Ongoing conversion to Jesus Christ
- Full participation in the life of the Catholic Church
- To foster community among the students, their families and the Parish community

## Program Overview & Calendar

Faith Formation for the 2020-2021 school year will be a hybrid model. We will offer online classes through [My Catholic Faith Delivered](#) and monthly Faith Formation in-person classes. These classes will be activity based and intended to compliment the online learning. Because students have already done the reading and taken their test online, classes with the catechists can be hands-on, project based activities that are fun and engaging for the child - no textbooks or worksheets!

NOTE: We are still working out what our monthly in-person classes will look like. Given the recent mandate by Governor Newsom, we are working with the diocese to determine how we can best facilitate Faith Formation classes for the fall. Please stay tuned for more details.

## First Communion and First Reconciliation

In union with the Diocese of San Diego, there is a two year process to prepare students for First Holy Communion, which begins in First Grade and completes in Second Grade. We also have an option for those who wish to begin their First Holy Communion journey post first/second grade.

To register for our program, please email the Faith Formation Coordinator Amanda Telles, at [FaithFormation@nativitymail.org](mailto:FaithFormation@nativitymail.org).

## Home Based Catechesis/ Home Schooling

If attending Faith Formation at Nativity is not possible due to an extenuating circumstance, we are happy to help provide curriculum and a guide for parents to instruct their children at home. Please contact the Faith Formation Coordinator for more details, [faithformation@nativitymail.org](mailto:faithformation@nativitymail.org). Click [HERE](#) to see the diocese website and rationale for partnering with the Church to educate your children in the faith.

## Registration Payment Information

Tuition is \$130 for one child for the entire year. There is a 20% discount off tuition for each additional sibling. Tuition for children receiving First Communion is \$225, which covers additional materials and photography for the First Communion Mass.

Tuition helps cover the cost of books, supplies, activities, and related expenses. All materials needed for the classes are provided. Full payment is necessary for enrollment. However, no child will be turned away for financial reasons. Parents willing to volunteer in the classroom are eligible for discounted tuition. Please contact the Faith Formation Coordinator to inquire about pricing.

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**Our New Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program**  
 will be up and running for this coming school year.

This program serves children who will turn 5 years old before December 31st and need another year before they go to Kindergarten. This program especially benefits children who need another year to develop socially, emotionally, academically, or who miss the September 1st age cut-off. We currently have a couple of spaces remaining for this current school year.

If you would like more information or have any questions,  
 please contact Cathy Towner at [ctowner@nativitymail.org](mailto:ctowner@nativitymail.org).  
 To schedule a tour, please contact Maggie Zures at [mzures@nativitymail.org](mailto:mzures@nativitymail.org)  
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## Next Nativity Men's Group September 3, 2020

### Speaker: Christopher Check

Topic: **Lepanto: The Battle that Saved the Christian West**

Christopher Check is president of Catholic Answers, the largest lay-run apologetics and evangelization organization in the English-speaking world. He holds a degree in English Literature from Rice University.

Christopher served for two decades as vice president of The Rockford Institute and before that for seven years as a field artillery officer in the United States Marine Corps in deployments and expeditions in the Far East and the Persian Gulf. His writings have appeared in *Chronicles: A Magazine of American Culture*, *Catholic Answers Magazine*, *Touchstone*, *The Wanderer*, *Angelus*, *New Oxford Review*, *Culture Wars*, and the *Chicago Tribune*.

He has addressed audiences at home and abroad including at the University of London, the Pontifical Augustinian University in Rome, the Serbian Writers Union in Belgrade, the National Press Club, Catholic Answers, the American Chesterton Society, Legatus, Catholic Citizens of Illinois, Saint Michael's Abbey, Silverado, California, Saint Gregory's Academy, The Institute for Catholic Culture, The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, Ave Maria University, Argument of the Month Club, and, most respectable of all, the Irish Rose Saloon in Rockford, Illinois. Christopher is the creator of *The Lepanto Lectures*, a series of audio lectures on topics in Salvation History from ancient times to the present day.

**Join us for a night of Faith, Fellowship,  
 Food, and Inspiration**

**Where:** Church of the Nativity

**When:** Thursday, September 3, 6:00 – 8:30 PM

**Note:** (Meeting will be outside in the main courtyard)

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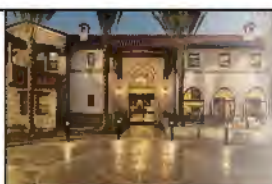
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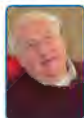
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Please contact the Parish Office 858-756-1911 or  
[lbarton@nativitycatholic.org](mailto:lbarton@nativitycatholic.org).**Marriage:** Saturdays, 11:00 am or 2:00 pm  
Contact the parish office at 858-756-1911.**Anointing of the Sick:** Encouraged for anyone critically ill,  
for the elderly, or prior to major surgery**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:30- 4:15 pm**Eucharist:**Weekday Mass: Monday - Saturday at 8 am in the Main ChurchEucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in the Main ChurchPerpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays, after 8 am MassRosary: Weekdays, after 8 am Mass in the Church***FAMILY FAITH FORMATION*****Family Faith Formation Coordinator:** Amanda Telles  
[faithformation@nativitymail.org](mailto:faithformation@nativitymail.org)K-8 Faith Formation is off for the summer holiday. We  
will resume a hybrid model of online and  
in-person lessons in September.

Please read the article in the bulletin

For all the information.

Have a fun and safe summer!

**High School Youth Ministry**Registration Information for the 2020-2021 Youth Ministry Year  
is posted on our website at<https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry>

and has been emailed to all parents.

Incoming freshmen from the Family Faith Formation Program  
and Nativity School have automatically been added to our class  
rosters. If you have a teen that is new to the parish or wasn't in  
either program last year please contact Mike James, Youth  
Minister, at [mjames@nativitycatholic.org](mailto:mjames@nativitycatholic.org) for Registration  
information.Our Youth Ministry year will begin on September 20,  
Catechetical Sunday, with a Parent and New Teen Orientation  
Meeting on Zoom from 5-6:15pm. We will discuss the online  
learning model for the Youth Ministry Program and the  
Confirmation Program requirements. There will be plenty of  
time for questions in the chat after the presentation. Meeting  
details and log-in information will be emailed to all parents and  
teens the week of the meeting. This meeting is only for new  
teens to the Youth Ministry Program and their parents.Our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on September 27 will be for all freshmen-  
seniors together on Zoom. We will discuss the online learning  
model and set up our small groups for the first few months.**RCIA**R.C.I.A. will start online on September 20 via a Zoom  
session. Log in information will be emailed to all class members  
earlier in that week.The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the  
process that welcomes you to join the Catholic faith community  
and introduces you to the beliefs and practices of the Church.  
If you are not baptized, the process leads to the reception of the  
sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you are  
Baptized in another Christian tradition, the process invites you  
to participate fully in the church through the Sacraments of  
Confirmation and Eucharist.If you are an adult looking to learn more about or to be initiated  
into the Catholic faith, need to prepare for a missed sacrament,  
or are a lifelong Catholic looking for a refresher course, then the  
R.C.I.A. can help.During each R.C.I.A. session we spend time answering your  
questions about the Catholic faith, reviewing the Scripture  
readings from Mass, and discussing the current chapter in our  
book. The most important thing is getting your questions  
answered. The R.C.I.A. meets from September through Easter  
every year. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mike  
James, R.C.I.A. Coordinator, at [mjames@nativitycatholic.org](mailto:mjames@nativitycatholic.org).