



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
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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: www.holynativitypayson.org

Visitors: Please join us for fellowship following the Mass

Volunteers: we wish to thank the many volunteers in our congregation who work tirelessly to ensure the ministry of Holy Nativity takes place each week.

Crucifix: For those who are interested in contributing to the Corpus for the front of the church, we will continue to take donations until July 2nd.

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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www.holynativitypayson.com

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



THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 24 2018

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph F. Vieira, Celebrant

Prayer Requests:

Opening Hymn:

Hymn #667 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 - Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15

“I praise you, for I am wondrously made.”

Epistle Reading – Acts 13:22-26

Response

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Holy Gospel - Luke 1:57-66, 80

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 # 448 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 # 566 Green Hymnal

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- For the growth of Holy Nativity Catholic Church
- For the Souls in Purgatory
- For those who are ill or recovering from surgery

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

Prepare the way of the Lord

John came to bear witness to the Light of the world. We rejoice in the Light. The question to be considered is, what was the purpose of John's coming in advance of the Lord? First, kings in the time of Christ would have a herald to announce their coming. The herald had a particular message, prepare for the coming of the King. This was the message of John the Baptist, and he was conceived with the joy and power of the message he was to bring. We learn his coming was predicted in the Old Testament, and that, by his own confession, he was not the Christ. Zachariah in a bursting forth of joyful praise exclaimed that he would "go before the Lord to prepare His way." So, John's purpose was to prepare the way of the Lord, by calling others to prepare the way of the Lord. Typically, this would be through beautification projects, roads to be repaired, the unsightly to be removed from the gaze of the king. Yet, in this case, the highway of the King of Kings was found to be not a road paved with dirt or stones, but the softened and compliant hearts of believers who look eagerly for the redemption brought by the Lord.

How then are we to prepare the way of the Lord? By ensuring that our hearts are ready to receive Him. When we are expecting to entertain guests, we ask to see what their preferences are for food, what entertainment they might enjoy, and even allergies. If our Lord is to be our honored guest, we must come to know Him. We do this through careful meditation on the Word of God, on time spent in recollected prayer, and active participation in the Mass. We also seek to find what displeases our Lord through careful and prayerful examinations of conscience. In doing these things, we prepare the way of the Lord, and rejoice at His arrival.

