

# NATIVITY NEWS

## Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,  
Detroit, MI 48213

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

#### Nativity:

Sunday 9:30 AM

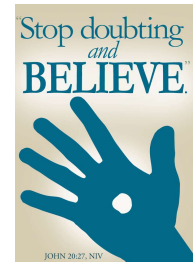
#### St. Charles:

Sunday 11:30 AM



April 7, 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter



## A CUP OF JOE

Thank you

It's been a long time since we had the Easter Vigil here at Nativity. If you missed it, it was reposted a few days ago on YouTube and Facebook. I realized the livestream was cut short, but now the entirety of it is posted. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped and supported the church during this year's Holy Week. Your hard work in preparing the church with cleaning, organizing, reading, Altar serving, and live streaming made it successful. Your service and love embodied the full purpose of Christ's journey on earth and in heaven and his church. I appreciate all those who stayed late on Saturday and came back on Easter Morning.

Thomas, "the Doubter"

In today's gospel, we learn that a week after Jesus' passing, doubt can be a resourceful tool. In the Gospel, we hear a little more about one of the more interesting figures in Biblical history: Thomas the Apostle. Not much is written about him, but there is much to learn from him. Thomas is an esteemed figure who represents a moment in the Christian body when we all have doubt about the power of God. Thomas is exposed as a doubter as he states confidently, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Thomas wanted to physically touch Christ to know for certain that it was Jesus who said he would rise from the dead.

Jesus understands Thomas' insecurities and allows him to step out of his doubt into the faith that he will undeniably carry until his death. At times we can all be like Thomas doubting the power and the word of God, but God can use anything to bring us closer to him. Jesus uses Thomas' doubt as an instrument of faith. Thomas doubted so we don't have to. His spiritual battle led him and the others to recognize that Jesus is actually who he says he is: the son of God. Hence the sourness of doubt is now transformed into the sweet fruit of faithfulness to help build the kingdom of God. Jesus says, "**Blessed are those** who have **not seen** and yet **believe.**"

Prayer

*Lord grant that any doubt we have be changed into a faith so strong in bold, that we can make people see that you are who you say you are. Change us, form us, and inspire us to grow into a deeper relationship with you.*

## FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

**Second Sunday of Easter, April 7<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 AM Mass  
live streamed, Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>:** 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family  
Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading.  
Pls email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) or  
Hermenia Adams @[Hermenia32@yahoo.com](mailto:Hermenia32@yahoo.com) to receive  
the Zoom link]

**Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>:** [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>:** [Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email  
Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom  
link]

**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>:** church basement 8 AM Holy Hour  
and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. Dave B

**Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>:** [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the  
rectory]

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>:** [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

**Third Sunday of Easter, April 14<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 AM live  
streamed, Presider: Fr. David Preuss

## 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 we hear that on the evening of the  
first day of the week (Easter Sunday), the disciples are  
behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. Jesus enters  
and stands in their midst and says to them, "Peace be  
with you." After He reveals the marks of His  
crucifixion, Jesus again speaks words of peace. He  
gives them peace even though it appears they had  
abandoned Him. Peter even denied he knew  
Him. Jesus also spoke words of forgiveness on the  
cross, completed the work of atonement for humanity,  
and now blesses those who have done Him wrong with  
peace! To be forgiven is to be made free and at peace,  
set in a new direction. We might call God's  
forgiveness our commissioning. When we share peace  
during Mass, it reminds us of this commission and the  
Resurrection to new life. This is not only what Jesus  
said to do, it is what Jesus did. Do you view forgiving  
others as a duty of discipleship? Do you struggle in  
this area and lack true peace? It may be helpful to  
meditate on Jesus' words, "As the Father has sent me,  
so I send you. And when he had said this, he breathed  
on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Reference: [Jn 20:19-31](#)

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Second Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:**  
*Acts 4:32-35*

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Give thanks to the Lord for  
he is good, his love is  
everlasting.*

**Second Reading:**  
*1 John 5:1-6*

**Gospel Reading:**  
*John 20:19-31*

### NEXT 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:**  
*1John 2:1-5*

**Gospel Reading:**  
*Luke 24:35-48*

## 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](http://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](mailto:nativityscholarshipinfo@gmail.com).**



**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**Food Pantry Items Needed This Week:** Many thanks for your generosity! This week we need: Soup, Mac & Cheese and Pancake Mix and Syrup.

**JOURNEY WITH JESUS**

A Journey with Jesus event is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024 at 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) & Jacqueline Childs Taliaferro (Sacred Heart). The flyer and zoom link will be emailed and posted on the parish Facebook site.

**Capuchin Retreat Center**



**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/](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/)



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

## MASS Intentions

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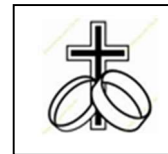
Justin Carnaghi (Frances & Laura Carnaghi)  
Fran Kaucic (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)  
Mary Beth Dietz (Bill & Mickey Dietz)  
Glennis Deisinger (Family)

### Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

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

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**4-07:** Ruby Gatson  
**4-10:** Raymond Hardaway Jr.  
**4-12:** Anjanne Kennedy  
**4-13:** Charlie Gillespie, Michele Johnston &  
Jodie Kulchy Barnes



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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Parish Phone: 313-922-0033  
Email: [nativityol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nativityol@sbcglobal.net)

Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator  
Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum  
Deacon John Wright

Joseph Taylor, Pastoral Minister Coordinator  
Anne Crowe, Parish Secretary

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams	Norma Danzie
Mashauna Adams	Willie Lewis
Sr. Ellen Burkhardt	Chris McLaughlin
Jerry Burns	Kim Milligan
Tish Colett	Mark Miller
Maura Corrigan	Sharon Mudloff
Linda Cunningham	Charvala Wheeler

## 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.*