

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30 AM



REFLECTIONS WITH FRAN

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

WHILE THEY WERE
DESCRIBING THESE
EVENTS, JESUS HIMSELF
STOOD AMONG THEM AND
SAID, "PEACE BE WITH
YOU."
- LUKE 24:36

As I am writing this on Monday of the Second week after Easter. Earlier this morning, knowing that I would be writing this reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter, I read Luke's Gospel. Luke tells us that the eleven disciples still do not "get it" that the person they see before them is the same Jesus that they have been following for the previous three years. Even though Jesus had been telling them all that was going to happen to Him, they just cannot comprehend that Jesus is alive because they know He died. Rather than being exasperated with them and belittling their lack of faith, Jesus brings them his peace, "**Peace be with you.**" The disciples think Jesus is a ghost and they are afraid, but Jesus' patience is amazing given that the scriptures tell us that He would have to tell them eight more times that He is Jesus and He has risen from the dead. This Gospel of Luke should bring great comfort to all of us who tend to be slow learners because we know that Jesus waits for each of us to catch up to His message of faith, forgiveness, and hope.

It is afternoon now and I am continuing to write as I am also watching the Total Solar Eclipse on CNN and the Weather Channel. I am struck with the variety of experiences that forty to fifty million people are having from Mexico to Maine. Some are watching in 90-degree weather and others are on snow covered mountains. There are diverse people from all over the country and the world who have traveled for this experience. Eclipse watchers are old and young, scientists and casual observers. During the Eclipse, couples are getting engaged and married, music is playing that ranges from classical to Beatles inspired, and there is both cheering and hushed silence as Totality occurs. In the midst of the great variety of locations and activities and lengths of time of Totality, I am struck by the consistency of the language used by Eclipse watchers to talk about the emotional impact of their experiences with Totality: "a moving experience, a spiritual experience, a miracle, and an experience of unexpected magic and connectedness." People talked about wishing that the same feelings of wonder and amazement that they felt could be shared in a way that would bring us together despite our divisions. Perhaps in this Eclipse, there is an echo of Jesus' message of faith, forgiveness, and hope: "**Peace be with you.**"

Finally, I am thinking about Bishop Tom Gumbleton. Many years ago, good friends and neighbors invited my family for a casual dinner with Bishop Gumbleton who was a close friend of theirs. As much as I wanted to go, I was very apprehensive about accepting the invitation because our four-month-old daughter was a very colicky baby who routinely cried from five o'clock in the evening until two in the morning. I had visions of a dinner disaster, but my ace in the hole was that sometimes our sweet baby would sleep in her car seat if she wore her coat and bonnet. So...we went to dinner and placed our sleeping daughter in the corner in her car seat, coat and bonnet. Bishop Gumbleton looked at her and with a quizzical look on his face, he said that he assumed there must be a story behind this unusual sight. He laughed when we told him, and he proceeded to give her his blessing. Our baby slept, dinner was delicious, and spending that evening with the Bishop is a treasured memory. **Peace be with you, Bishop Gumbleton.**

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Third Sunday of Easter, April 14th: 9:30 AM live streamed, Presider: Fr. David Preuss

Monday, April 15th: 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Please email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com or Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link]

Tuesday, April 16th: [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, April 17th: [Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, April 18th: **In Church** 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

Friday, April 19th: [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

Saturday, April 20th: [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21st: 9:30 AM live streamed, Presider: Fr. David Buersmeyer

WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!



How Do I Join Nativity Parish?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the Parish Office at 313-922-0033 or complete a registration form available in the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs? Contact Joseph Taylor at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.

Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

In today's Gospel, two disciples tell the others of their encounter with the resurrected Jesus while traveling to the village of Emmaus. They did not recognize Him until He took bread, blessed, and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened. While they were still speaking about this, Jesus stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be with you." They were terrified and thought He was a ghost. Jesus asked, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?" He showed them His wounds and invites them to touch His body. After eating with them, He said, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures and said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name...You are witnesses of these things." *Question:* How do you recognize Jesus (in the breaking of the bread, scripture, in other life experiences)? What things have you witnessed that should be shared?

