



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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PARISH OFFICE

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday | 8:00am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm
Sunday | 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am

*All Masses held outdoors in the
Courtyard.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 4th Sunday,
after the 10:30am Mass. Please
contact the Parish Office or
lbarton@nativitycatholic.org

MARRIAGE

Saturdays, 11:00am or 2:00pm.
Contact the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Encouraged for anyone critically ill,
for the elderly, or prior to major
surgery.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 1:00-2:00 pm

EUCARIST

Weekday Mass | Monday -
Saturday at 8:00am in the
Courtyard.

Eucharist Adoration | Monday -
Friday 8:30am-9:30am in the
Courtyard

Perpetual Help Novena |
Tuesdays after 8:00am Mass

Rosary | Weekdays after 8:00am

ABOUT OUR PARISH



MISSION STATEMENT - We are a praying, learning, and caring
community fulfilling the mission God gives us in baptism by our
worship in faith, by our witness in hope, and by our service in love.

***Praying through the Sacraments, Learning through Religious
Education, Caring through Pastoral Care.***

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STEWARDSHIP

FOR THE WEEK OF 1-24

Our Parishioners contributed \$11,385

in the collection last week, to further the Mission and Ministry provided by the
Church of the Nativity. Thank you for giving what is meaningful to you, to serve
our brothers and sisters in Christ.

ABOUT OUR PARISH

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 1/23

8:00 Carlo Yañez, SI
4:00 Norma Manuel, RIP

SUNDAY 1/24

7:30 Pat Hellzen, RIP
9:00 FOR ALL PARISHONERS
10:30 MARTIN BUNIVVA, RIP

MONDAY 1/25

8:00 Maruja Norton, SI

TUESDAY 1/26

8:00 Mary Smith, RIP

WEDNESDAY 1/27

8:00 Judith Kenny, RIP
11:15 Souls In Purgatory

THURSDAY 1/28

8:00 am Mark D'Souza, RIP

FRIDAY 1/29

8:00 AM, James Martin Reid, RIP
11:15 Lilik Nugroho, RIP



Still Open! Church of the Nativity

Welcomes All Parishioners To Our **Catechism & Bible Study**
Starts Jan. 3rd to Mar. 22nd, 2021

2 Studies To Choose From Every Week:

Sunday 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Monday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

(Optional: 30 Minute Q & A Session After Each Study)

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CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

January 31 - February 6

#CSW21

The Nativity School

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Open House

Sunday, January 31st

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

Hebrews 4:7

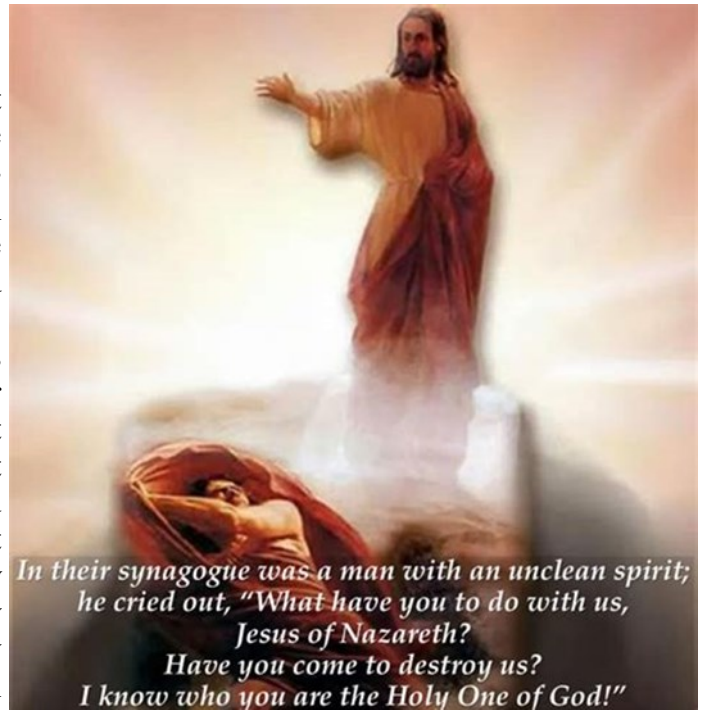
My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus comes with authority like no other has before Him. Last weekend, the Gospel reminded us that, like the disciples, we are called to leave our nets if we genuinely want to follow Christ fully. This weekend's Gospel speaks about Jesus's power and authority. The “unclean spirit”, demon, recognizes Jesus's power and authority.

