

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



February 25, 2024

*Second Sunday of
Lent*



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

A Reflection from your DJ (Deacon John)
A Beautiful Pilgrimage

There are spiritual directors who emphasize that when we read Scriptures, it can be a wonderful spiritual activity to attempt to put ourselves into the Scripture as a participant. In the Gospel today, it seems that there are several times in which we would really like to be there.

I had the honor several years ago to participate in today's Gospel during a trip to the Holy Land. The first line can be a monumental memory of our trip. "Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain...." We can put ourselves there following Jesus, walking next to Peter, James and John.

They walked a steep incline. We were able to take an easier method in a van that struggled to make it up the mountain. When we got to the top, there was a beautiful cathedral built in honor of the Transfiguration. The view was gorgeous at the top of Mt. Tabor and we were all having a mountain top experience. Our own Transfiguration experience is closer than we might think. We can experience complete unity with God within us and around us. This took place for Peter, James, and John when they were captivated by the view. We felt that on our trip! Our mountaintop experience may happen as we witness the birth of a child or even due to a death of a great friend, like Fr. Norm or Msgr. Dan. We connect with God! We may feel that connection if we have an intimate conversation during a family meal. God is there! The bright light of God is there during a Church service or as we go to a private room to pray. We are walking with Peter, James, and John to witness the bright light of Jesus!

As we read in the Gospel today, some of us on the trip hardly knew what to say as we experienced this beautiful site. We knew it was "good for us to be there."

Also, another great line to experience is when the voice in the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him." That can be our Lenten goal. Do we listen for Jesus? This Gospel emphasizes the resurrection we will all experience. Elijah and Moses are there talking with Jesus. Their lives go on. As we listen to Jesus, our lives will go on. We are all seeing and being touched by God's light on our mountain top experiences.

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Second Sunday of Lent, February 25th 9:30 AM
Mass live streamed, Presider; Br. Gary

Monday, February 26th 7 PM Detroit Lower
Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next
Sunday's reading. Pls email Joni Scott
@ jlscott820@gmail.com or Hermenia Adams
@Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom
link]

Tuesday, February 27th [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5
PM]

Wednesday, February 28th
[Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott
@ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, February 29th Nativity church basement
8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. Dave

Friday, March 1st [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the
rectory]

Saturday, March 2nd [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Third Sunday of Lent, March 3rd 9:30 AM Mass
live streamed, Presider; Fr. Dave

Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

The transfiguration of Jesus gives us a glimpse of Christ in his glory as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. Jesus took Peter, James, and John up mountain and He was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white. Elijah and Moses appeared and spoke with Jesus. These two Old Testament figures represent the Law and the Prophets. Although the apostles were terrified, Peter said, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here," and they wanted to make tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah." A cloud overshadowed them and a voice said, "This is my beloved son; listen to him." Suddenly only Jesus was there. Jesus told them do not share the experience with anyone until after the "Son of Man had risen from the dead." They did not understand until after Jesus was crucified and risen. Lent is a good time to reflect on our experiences (mountain top or valley). How have or can they be used to transfigure (change or convert to become more beautiful) us and others on our Christian journey?

Reference: [Mk 9:2-10](#)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

*Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13,
15-18*

Responsorial Psalm

*I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

Second Reading:

Romans 8:31-34

Gospel Reading:

Mark 9:2-10

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm

*Lord, you have the words
of everlasting life.*

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel Reading:

John 2:13-25

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (Please note the change for Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil)

Holy Thursday at **St. Charles** 6:00PM

Good Friday 12:30 PM/Stations 1st

Easter Vigil Mass at **Nativity** 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Mass

Please see email that was sent with bulletin or
flyer on the table by Mary's Altar for the whole
family schedule.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Boxes of Tissues (many families asking if we have any.) Again, thank you never seems to be enough, but THANK YOU!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH SOUP

SUPPER: Every Friday rotating with St. Charles.

You can sign up to attend and/or bring soup to either church.

March 1st: Nativity

March 8th: St. Charles

March 15th: Nativity

March 22nd: St. Charles

(If there is any change, we will let you know)

LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS:

MONDAY, February 26th: 7:00 PM: Email Joni Scott

@ jlscott820@gmail.com or Hermenia Adams

@Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link

SATURDAY Mornings: Parish House 9:30 AM beginning February 17- March 30th.

EASTER BAG GIVEAWAY

It's that time of year again and we are collecting items for the Easter Bags/Baskets for the children of pantry families and those at Mass.

We are hoping to fill 60 bags.

Ideas of Items we need:

Stuffed Animals

Individual wrapped candy & snacks

Individual Wrapped Chocolate Easter Bunnies

Little Toys

Sidewalk chalk

Things that teens would like

Whatever other items you would put in a basket.

You can also bring in filled bags or baskets.

Please bring to church by March 17th.



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.)**



A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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 surrounds 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 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

REMINDERS:

Sunday Mass is streamed on the Parish’s FB Page: Nativity - 9:30 AM & St. Charles – 11:30 AM
Church Library: Feel free to take and use books and other resources available in the back of church.
Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcomed. Jug is located in front of the church altar.
Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org/>
Parish Face Book Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>
Parish Instagram Page: https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/



DONATE HERE or Go to giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

John Deisinger	3-01	Evelyn Bledsoe	3-13	James Turnbull	3-23
Sr. Barbara Bouchard	3-05	Airyana Robinson	3-13	Gail Urso	3-24
Jimmy Duddy	3-05	Daniel Goeddeke	3-15	Sarah Awan	3-26
Eric Dombrowski	3-06	Dominique Archer	3-18	Judy Dupre	3-26
Willie Clay	3-07	Jessica Awan	3-19	Rosanne Schwartz	3-27
Gail Osborne	3-07	Debra Marshall	3-19	Sr. Beverly Pettke	3-31
Mark Miller	3-10	Brenda Banks	3-19	Nancy Silveri	3-31
Sierra Jones	3-11				

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 3-21: Jim & Ruth Duddy and 3-25: Danny & Shivaun Wois
HAPPY BIRTHDAY: 2-25: Christine Pentrack 2-29: Carol Frattini

**Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024**

Fr. Dan Trapp
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)
Tom Mudloff (Family)



**Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 2024**

Sue Windy
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)
Robert Kohloff (Family)

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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.