Reference: [Lk 24:35-48](#)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm

Lord let your face shine on us.

Second Reading:

1 John 2:1-5

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24:35-48

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading:

Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm

The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Second Reading:

1 John 3:1-2

Gospel Reading:

John 10:11-18

2024 FATHER SINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The application submission period for this year's scholarship has begun and ends June 1, 2024.

How to Obtain Applications: Application forms can be downloaded and printed from our Nativity website at nativitydetroit.org (click on the About Us / Work tabs; select appropriate application)

Donations can be submitted at [Give \(parishsoft.com\)](http://Give.parishsoft.com) under the Fr. Singer Memorial Scholarship Fund. We thank you in advance for your support.

For further questions, please contact Charvala Adams-Wheeler via phone 313-590-2172 or email nativityscholarshipinfo@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: Many thanks for your generosity! This week we need: Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, and Cornbread Mixes.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS

A Journey with Jesus event is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024, from 7-8 PM. This will be a Zoom event. Three speakers will share from their faith journey:

Judy Brooks (Nativity),

Genevieve Kocourek (SS Augustine/Monica) and

Jacqueline Childs Taliaferro (Sacred Heart).

The flyer and zoom link will be emailed and posted on the parish Facebook site.

Bring Someone to Church With You! Sunday, April 28, 2024 - 9:30 Mass

Know someone not attending a weekly worship service? Bring them to church with you!

Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

Sponsored by: Nativity Evangelization Committee

Nativity Men's Weekend Retreat

May 3-5, 2024, at St. Paul Passionist Retreat

Center. Website: <https://www.stpaulretreat.org/>

Theme: Dancing With God

See details posted in Church.

Sponsored by Nativity Evangelization Committee

Call or email Hermenia with questions.

(313-410-0871 / hermenia32@yahoo.com)

BRICK PAVERS FOR THE FATHER SINGER MEMORIAL GARDEN ANNUAL ORDER

Each 4X8" paver sells for \$100 and has space for three lines of dedication, fourteen characters, including spaces, per line. The net proceeds from all brick sales will be used as part of our fundraising to support Nativity Parish.

Please pass the word of the commemorative pavers to all who have been a blessed part of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, be it present, past or future! Pick up forms by Mary's Altar. Orders due by May 19th.



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brandon Adams, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Michele Bezel, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Erin Cronin, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Jansen Family, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, George Kent, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Clarence Lewis, Olga Ludwick, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Melvin & Theresa McCoy, Jennifer Mondalek, Richard Morecki, Gail Northcutt, JoAnne Novara, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Jim Turnbull, Sr. Jolene, Barron Scott's mom, Vicky, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, the Benigni and Chida Families, and Mia Halthon-Jones' mother-in-law, Victoria, and all those who need our prayers. **(Please notify Anne Crowe at the Parish Office when a name should be removed from this list.)**



Lord, you are the source of health and healing. In you, there is calm and true peace. In pain, anxiety, or fear, teach us to yield ourselves to your care knowing that your love and power surround us to give us health and strength through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

On the Rise Bakery Cafe

At the Solanus Casey Center

1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30AM to 4:00PM

GLUTEN FREE TREATS AVAILABLE ALSO

REMINDERS:

The Live-stream 9:30 Sunday Mass is on the Parish Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>
Sunday Mass can also be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@NativityofOurLord-cm8we>
Church Library: Feel free to take and use books and other resources available in the back of the church.
Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcome. The jug is located in front of the church near the collection basket
Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org>
Parish Instagram Page: https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/



[DONATE HERE](#) or go to the giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

MASS Intentions

Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

Jack Haddad (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)
Judy Danielak (The Nativity Family)
Christine Bookmyer
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

Mark Ulicney (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)
Dorothy Mudloff (Family)
Edna Boyd (Family)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4-15: Charisse Hurt
4-17: Diane Ferschneider
4-20: Jordyn Barnes



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Nativity's Mission Statement

Nativity is a diverse and inclusive Catholic Faith Community on Detroit's Eastside dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing God's love through a commitment to social justice, and service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.