What about you? The answer we truly give is demonstrated by how we live out the Gospel in our lives. We can hide our true selves from the world, but God knows everything. And the sooner we are honest with Him, the sooner our lives will have peace and hope. Humanity has been struggling with this ancient sin since the beginning-the sin of pride. Some may posit a sense of self preservation, thinking that they need to hold something back just in case they may have need of a backup plan. Many enter marriage with reservation, only showing what they think the other

person may want, and then, one day, the truth comes out in family life. Thus, people give up. All the while the Devil smirks in the shadows, and says, “Oh how foolish and easy these humans are to deceive!” He loves drama because he lost the spiritual life of God in him due to his disobedience. Then, he tempted Adam and Eve to disobey the Covenant God made with humanity, and every *adam and eve* since must now do battle with Satan in their marriage covenant. It's all about control. Some people find solace in addictions, sins, and even fear. There are a lot of things that promise us freedom, but end up making us addicts and even slaves to it. Name it! All the vices are there to entrap us. Yet, there is hope. Christ has the power and authority to truly set us free from the trappings.

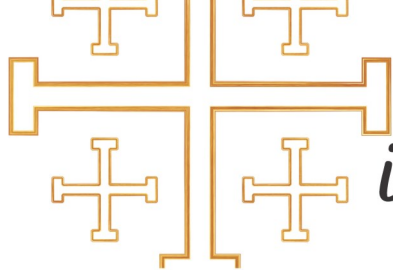
All you have to do is find some quiet time away from your busy life and reflect on your life's narrative which includes all your experiences since the day you left the womb and entered the world. The environment surrounding your upbringing either leads you to a deeper union with Christ or a separation from Him. If you are in a good place with Him, then help bring others to Christ by becoming a bridge for others. However, if you are not at a good place with God at this moment, then place yourself at the mercy of His love.

We can always begin anew with Christ with each day He gives us. He has the power to truly liberate us from all vices and sins. “If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.” Do not be like those we read about in Scripture who turn their backs on Christ, *the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.* These words we confess each Sunday and on every Solemnity. May we live the words that we profess in the midst of the Church and before the angels and saints in heaven.



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Fr. Minh Do



Women of Nativity

invite all to our Lenten Study

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO
LIFE'S ESSENTIAL DAILY HABIT

**Feb.10, 17, 24,
March 3, 10, 17, 24
Book and Study Guide
Provided. Join us for
Reflections on the
Sunday Readings &
Prayers enhancement**

**9-10:30 am
zoom ID 962 691 7300
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**I Heard
God
Laugh**

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TUE 2/02	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
WED 2/03	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
THR 2/04	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
FRI 2/05	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
SAT 2/06	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
SUN 2/07	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

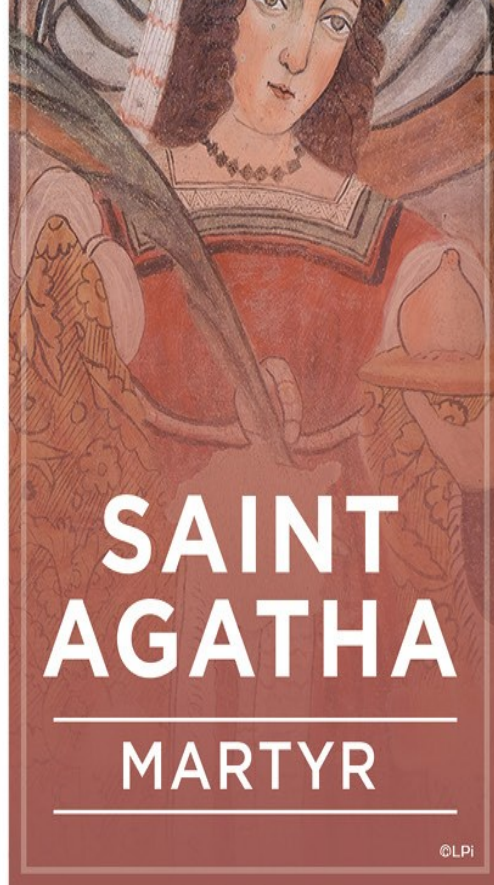
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

Sunday:	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday:	The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
Wednesday:	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Friday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sunday:	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?



*Everything and
everyone is won
by the sweetness
of our words
and works.*

— ST. JOHN BOSCO

Next Nativity Men's Group

February 4, 2020

Speaker: Dr. James T. Harris, Pres.



