



The Church of the Holy Nativity

A Catholic Church under the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter

The Church of the Holy Nativity is a Roman Catholic Church
Under the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter.

Announcements

Home Blessings: If anyone has not had their home blessed and would like to do so, please contact Fr. Vieira

We have a new website, which will be available soon

Visitors: Please join us for fellowship following the Mass

You are encouraged to take your bulletin with you

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 12:00 PM, Wed 10:00 AM

First Wednesday of the month-

Benediction & Chaplet of Divine Mercy 5:30 p.m.

The Catholic Church of the Holy Nativity

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The Most Rev. Steven J. Lopes – Bishop

The Rev. Fr. Joseph F. Vieira - Pastor

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The Rev. Fr. Lowell E. Andrews – Pastor Emeritus



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

JUNE 17, 2018

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM

Third Sunday after Trinity

June 17, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph F. Vieira, Celebrant

Prayer Requests:

Opening Hymn:

Hymn #647 Green Hymnal

Introit

Collect for Purity

Summary of the Law

Kyrie Eleison

Gloria in Excelsis

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Collect of the Day

First Reading - Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

“It is good to give thanks to You, O Lord”

Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Response

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Holy Gospel - Mark 4:26-34

Homily - Fr. Vieira

The Nicene Creed

Intercessions (Form III)

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Penitential Rite

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The Comfortable Words

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Offering (collection taken at this time)

Hymn # 672 Green Hymnal

Preparation of the Altar

Prayer over the Offerings (Form II)

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Eucharistic Prayer – The Roman Canon

Sursum Corda & the Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Peace

Breaking of the Bread

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The Agnus Dei

The Prayer of Humble Access

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The Administration of the sacrament +

Communion is taken by intinction, (placed on your tongue) if you wish **not** to receive the wine, *the blood of Christ* place your finger over your lips when the Priest comes to you and he will give you the host only, *body of Christ*.)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Concluding Rite

Blessing

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Closing

Hymn # 674 Green Hymnal

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- For the growth of Holy Nativity Catholic Church
- For those troubled by addictions
- For the Souls in Purgatory

To place additional requests please call Fr. Joseph at: 512-815-4760 or email at: frvieira.holynativity@gmail.com

Growing in Christ, Growing in the Kingdom

To what shall we compare the kingdom of God,
or what parable can we use for it?
It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants
and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade

The essential relationship that we are called to is a personal relationship with Christ. We are called to obedience to the call of God in our hearts. At times we can become frustrated with the slow growth in our spiritual lives, and we are impatient to become great saints. This is normal, we are creatures in time, we are all created with a clock in our minds that calls out the days of our lives are growing shorter. Therefore, we want instant results. This is not how growth happens. It would be like the farmer in the first parable standing in the field, screaming at the crop to grow faster. All the farmer would accomplish is frustration and hoarseness. Instead, it is found by patiently waiting for the seed of the Gospel to grow at its own pace. Seeds need sunlight, we do so by meditating on the Gospel in our hearts, daily asking God to shine His light of illumination in our hearts, that we might grow. We are reminded of this in the last portion of the Gospel when the disciples gathered around the Lord in private to inquire as to the meaning of the Gospel.

While patience is essential in the Christian life, persistence is also essential. I always love the picture of a tree growing from a rock, its roots slowly, but inexorably crack through the hard rock to find the soil which will give life. In the same way, we are to persistently seek the Lord's presence and guidance in our lives, that the hardness of our hearts may give way to the internal, eternal life of the soul.

Our Lord also refers to the mustard seed, the tiniest seed, not much more than a grain of sand, yet it grows large enough for birds to nest in its shade. As the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven begins to mature in our lives spiritually, we can provide the shelter and spiritual protection to those whom God sends into our lives. This comes not because of our own righteousness, but from the living relationship with God that has grown in our hearts.

