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NOVEMBER 12, 2023 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday | 8:00am

WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm

Sunday | 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30-4:30 pm

EUCHARIST

Weekday Mass |

Monday - Saturday at 8:00am

Eucharist Adoration |

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Perpetual Help Novena |

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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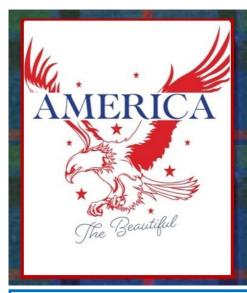
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 11/11 8:00am All Souls Novena 5:00pm Barbara Melbrod RIP **Sunday 11/12** 7:30am Christopher Sculte RIP 9:00am For all Parishioners 10:30am Bob & Barbara McCullough RIP Monday 11/13 Michael Matthews RIP TUESDAY 11/14 Carol Pope RIP WEDNESDAY 11/15 Sadie Scola RIP THURSDAY 11/16 Luis Londono RIP FRIDAY 11/17 Jason & Tyler Matthews SI SATURDAY 11/18 8:00am Larry Tain RIP 5:00pm Cindy Ciccolella



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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or

4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk

17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see

1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Observances for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday:

St. Frances Xavier Ćabrini, Virgin

Wednesday:

St. Albert the Great,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church Thursday:

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings in the Lord!

We are now on the 32nd Sunday in the ordinary time of the liturgy of the Church. After two Sundays we shall commence the new season in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic church with the season of Advent. Last Sunday our readings reminded us of the need to heed the admonition of our ecclesiastical leaders, just like to Pharisees and scribes of old, but not imitate their hypocritical ways. Not all our leaders are hypocrites, so we must heed the advice of the good leaders as well as imitate the good works they perform which would help us attain perfection and holiness in life.

This Sunday's gospel reading is focused on the proper preparation for the coming of the Lord. This prepares us for the themes of the Sunday readings of the season of Advent. Once again Jesus uses a parable in order to demonstrate the importance of his message. The parable that Jesus shared speaks about the coming of the bridegroom. The same reminds us of the parable wherein Jesus compared the Kingdom of heaven to the wedding banquet prepared by the King for his son. The parable this time speaks about ten virgins whose task was to greet the bridegroom with their lighted lamps on hand.

The essence of the parable lies in the fact that the virgins mentioned in the parable are classified as five wise and the other five foolish. The description of wisdom is that which could be taken from the first reading which runs this way "for taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free of care." (Wisdom 6: 14) The wise virgins were prudent enough to be prepared to meet the bridegroom with sufficient oil needed to have their lamps lighted upon the arrival of the bridegroom, who happened to have arrived late. They were prepared and their wise preparation made them ready to meet him with delight and gladness. The foolish virgins did not only go to sleep while the bridegroom was on his way but did not have the necessary oil for the lamps for his eventual arrival.

This reminds us of the wedding garment that the King looked for from one of those invited to the wedding banquet in the parable that Jesus spoke about and read three Sundays ago. Here the "oil" mentioned represent what bible scholars consider as the lives of faith and testimony, purity and dedication, good works and fidelity to the covenant made during the baptism. The five wise virgins are the model of the right disposition that each disciple should have in waiting for the coming of the Bridegroom, who will arrive at the time that is not expected although his coming is certain in our lives. This gospel message is one of the very timely reminders of how we should always be prepared for the coming of Jesus in our lives. Let us be as wise as the five wise virgins so that when the Bridegroom arrives we a\will not only be "awake," but have our lamps full of oil because we know not neither the day nor the hour of his coming. (Matt. 25: 13).



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

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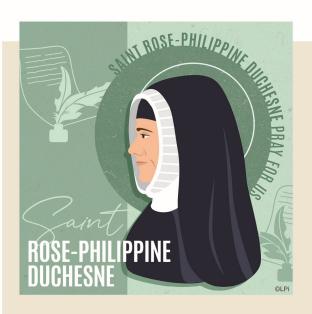
Virgin

Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts.

Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne was a French Roman Catholic religious sister and missionary who served France during the French Revolution before immigrating to the USA. She established the First Sacred Heart convent in North America and dedicated her life in service to the poor.

Prayer

Lord, You alone are the Center in which I find rest. Give me Your arm to support me, Your shoulders to carry me, Your breast to lean upon, Your Cross to uphold me, Your Body to nourish me. In You, Lord, I sleep and rest in peace.

Amen.

-Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne



THANKSGIVING MASS

On November 23rd, we will have a Community Mass at 9:00 am. There will be no 8am Mass or Adoration that day. Office will be closed on 11/23 and 11/24

It will re-open Monday Nov. 27. Office Staff will be attending an Advent retreat November 30-December 1st Office will be closed Thursday and Friday (11/30-12/1)

If you or someone you know is suffering from a past abortion, please call Rachel's Hope for support After Abortion Healing and Reconciliation for Catholic Women. (or Catholic-friendly) For information please contact: Rosemary Benefield at (858) 581-3022 or email at rachels hope@juno.com



Save the date

CHRISTMAS 2023 ADVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 7th 6:30 pm Advent Penance Service Friday, December 8th The Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8:00 am Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) Saturday, December 16th **Christmas Party** 5:00 pm Mass 6:00 pm Parish Christmas Party (this will be a family party for both adults and children) Sunday, December 17th 2:00 pm A Baroque Christmas Concert

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https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/ mental-health-ministry

The Diocese of San Diego lists Mental Health Resources?

Look under: https://sdcatholic.org/office-for/family-life-and-spirituality/mental-health-ministry/

The Diocesan Office for Family Life and Spirituality maintains a list of therapists for referral? Call (858) 490-8299
Nativity Mental health Ministry

(858) 367-0049



Please join us for Biblical Reflections in Preparation for Christmas On November 25th, December 2nd, 9th and 16th in the Commons at 9:00am with Fr. Azam Vianney.

Fr. Azam *Vianney* Mansha, CJM belongs to the Congregation of Jesus and Mary or the Eudist Fathers. He is the first Eudist priest from Pakistan, having obtained ecclesiastical Pontifical Licentiate in Sacred Theology, specializing in Sacred Scripture from Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo de Manila - Philippines. He obtained his Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology from Melbourne College of Divinity, University of Divinity, Australia; a



four-year Theological Diploma course at the National Catholic Institute of Theology, Karachi, Pakistan and Baccalaureate in Philosophy from the Pontifical <u>Urbaniana</u> University, Rome.

Fr. Azam has served as a faculty member and thesis advisor in different theological schools in the Philippines where he taught courses on Johannine Literature, Introduction to the Old Testament, Introduction to the Book of Psalms and Introduction to the Theology. He is currently serving as *Parochial Vicar* at St. Patrick Parish, Carlsbad and conducting Bible Studies in different parishes of the Diocese of San Diego.

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, call 951-259-9474 or visit our website: https://helpourmarriage.org/community=San%5FDiego%5FCalifornia

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Prayer

God, fill my heart with your love. I want to be ready for Jesus.

Mission for the Week

As a family, go through your closets and drawers. Take out all the clothes you don't wear anymore. Then donate them to charity.

Sharing the Gospel

Make sure your heart is ready for Jesus. One day Jesus will come back. If your heart is empty and dark - without love - you will be left out. But if your heart is filled with God's love for other people, Jesus will bring you into heaven with him forever.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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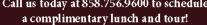
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Thanks to the teens who attended our Halloween Movie Night on the 27th for our first social event.

For more information on Youth Ministry or Confirmation contact Mike James, Director of Catechetical Ministry, at mjames@nativitycatholic.org or see the Youth Ministry page on the parish website at https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry



Confirmation Preparation is one of the 4 parts of the High School Youth Ministry Program. Starting this year there is a significant change to our Confirmation Policy, which was requested by the Diocese. From now on, all teens, whether they attend a public or Catholic high school, must attend 2 years worth of our Youth Ministry Sunday Topic Nights in order to be eligible for the Confirmation Immediate Preparation program that starts every February.

The Catechumenate Period of the R.C.I.A. has now started and we meet on Sundays from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Parish Conference Room, located next to the Commons. There is still time to join. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mike James, Director of Catechetical Ministry, at mjames@nativitycatholic.org or just come on a Sunday.



What is R.C.I.A.? It stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Who is it for?

- Those who want to convert to Catholicism
- Those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith
- Catholics who need to prepare for a missed sacrament, such as Confirmation

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During each R.C.I.A. class we spend time answering your questions about the Catholic faith, reviewing the weekly Scripture readings from Mass, and discussing the current chapter in our book. The most important thing is getting your questions answered.



St. Rose of Lima and Corpus Christi churches invite all men to their annual Men's Retreat from November 17-19 at Whispering Winds. It is very popular and well attended every year. Registration details are in the flyer.