Dr. James T. Harris is the president of the University of San Diego, a Roman Catholic institution ranked among the nation's top 100 universities. Over the past 27 years, he has served as the president of three universities. He has also served on multiple global, local and national boards. Most recently he served as the Board Chair for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

In 2019, Dr. Harris was honored by the Urban League of San Diego with the Diversity and Equity Award for his work in civic engagement. In June 2020, he was recognized in the San Diego Business Journal's "SD 50," spotlighting the Top 50 business leaders and organizations who've made an impact during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Earlier in his career, the NAACP recognized him with a leadership award for his work defending civil rights; he was named one of the Top 50 Character-Building Presidents in America by the John Templeton Foundation, and received the CASE Chief Executive Leadership Award.

President Harris believes in the transformative power of education. "Education can change individuals and society for the better and it's one of the great forces in the world today," he said. President Harris was a first-generation college student whose life was transformed through three profound experiences during his college years. First, he found his Catholic faith, inspired in part by the charismatic spiritual leadership of Pope St. John Paul II. Secondly, he found his vocation and fell in love with the idea of teaching and of being an educator. And third, he found the love of his life, his wife, Mary. President Harris and his wife, Mary, have been married for 36 years and have two sons, Zachary, a graduate of Villanova University, and Braden, who graduated from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Dr. Harris remains an active scholar and teacher.

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

Where: Church of the Nativity Parish
When: Thursday, February 4, 6:00 – 8:30 PM

*Dinner deliciously prepared by Chef Hubert Lorenz
Culinary Wizard (www.theculinarywizard.com)*

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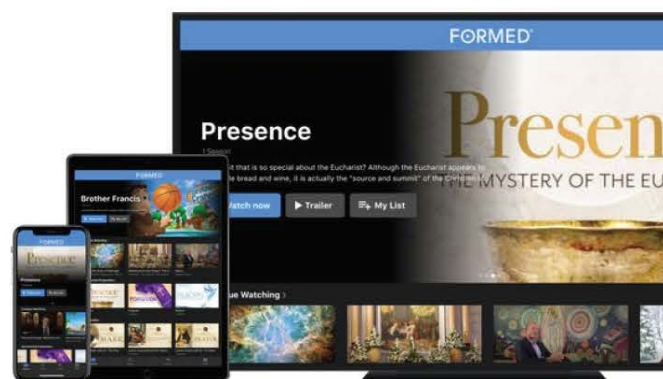
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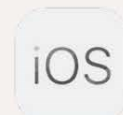
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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation Coordinator: Amanda Telles

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K-8 Faith Formation

Has resumed a hybrid model of online and in-person lessons.

Our website has all the information.

High School Youth Ministry

Sunday's topic will be "Truth & Tolerance" with Chris Stefanik from the FORMED program. What does it really mean to be tolerant? Is there an Absolute Truth, or is truth really a personal choice we make depending on the circumstances? What is relativism? How do we apply and live these concepts in our Catholic faith? All freshmen-seniors, public or catholic school, are invited to join us from 5-6:15pm on Zoom to learn about Truth & Tolerance. Be sure to check the Youth Ministry page on the parish website at <https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry> for the class materials & downloads before class.

There will be no class on February 7. We resume on February 14 at the regular times.

RCIA

R.C.I.A. Class #17 will be on January 31 via a Zoom session from 11:30am to 12:30pm. The new log in information for our 2021 meetings has been emailed to all class members. Be sure to check the parish website to download the scripture readings and handouts before class.

High School Confirmation

Confirmation Immediate Preparation Class #1 is on Sunday February 14 from 3:30-4:30pm. Invitations for eligible teens with full details have been emailed to parents. Please email all registration paperwork to mjames@nativitycatholic.org by February 7 and stop by the Parish Office between 9am and 2pm Monday-Friday to pick up the supplemental Confirmation book before the first class on February 14.

Our Confirmation date has been announced for Sunday April 25 at 12 noon with Bishop Bejarano.

All Confirmation Information will also be posted on our parish website at <https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/confirmation>

For information on the High School Youth Ministry and Confirmation Programs contact Mike James, Youth Minister at mjames@nativitycatholic.org or go to <https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry>.

Nativity Youth Samaritans

Operation Gratitude Letters are due back to the Samaritans bin in the Narthex by February 1. Details on the project are at <https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry>