



## *Holy Nativity Catholic Church*

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

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#### Announcements

**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.

**New Study:** Our next study will be on the contemplative life, our text is “Deep Conversion, Deep Prayer” by Fr. Thomas Dubay

**WILL YOU SUPPORT THE CHURCH’S MISSIONARY & CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES?** On the weekend of July 14-15, join your brothers and sisters across the Ordinariate in supporting a Second Collection for the Church’s Missionary and Charitable Activities. In the U.S., this Second Collection will go towards the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ appeals for: the Church in Latin America; Catholic Relief Services; the Fund for the Church in Africa; and Peter’s Pence. (Contributions across the Ordinariate’s U.S. Parishes/ Communities will be collected and then divided equally among these national appeals.) In Canada, the collection will go towards the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops’ appeal for the Pope’s Pastoral Works. Thank you in advance for your support of the Church’s work of proclaiming the Gospel to all!

You are encouraged to take your bulletin with you

#### Daily Mass

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

The Catholic Church of the Holy Nativity

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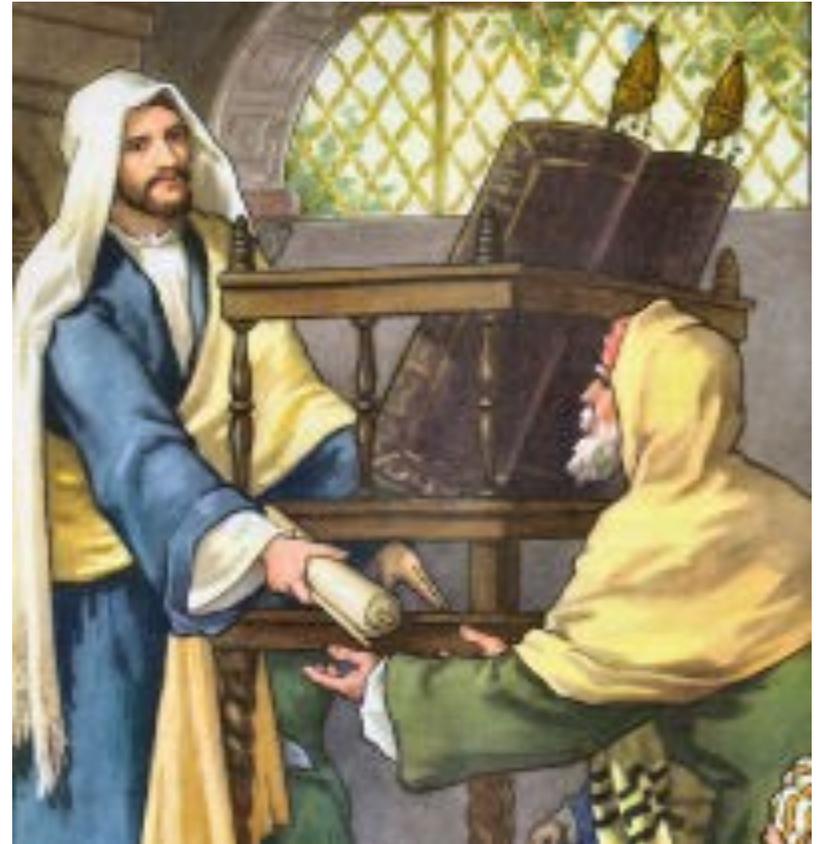
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The Most Rev. Steven J. Lopes – Bishop

The Rev. Fr. Joseph F. Vieira - Pastor

512-815-4760

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



## **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**JULY 8 2018**

**SUNDAY, 10:00 AM**

# Sixth Sunday After Trinity

July 8, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph F. Vieira, Celebrant

## Prayer Requests:

### Opening Hymn:

Hymn # 413 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 2:2-5

Psalm 123: 1-2, 2, 3-4

**“Our eyes look to the Lord, till He have mercy on us.”**

Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

**Response**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Holy Gospel - Mark 6:1-6

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 # 578 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 # 366 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

### My Strength is made perfect in weakness

We so often want to be more than we are, we want to take on the world, and win. The Apostle Paul was no different. He wanted to be perfect for the sake of Christ, he also wanted to be free of whatever would hold him back from being the “super apostle” that would save the world. Paul acknowledged that what held him back was the “thorn in the flesh”. This is never named, and for good reason. We are all able to acknowledge a thorn in the flesh, something, large or small, that serves to keep us humble. If Paul had named what it was, we could easily discount it as “not my problem”. However, when we do not know what it is we are encouraged to examine our lives, and identify those things which hold us back, bad habits, physical or spiritual limitations, or perhaps naysayers that might hamper our efforts for Christ. This brings us to the examination of conscience. We can never know what is holding us back if we never go looking for it.

Plato quotes Socrates as saying, “The unexamined life is not worth living.” This is good advice. The Divine Office closes the day with an examination of conscience. This is our chance to look back on the day and assess how well we did. Honesty is the best medicine in this examination. If sin is present, let us confess it, if there are things that cause us to praise God, let us do so with joy. The end of Paul’s frustration is his revelation from our Lord that it is not a matter of his ability, but that he (and we) can do all things through Christ who strengthens [us]. So, when we are faced with frustration, or the seemingly impossible task, let us remember the words of our Lord, “My grace is sufficient for you, My strength is made perfect in weakness.” It’s not about our abilities or lack thereof, it is how well we trust in the Lord’s mercy and strength.

