



*Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Religious Education Newsletter*

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Prayer of the Week
(Sunday)

God our Creator, we thank you for this Sunday. We thank you for our church, for our home and for the chance to rest today. As we share this meal, help us to recognize the presence of Jesus with us and fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Nativity will offer six services – Mass at 6:30 am, 9 am, 12:15, and 5:30; Communion service at 3:30 and 7 pm. Many of the catechists for the Wednesday night session are interested in taking their kids to the Ash Wednesday service. Please talk to your children's teacher before leaving them to see if you need to pick up the kids at the church or the pastoral center. This may be a good time to join your kids and receive ashes too.

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTUARIO

THANK YOU to all of the confirmation candidates, catechists, parents and parishioners who made the pilgrimage to the Santuario in Chimayo this past Saturday! It was a wonderful day of prayer, reflection and witness for all involved.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday of Lent, from 9:30 – 5 pm in the church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Here at Nativity, we do the Stations of the Cross in the church every Friday during Lent. Our first opportunity will be this Friday at 5:30 pm. If you have never done the stations with the community, come and experience a great common prayer that unites us all to the suffering and death of Jesus. Books are provided for all to participate or follow along. Bring your whole family. Faithful of all ages are welcome. We hope to see you on Friday!

SOUP SUPPERS

Another wonderful Lenten tradition here at Nativity parish is Friday soup suppers. Each week of Lent, following the Stations of the Cross, we invite all parishioners to come over for a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship and food with fellow faithful. Each week, different ministries provide the food, consisting of meatless soups and dishes as well as bread. There is always plenty for all, so come over and join us!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir will begin practice for Easter on Monday, 14 March from 6:30-7:15 in the Choir room. This room is in the church office building. If you sang for Christmas, it is the same room you used then. The children who participated in the Christmas choir are invited to come to these practices as well as anyone else who can read and is interested in singing. Older children are most welcome to participate. The children's choir will sing for the 9 am Mass on Easter Sunday. If you are in town on Easter Sunday, please join us. Singing and leading the congregation in song is a way to participate in a wonderful ministry for the church. Please call Robin Casey at 898-5253 x 4 with any questions.

TEEN BIBLE STUDY

If anyone is interested in leading a teen bible study, please contact Deacon Michael at 898-5253 x 2. We have had inquiries as to a study session for teens and young adults. This is just in the planning stages, so details are totally flexible to fit into your schedule.

SACRAMENTS AT NATIVITY

Many times, adults within the parish do not have all of their sacraments. If this is the case with you, perhaps you would like to complete your sacraments? We do not charge for any sacraments here at Nativity! Our adult confirmation class will be starting on 21 March. This 9 week session is the easiest way to complete your confirmation. This year, the Archbishop will be performing Confirmation for us on 16 May. If you have any questions about Confirmation or any of the other sacraments and would like to discuss your particular situation with me, I am always available. Please call me at 898-5253 x 2.

LENTEN SACRIFICE

This year consider giving of yourself to benefit others instead of giving up chocolate or sodas!

Mass Schedule – Saturday – 5:30pm, Sunday – 7:30, 9 am, 10:45 (Spanish) and 12:30pm